

UNIVERSAL UNDERGRADUATE CREDIT TRANSFER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN SYSTEM AND THE WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM

I. Purpose

On July 1, 2013, Wisconsin Statutes, § 36.31(2m), the State of Wisconsin 30-Credit Transfer Rule, became law. The statutory requirements will go into effect on July 1, 2014. The Universal Credit Transfer Agreement between the University of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Technical College System satisfies the requirement expressed in the statute. Specifically,

The University of Wisconsin (UW) System and Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) shall “*implement an agreement that identifies core general education courses totaling not fewer than 30 credits*” that are “*transferable and would satisfy general education requirements at the receiving institution or college, between and within each institution, college campus, and technical college.*” [Wisconsin Statutes, § 36.31(2m)(b)]

The statute 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.*” [Wisconsin Statutes, § 36.31(2m)(a)(1)]

II. History of transfer agreements within and across the UW and WTCS

The long-standing patterns of inter-institutional collaboration among the UW System and WTCS institutions on matters of transfer provided a ready foundation for development of this agreement. Decades of mutual work between and among the two systems and institutions has led to a strong culture of support for transfer and student success among the public colleges and universities of Wisconsin. Previous partnerships resulted in the establishment of undergraduate transfer policy and guidelines outlined in the [UW System Academic Information Series \(ACIS\) 6.0](#) and 6.2. Collaborations between institutions within the two systems have produced a profusion of course equivalencies or course-based credit transfer agreements within and across the UW and WTCS institutions.

Guided by [ACIS 6.2](#), UW System and WTCS institutions articulate and document hundreds of program-to-program transfer agreements. These program agreements map specific academic pathways for students. Academic advisors use these agreements to counsel students to identify how courses they take in their Associate Degree programs will transfer into specific baccalaureate programs at a UW institution.

Transfer agreements are made accessible to the public through the Transfer Information System (TIS) website (<http://tis.uwsa.edu/>).

III. Universal Credit Transfer Agreement General Terms and Provisions

A. Terms

1. This agreement is effective July 1, 2014, and will be renewed annually.
2. This agreement applies only to students who are enrolled at a UW System or WTCS institution.
3. Terms within this and future agreements do not supersede or negate any currently published program-to-program transfer agreements established under UW System ACIS 6.0 or ACIS 6.2.
4. When establishing course transfer credit equivalencies within this agreement, the UW System and its institutions should apply the transfer credit principles and principles of accommodation as articulated in UW System ACIS 6.0.

B. Application of the Universal Transfer Agreement

1. The courses represented in the Universal Transfer Agreement may satisfy degree requirements differently for a student depending on the course requirements related to the major that the student declares, and the structure of the academic program at the receiving institution. Some professional majors and curricular pathways require students to complete a specific set of general education courses.
2. The Universal Credit Transfer Agreement represents only a fraction of the articulated UW/WTCS credit transfer agreements available to students. Students and institutional advisors should select and apply the transfer agreement that best supports the student's academic and career goals.
3. To ensure that students make the best choice to enroll in and complete coursework that is most relevant to advancing their degree goals, UW System and its institutions and WTCS and its institutions shall advise students to:
 1. Discuss career and academic programs plans, including transfer plans, with a UW or WTCS academic transfer advisor early in their academic studies.
 2. Utilize the UW TIS searchable database, <http://tis.uwsa.edu/> to:
 - 1) View a larger set of transferable courses and course equivalencies within academic departments at each UW/WTCS institution.
 - 2) View transfer guides and articulation agreements that map out specific degree plans and course transfer plans for a range of majors and programs of study.

C. Publishing of the Agreement

1. In partnership with WTCS, UW System will publish web-based resources within the UW System TIS that are dedicated to the Universal Credit Transfer Agreement.
2. Historical Universal Credit Transfer Agreements will be published and maintained on the UW System TIS.

D. Maintenance of the Agreement

1. The UWSA Office of Academic and Student Affairs in partnership with UW institutions and the WTCS System Office and WTCS institutions will establish routines to maintain, review, modify, assess, and update this agreement.
2. UW System and WTCS institutions agree that regular revisions to Section IV of this agreement are necessary to stay current with the dynamic nature of the curriculum and course offerings that evolve in order to stay current with emerging knowledge, industry needs within a professional field, and pedagogy.
3. Additional courses may be added to Section IV (Table 2) of this agreement, at any time, upon agreement of all UW and WTCS institutions, using the routines established in Section III(D)(1).
4. Modifications to Section IV (Table 2) of this agreement that will result in the elimination of a course subject set from the Universal Credit Transfer Agreement (see Table 1) may not be made during the academic year for which the agreement is in effect.
5. Prior to each subsequent academic year, the UWSA Office of Academic and Student Affairs and the WTCS System Office will provide an annual report to their respective boards that summarizes the modifications made to this Section IV of this agreement for the subsequent academic year.

IV. UW/WTCS Universal Transfer Agreement- Effective beginning Academic Year 2014-15

- A. The term of this agreement is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The agreement will be renewed, as described in Section III.
- B. Courses included in the agreement
 1. The Academic Year 2014-2015 UW/WTCS Universal Transfer Agreement includes eleven (11) course subject sets (Table 1). The total sum of transferable credits within the course subject sets ranges between 34-48 credits, depending on the number of credits awarded by the sending institution to a student for successfully completing a course.
 2. Each course subject set is comprised of fourteen (14) specific UW institution courses and one (1) systemwide WTCS course. The WTCS course title and number are common to all sixteen (16) WTCS campuses. Table 2 illustrates lists of the fifteen (15) specific institution course numbers and titles that correspond to each course subject set. Course numbers and titles are drawn from the respective institutions' current course catalogs.

3. Credits awarded to students who successfully complete the courses listed in Table 2 are transferable to all institutions within the UW System and WTCS.
4. The set of course subjects within the table are classified into general classifications of study. The classification of courses illustrates how the selected courses are distributed across a variety of academic areas and disciplines.
5. The transferred credits will satisfy a general education or general degree requirement at the receiving UW or WTCS institution and may include elective credit. General education, elective, and degree requirements provide value by preparing students for advanced coursework. Further, general requirements provide students with skill sets and breadth of content knowledge that will enable students to transfer and apply knowledge to multiple academic and workplace settings.
6. Specific information about how each listed course title and number will transfer and satisfy the general education or general degree requirement at a receiving institution may be accessed on TIS. The courses listed within a course subject set do not represent a one-to-one course transfer equivalency.

Table 1: AY 2014-15 UW/WTCS Universal Transfer Agreement course subject sets

Classification	Course Subject Set	Credit Range
Communication	Composition I	3-5
	Introduction to Public Speaking	2-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Introduction to Psychology	3-4
	Introduction to Sociology	3-4
	Introduction to American Government & Politics	3-4
	Introduction to Economics	3
Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning	Introduction to/General Chemistry	4-5
	Concepts of Biology	2-5
	General Physics	4-5
	Algebra and Trigonometry	4-5
Humanities and Fine Arts	Ethics/Moral Problems	3-4
Confirmed Total Credit Range		34-48

Some institutions may not offer a course within a general course subject set, but will grant credit for the course offered by another institution in the general course subject area.

Table 2: UW/WTCS courses corresponding to each course subject set

Course Subject Set	Institution	Class Title	Course Number	Credits	
Communication	UW Colleges	College Writing & Critical Reading	ENG 101	3	
	UW-Eau Claire	Critical Reading & Writing	WRIT 116	5	
	UW-Green Bay	College Writing	ENG COMP 100	3	
	UW-La Crosse	College Writing I	ENG 110	3	
	UW-Madison	Intro to College Composition	ENG 100	3	
	UW-Milwaukee	Intro to College Writing	ENG 101	3	
	UW-Oshkosh	College English I	ENG 101	3	
	UW-Parkside	Composition and Reading	ENG 101	3	
	UW-Platteville	Freshman Composition	ENG 1130	3	
	UW-River Falls	Academic Reading and Writing	ENGL 100	3	
	UW-Stevens Point	Freshman English	ENG 101	3	
	UW-Stout	Composition I	ENGL 101	3	
	UW-Superior	College Writing I	WRIT 101	3	
	UW-Whitewater	Freshman English	ENGL 101	3	
	Wisconsin Technical Colleges	Written Communication	801-195	3	
	Introduction to Public Speaking	UW Colleges	Intro to Public Speaking	CTA 103	3
		UW-Eau Claire	Speech Fundamentals	CJ 202	3
		UW-Green Bay	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	COMM 133	3
		UW-La Crosse	Communicating Effectively	CST 110	3
		UW-Madison	Intro to Speech Composition	COM ART 100	3
		UW-Milwaukee	Public Speaking	COM 103	3
		UW-Oshkosh	Intro to Public Speaking (GE)	COM 111	3
		UW-Parkside	Public Speaking	COMM/SPCH 105	3
		UW-Platteville	Public Speaking	SPEECH 1010	2
		UW-River Falls	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	COMS 101	3
UW-Stevens Point		Oral Communication	COM 101	2-3	
UW-Stout		Fundamentals of Speech	SPCOM 100	2-3	
UW-Superior		Introduction to Communication	COMM 110	3	
UW-Whitewater		Intro to Human Communication	COMM 110	3	
Wisconsin Technical Colleges		Speech	801-198	3	

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	Course Subject Set	Institution	Class Title	Course Number	Credits
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Introduction to Psychology	UW Colleges	Introductory Psych	PSY 202	3
		UW-Eau Claire	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 100	3
		UW-Green Bay	Intro to Psychology	PSYCH 102	3
		UW-La Crosse	General Psychology	PSY 100	3
		UW-Madison	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 202	3
		UW-Milwaukee	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 101	3
		UW-Oshkosh	General Psychology	PSYC 101	3
		UW-Parkside	Intro to Psychological Science	PSYC 101	3
		UW-Platteville	General Psychology	PSYC 1130	3
		UW-River Falls	General Psychology	PSYC 101	3
		UW-Stevens Point	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 110	3
		UW-Stout	General Psychology	PSYC 110	3
		UW-Superior	Intro to Psychology	PSYC 101	3
		UW-Whitewater	Introductory Psych	PSYCH 211	3
		Wisconsin Technical Colleges	Intro to Psychology	809-198	3
	Introduction to Sociology	UW Colleges	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3
		UW-Eau Claire	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3
		UW-Green Bay	Intro to Sociology	SOCIOL 202	3
		UW-La Crosse	The Social World	SOC 110	3
		UW-Madison	American Sociology: How it Really Works	SOC 125	3-4
		UW-Milwaukee	Intro to Sociology	SOCIOL 101	3
		UW-Oshkosh	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3
		UW-Parkside	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3
		UW-Platteville	Principles of Sociology	SOC 1030	3
		UW-River Falls	Intro to Sociology	SOCI 100	3
		UW-Stevens Point	Intro to Sociology	SOC 101	3
UW-Stout		Intro to Sociology	SOC 110	3	
UW-Superior		Intro to Sociology	SOCI 101	3	
UW-Whitewater		Principles of Sociology	SOC 240	3	
Wisconsin Technical Colleges		Intro to Sociology	809-196	3	

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Social and Behavioral Sciences	Introduction to American Government and Politics	UW Colleges	American Government and Politics	POL 104	3
		UW-Eau Claire	American National Politics	POLS 110	3
		UW-Green Bay	American Government & Politics	POL 101	3
		UW-La Crosse	American National Government	POL 101	3
		UW-Madison	Intro. to American Politics & Government	POLS 104	3
		UW-Milwaukee	Intro. to American Government & Politics	POL SCI 104	3
		UW-Oshkosh	American Government & Politics	POL SCI 105	3
		UW-Parkside	American Politics	POLS 100	3
		UW-Platteville	Intro. to American Government	POLSCI 1230	3
		UW-River Falls	American Government & Politics	POLS 114	3
		UW-Stevens Point	American Politics	POLS 101	3
		UW-Stout	American Government	POLS 210	3
		UW-Superior	American National Government	POLS 150	3
		UW-Whitewater	American Government & Politics	POLSCI 141	3
		Wisconsin Technical Colleges	Intro to American Government	809-122	3
	Introduction to Economics	UW Colleges	Intro to Economics	ECON 101	3
		UW-Eau Claire	Economic Analysis of Contemporary Issues	ECON 100	3
		UW-Green Bay	Economic Concepts	ECON 152	3
		UW-La Crosse	General Economics not offered	-	-
		UW-Madison	General Economics not offered	-	-
		UW-Milwaukee	Introductory Economics	ECON 100	3
		UW-Oshkosh	General Economics	ECON 106	3
		UW-Parkside	The American Economy	ECON 101	3
		UW-Platteville	General Economics not offered	-	-
		UW-River Falls	Modern Economics	ECON 100	3
		UW-Stevens Point	Intro to Economics	ECON 100	3
UW-Stout		General Economics	ECON 201	3	
UW-Superior		Economics in Society	ECON 235	3	
UW-Whitewater		General Economics not offered	-	-	
Wisconsin Technical Colleges		Economics	809-195	3	

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Natural Sciences and Quantitative Reasoning	Introduction to/ General Chemistry	UW Colleges	Introductory Chemistry	CHEM 125	5
		UW-Eau Claire	General Chemistry I	CHEM 103	4
		UW-Green Bay	General Chemistry	CHEM 108	4
		UW-La Crosse	General Chemistry I	CHM 103	5
		UW-Madison	General Chemistry I	CHEM 103	4
		UW-Milwaukee	General Chemistry	CHEM 100	5
		UW-Oshkosh	General Chemistry I	CHEM 105	5
		UW-Parkside	General Chemistry I	CHEM 101	5
		UW-Platteville	General Chemistry	CHEM 1140	4
		UW-River Falls	General Chemistry I	CHEM121	5
		UW-Stevens Point	Fundamental Chemistry	CHEM 105	5
		UW-Stout	General Chemistry	CHEM 115	5
		UW-Superior	General Chemistry	CHEM 105	5
		UW-Whitewater	Introductory Chemistry	CHEM 102	5
		Wisconsin Technical Colleges	General Chemistry	806-134	4
	Concepts of Biology	UW Colleges	Concepts of Biology	BIO 101	5
		UW-Eau Claire	General Biology	BIOL 100	4
		UW-Green Bay	Principles of Biology	BIO 202	4
		UW-La Crosse	General Biology	BIO 105	4
		UW-Madison	Introductory Biology	BIO 151	5
		UW-Milwaukee	Elements of Biology	BIO SCI 102	3
		UW-Oshkosh	Biological Concepts-Unity	BIO 105	4
		UW-Parkside	Biological Science	BIOS 101	4
		UW-Platteville	General Biology	BIO 1150	5
		UW-River Falls	General Biology	BIO 150	3
		UW-Stevens Point	General Biology	BIO 101	5
UW-Stout		Introductory Biology	BIO 101	4	
UW-Superior		Environmental Science	BIO 100	2	
UW-Whitewater		Biological Foundations	BIO 120	4	
Wisconsin Technical Colleges		General Biology	806-114	4	

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Natural Science and Quantitative Reasoning	General Physics	UW Colleges	College Physics	PHYS 141	4-5
		UW-Eau Claire	General Physics	PHYS 211	5
		UW-Green Bay	Fundamentals of Physics I	PHYSICS 103	5
		UW-La Crosse	Fundamental Physics I	PHY 103	4
		UW-Madison	General Physics	PHYSICS 103	4
		UW-Milwaukee	General Physics Lecture/Lab	PHYSICS 120/121	4
		UW-Oshkosh	General Physics	PHYSICS 107	5
		UW-Parkside	College Physics I	PHYS 105	5
		UW-Platteville	Introductory Physics I	PHYSICS 1350	5
		UW-River Falls	Algebra-Based Physics Lecture/Lab	PHYS 151/156	4
		UW-Stevens Point	College Physics I	PHYS 203	5
		UW-Stout	General Physics Lecture/Lab	PHYS 211/212	4
		UW-Superior	Algebra-Based Physics I	PHYS 107	4
		UW-Whitewater	Principles of Physics I	PHYSICS 140	5
		Wisconsin Technical Colleges	General Physics 1	806-154	4
	Algebra and Trigonometry	UW Colleges	Pre-Calculus Math	MATH 124	5
		UW-Eau Claire	Pre-Calculus Math	MATH 112	4
		UW-Green Bay	Elementary Functions: Algebra and Trigonometry	MATH 104	4
		UW-La Crosse	Pre-Calculus	MTH 151	4
		UW-Madison	Algebra and Trigonometry	MATH 114	5
		UW-Milwaukee	Combined Algebra /Trig. course is not offered	-	-
		UW-Oshkosh	Pre-Calculus	MATH 108	5
		UW-Parkside	College Algebra II with Trigonometry	MATH 114	5
		UW-Platteville	Pre-Calculus	MATH 2450	5
		UW-River Falls	College Algebra and Trigonometry	MATH 147	3
		UW-Stevens Point	Combined Algebra/Trig. course is not offered	-	-
		UW-Stout	Introductory College Mathematics II	MATH 121	4
UW-Superior	Pre-Calculus	MATH 115	5		
UW-Whitewater	Elementary Functions	MATH 152	5		
Wisconsin Technical Colleges	College Algebra & Trigonometry w/ Applications	804-197	5		

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Humanities & Fine Arts	UW Colleges	Ethics	PHIL 241	3
	UW-Eau Claire	Ethical Reasoning	PHIL 120	3
	UW-Green Bay	Contemporary Ethical Issues	PHIL 102	3
	UW-La Crosse	Introduction to Ethics	PHL 201	3
	UW-Madison	Introductory Ethics	PHIL 241	3-4
	UW-Milwaukee	Moral Problems	PHIL 243	1
	UW-Oshkosh	Ethics	PHIL 105*	3
	UW-Parkside	Contemporary Moral Problems	PHIL 215	3
	UW-Platteville	Ethics	PHIL 2530	3
	UW-River Falls	Social Ethics	PHIL 240	3
	UW-Stevens Point	Contemporary Moral Problems	PHIL 101	3
	UW-Stout	General Ethics	PHIL 235	3
	UW-Superior	Contemporary Moral Problems	PHIL 211	3
	UW-Whitewater	Introduction to Ethics	PHIL 261	3
	Wisconsin Technical Colleges	Intro to Ethics: Theory and Application	809-166	3

*Course numbering for UW Oshkosh Phil 105 will change to Phil 104 eff. Fall 2014

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Agreement entered on June 06, 2014 by

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