

## *Frequently Asked Questions*

### *Universal Undergraduate Credit Transfer Agreement between the University of Wisconsin System & the Wisconsin Technical College System*

#### **Background:**

July 1, 2013: Wisconsin Act 20 is published and enacts Wis. Stats., s. 36.31. The statute requires UW System and WTCS to implement an agreement that identifies core general education courses totaling not fewer than 30 credits.

**Q. When is this agreement effective?**

**A. The effective date of the agreement is July 1, 2014.**

**Q. Does this change existing transfer or articulation agreements?**

**A. No. All transfer credit principles and principles of accommodation as articulated in UW System ACIS 6.0 still apply.**

The terms of the Universal Credit Transfer Agreement (UCTA) do not supersede or negate any currently published program-to-program transfer agreements established under UW System ACIS 6.0 or ACIS 6.2.

The Universal Credit Transfer Agreement represents only a fraction the articulated UW/WTCS credit transfer agreements available to students. Students should work with an advisor to select the transfer agreement that will be the most beneficial to the student's academic goals.

**Q. Do the courses listed mean those are one-to one transfers?**

**A. No. The courses listed within each course subject set do not represent a one-to-one course transfer equivalency. Information about how each listed course will specifically transfer to a receiving institution and satisfy general requirements may be accessed through the UW TIS transfer wizards (<http://tis.uwsa.edu/wizards/>).**

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.

The transferred credits will satisfy a general education or general degree requirement at the receiving UW or WTCS institution and may include elective credit.

The courses represented in Table 2 may satisfy degree requirements differently for a student depending on the course requirements related to the major that the student declares. Some professional majors require students to complete a specific set of general education courses that do not exist on this list.

**Q. How are courses added or removed from the list?**

UWSA and WTCS System Office will form a cross-system, cross-institution work group who will be responsible to establish routines to maintain, review, modify, assess, and update this agreement.

We expect the course subject sets, and the conditions within Section IV, could change from year to year.

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) of the agreement.

**A. TIS will contain current agreement and historical agreements.**

**Q. What should we tell our students?**

**A. Students should be advised to:**

- Discuss career and academic programs plans, including transfer plans, with a UW or WTCS academic transfer advisor early in their academic studies and before registering for these courses.
- Utilize the UW TIS searchable database, <http://tis.uwsa.edu/> to:
  - View a larger set of transferable courses and course equivalencies within academic departments at each UW/WTCS institution.
  - 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.

**Example:**

In the course subject Communication: Composition I, UW Colleges has course number ENG 101 listed and WTCS has course number 801-195 (Written Communication) listed.

These courses DO NOT transfer for one another. UW Colleges will not be accepting Written Communication 801-195 for credit in ENG 101.

The current transfer status for Written Communication 801-195 to UW Colleges remains in effect. The course is accepted as general elective credit and students may take a placement test to determine eligibility to take ENG 102. Students who complete and pass WTCS Course 801-136, English Comp I, will receive course for course transfer credit for ENG 101.