Student Credit Transfer Pathways

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Credit Transfer: UW and WTCS Collaboration
## Definitions

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<th>Credit Equivalency</th>
<th>Indicates how a course at one institution equates to a course or set of credits at another</th>
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<td>UW System and WTCS Universal Credit Transfer Agreement, implemented in 2014</td>
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<td>TIS Wizards</td>
<td>A user interface that allows a student to access credit equivalency data</td>
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Who Uses Credit Transfer Services?

>300,000 Visits to TIS Wizards

- Prospective Transfer Students
- New Transfer Students
- New Freshmen
- Continuing Students
# UW System Transfer Priorities

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<th>Board of Regents first established transfer policy</th>
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<td><strong>Goals</strong></td>
<td>Provide students with accurate and accessible credit transfer information and reduce cost of education</td>
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<td>Deliver student-centered transfer practices. TIS was converted to an internet-based application in 1996.</td>
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<td>Ensure academic program integrity and quality</td>
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<td>Meet statutory requirements</td>
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New Transfer Students
Applicants and Enrollees

Applied
• 23,303 transfer applications submitted to UW institutions (2014-15)

Accepted
• 19,289 (83%) transfer applications accepted for admission (2014-15)

Enrolled
• 14,104 (73%) accepted applicants who enrolled at a UW as a new transfer student.
Undergraduate Credit Transfer Options

UNIVERSAL CREDIT TRANSFER
• Universal to all UW/WTCS institutions
• 34-48 credits

COURSE-BASED
• >300,000 credit equivalencies between and within UW and WTCS.

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PROGRAM-BASED
• > 500 WTCS to UW Program Agreements
• UW College Transfer Guides
## UCTA Current Course Subject Sets

Total: 34-48 credits

### Communication
- Composition I
- Introduction to Public Speaking  
  5-9 credits

### Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Intro to Psychology
- Intro to Sociology
- Intro to American Government and Politics
- Intro to Economics  
  12-15 credits

### Natural Sciences & Quantitative Reasoning
- Intro/General Chemistry
- Concepts of Biology
- General Physics
- Algebra and Trigonometry  
  14-20 credits

### Humanities & the Fine Arts
- Ethics/Moral Problems  
  3-4 credits
Collaboration on UCTA

Joint Standing Committee

- Review equivalency data and validate transferability
- Establish course subject sets and renew agreement

TIS Wizard

Universities and College Systems

Wisconsin Technical College System

Collaboration on UCTA
UCTA Measures of Success

Maximize

Number of stable course subject sets

Number of course-to-course equivalencies

Proportion of courses that satisfy a UW breadth requirement
# How Will Students Access UCTA Info?

**TIS Wizard Enhancement (2016)**

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Maintaining Transfer Service Goals

Institutions and Systems...

- Collaborate to establish transfer agreements
- Maintain transfer information data and systems
- Partner to provide information student advising

Students receive...

Comprehensive, Accurate, & Accessible Transfer Information
Take-Aways

- UW System transfer options and tools work & technology options will keep growing

- Transfer services save students and parents money and time

- Cooperation between UW System and WTCS continues on many levels
Questions