1. **Applicable UW Policies**

[UW System Transfer Policy](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/uw-transfer-policy/)

* [SYS 115 (former ACIS 1.3](https://www.wisconsin.edu/uw-policies/uw-system-administrative-policies/associate-degree-standards/)) – University of Wisconsin System Associate Degree Standards
* [SYS 135 (former ACIS 6.0](https://www.wisconsin.edu/uw-policies/uw-system-administrative-policies/uw-system-undergraduate-transfer-policy/)) – University of Wisconsin System Undergraduate Transfer Policy
* [SYS 140 (former ACIS 6.2](https://www.wisconsin.edu/uw-policies/uw-system-administrative-policies/uw-system-guidelines-for-articulation-agreements-between-uw-system-institutions-and-wtcs-districts/)) – University of Wisconsin System Guidelines for Articulation Agreements Between UW System Institutions and WTCS Districts
1. **Articulation Agreements – Maintenance, Publication, and Process**
2. **Maintenance and Publication**
* UW System Administration (UWSA) maintains a database comprised of articulation agreements between UW System institutions and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) districts. UW institutions are the source of articulation agreements with a WTCS district.
* The database is used to populate the active articulation agreement lists on [Transfer Wisconsin](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/): [Agreements by Campus](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/agreements-campus/)

[Agreements by Program Area](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/agreements-programs/)

* The articulation agreements listed on Transfer Wisconsin link directly to the agreement on the UW institution’s website.
1. **Process**

**New/Revised Articulation Agreements**

1. Articulation agreement templates and resources are located at <https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/articulation-agreement-resources/>.
2. UW institutions may submit drafts of new and revised articulation agreements to Academic Programs and Educational Innovation (APEI) via afgp@uwsa.edu.
	* PPRAM planners will review the drafts for alignment with SYS 140 guidelines and will provide feedback.
3. UW institutions must submit final information regarding new and revised articulation agreements to afgp@uwsa.edu.
	* Provide the URL on the UW institution website that links directly to the agreement.
		+ In order to provide better customer service to our students, we request you provide a direct link to the agreement instead of a link to the institution’s transfer home page. Contact APEI via afgp@uwsa.edu if this is not possible.
4. Each UW institution should maintain current articulation agreements and links on their website.
5. A quality assurance report is run weekly for Transfer Wisconsin.
	* APEI staff are alerted if an articulation agreement link is broken.
	* APEI staff will reference the UW institution website for the correct link or will contact the UW institution articulation liaison if a link cannot be found.

**Bi-Annual Confirmation of Articulation Information**

1. In the spring of odd numbered years, APEI will provide each UW institution a list of agreements currently active in the systemwide articulation agreements database. Additional data may also be provided.
2. UW institutions will review the information for accuracy and send corrections/updates to afgp@uwsa.edu.
3. Based on institutional information, APEI will update the UWSA articulation agreements database and publish validated data to Transfer Wisconsin.
4. **Definitions & Differences between Transfer Agreements**

**Course-based Credit Transfer Equivalencies (Course-to-Course Agreements)**

* Course-based credit transfer agreements establish credit transfer equivalency rules for single courses.
* Course-based articulated equivalencies apply to all students, regardless of program enrollment.
* Equivalencies should be reported/entered in the Transfer Information System.
* Rules are often established ad hoc; however, sometimes agreements are made between WTCS and UW departments to articulate multiple course-based equivalencies within a department or academic program.

**Program-to-Program Articulation Agreements**

* Program-to-program articulation agreements identify transfer from one specific degree program to one or more specific degree programs.
* Implementation of an articulation agreement requires the transfer student to complete a specific set of courses and/or stated program and meet all requirements within the agreement.
* Key articulation agreement elements include the:
	+ Name and type of WTCS & UW degree program(s)/major(s)
	+ Agreement description and rationale
	+ Effective and review dates
	+ Program-to-program coursework that will transfer (GE and program/major specific)
		- Degree program coursework that can be completed at the associate degree sending institution – and how that coursework will transfer to satisfy the bachelor degree requirements
		- Degree program coursework that will need to be completed at the bachelor degree granting institution
	+ Agreement conditions including GPA and other major/degree requirements
	+ Signatures indicating approval for general agreement (e.g. see [page 1 of UWSA template](https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/articulation-agreement-resources/))

**Universal Credit Transfer Agreement (UCTA)**

* The UCTA identifies a set of core general education courses that are transferable between all UW System institutions and WTCS districts. Wisconsin Statutes, § 36.31 (2m), defines core general education courses to mean “courses generally required for an undergraduate degree that are prerequisite or otherwise in addition to the courses required for an undergraduate degree in a specific course of study.” The agreement and current course subject sets can be found at <https://www.wisconsin.edu/transfer/universal-transfer/>.

**Transfer Guides**

* Transfer guides facilitate credit transfer and preparation for students planning to transfer to a specific academic program area at the bachelor degree granting institution. Transfer may occur prior to the completion of the associate degree.
* Guides may not reference specific degree programs.
* Often guides are oriented toward credit transfer relative to a specific school, department, or academic program area.
* Transfer guides are considered an advising tool, not a transfer agreement.

**Dual Degree Programs**

* A **dual degree program** is one that involves two or more academic degree programs offered by two or more institutions that the student pursues concurrently. Each of the institutions offers a proportion of the educational degree program that is common to both degrees.
* A dual degree program is different from an articulation agreement in that:
	+ A dual degree program student is concurrently enrolled and pursues a degree at both institutions; whereas with an articulation agreement, students are subsequently enrolled.
	+ Credits transfer between the institutions to complete the two degree program requirements.

**Cooperative/Consortial Degree Programs**

* A cooperative/consortial degree program is an academic partnership in which one or each institution is independently authorized to grant the degree. Two or more institutions or organizations establish a consortial agreement to provide a proportion of the educational program.
* Cooperative/consortial degree programs may include a dual degree program agreement.