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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.