Understanding Your Transfer Credit Evaluation

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Presentation Topics

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1. Background: UW-Madison degree requirements

Earning a degree from UW-Madison means satisfying three sets of requirements:

- **University General Education Requirements (GER)**
  Required of ALL undergraduates: Communication A & B, Quantitative Reasoning A & B, ethnic studies requirement

- **School/College Requirements**
  Often referred to as Liberal Arts Breadth; vary by school/college

- **Major Requirements**
  Specific courses or electives which vary by major

The abbreviations on your credit evaluation will help you understand how the courses you’ve taken elsewhere will apply to each of these types of requirements.

Note: More information on the University GERs is available online in our Undergraduate Catalog at [https://guide.wisc.edu](https://guide.wisc.edu)
2. Background: Types of credit

Using other institutions’ course descriptions from their catalogs, counselors in the Office of Admissions and Recruitment perform a course-by-course evaluation of each admitted student’s transcripts. There are four main types of equivalents you might see on your credit evaluation:

1) **Direct Equivalent credit** – A course is awarded direct equivalent credit when UW-Madison has a course taught at the same level which covers the same topics, and requires the same pre-requisite courses.
   
   *Frequently applies to:* University GER, school/college requirements, major requirements

   ![Example](Example.png)

2) **Departmental or breadth area elective credit** – This type of credit is awarded when UW-Madison does not offer a similar course.
   
   *Frequently applies to:* University GER, school/college requirements.

   ![Example](Example.png)
2. Background: Types of credit, cont’d.

3) **General Elective credit** – This type of credit is awarded when a course is transferrable, but UW-Madison lacks a corresponding department and the course does not fit into any breadth areas.

   *Frequently applies to:* Minimum number of credits needed for degree.

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   Example: This is an Honors Colloquium course which is not offered at UW-Madison, so it receives General Elective credit, indicated by the phrase “GEN ELCT” in the Dept column.

4) **No Credit** - Courses that are vocational, remedial, or doctrinal in nature are considered to be non-transferable and will not receive any credit. Coursework taken at a non-accredited institution is also not transferable, but it will not appear at all on the credit evaluation.

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   Example: Remedial algebra courses receive no credit towards an undergraduate degree. This is indicated by the phrase “NO CRED” in the Dept column where a department or breadth area is normally listed.
3. How to access your transfer credit evaluation

After your admission, the Office of Admissions and Recruitment posts your official transfer credit evaluation to your Student Center.

1) Log into your Student Center through the myUW portal, and select the Academic Records app.

2) Select Transfer Credit Evaluation from the menu on the left. If it does not automatically populate, enter your 10 digit campus ID number in the second field. Click search to see your evaluation.
4. Transfer credit evaluation abbreviation key

In addition to listing the equivalent each course has been assigned, your credit evaluation will contain a series of columns headed by the letters “geBLCX” arrayed next to your incoming courses, as seen to the right. The letters in these columns will indicate which general education and breadth requirements you may have satisfied with each course.

‘g’ column: Identifies courses which satisfy the University GERs of communication or quantitative reasoning. All abbreviations in this column are lowercase.

- a = Communication A
- b = Communication B
- q = Quantitative Reasoning (QR) A
- r = Quantitative Reasoning (QR) B

‘e’ column: Indicates that a course has satisfied the ethnic studies requirement

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‘B’ column: Shows how courses count in meeting breadth area requirements. All abbreviations in this column are uppercase.

- **B** = Biological Science
- **H** = Humanities
- **L** = Literature (can also count towards the Humanities requirement)
- **N** = Natural Science (does not necessarily satisfy specific biological or physical science requirements)
- **P** = Physical Science
- **S** = Social Science
- **W** = Social or Natural Science
- **X** = Humanities or Natural Science
- **Y** = Biological Science or Social Science
- **Z** = Humanities or Social Science
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‘L’ column: Indicates course level (required only for Letters & Science degrees)
- E = Elementary level
- I = Intermediate level
- A = Advanced level
- D = Intermediate or Advanced level

‘C’ column: Indicates whether a course counts towards the 108 Liberal Arts & Science credits or towards the 12 free elective credits required by the College of Letters & Science for B.A. or B.S. degrees
- C = Liberal Arts & Sciences credit
- X = Free elective credit

‘X’ Column: Indicates a course that is cross-listed with another department; i.e., the course is offered by both departments.
5. Reading your credit evaluation: Course credits

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<td>Chem 101 Chemical Science</td>
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<td>Chem 102 General Chemistry</td>
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<td>English 101 Intro to College Writing</td>
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<td>English 102 College Writing and Research</td>
<td>English 102 X04 E</td>
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<td>Hist 150 Multicultural America</td>
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<td>Math 211 Survey Calc &amp; Analy Geom</td>
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<td>Spft &amp; Rec 299 X10 X</td>
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- **Course Number of the Equivalent:** The course number of the equivalent you received. Any number with an X in front indicates the course has transferred as departmental (e.g., English), breadth area (e.g., Soc/Hum), or general (e.g., PE ACTIV) electives. A number of 100 or above indicates a direct equivalent.
- **Credit Value of Course at Previous Institution:** The credit value of the course at the previous institution.
- **Number of UW-Madison Credits Received:** The number of UW-Madison credits received.
- **UW-Madison Term to Which Credits Are Posted:** The term to which credits are posted.
- **Internal Equivalency:** Information about how the course has transferred to UW Madison.
- **External Transfer Course:** Information about the incoming course.
- **Information About Your High School Units and Where Your Transfer Credit Is From:**
- **geBLCX:** Refers to degree requirements the course may satisfy. Please refer back to the abbreviation key section for more information.
6. Reading your credit evaluation: Test credits

Test credits include Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) and foreign language retro credits awarded by previous institutions.

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Test type (e.g. AP, IB, CLEP) Test type of FL signifies foreign language retro credits.

The number of the UW-Madison course for which you earned credit. An X in front of this number indicates departmental (e.g., English), breadth area (e.g., Soc/Hum), or general (e.g., PE ACTIV) electives. A number over 100 indicates a direct equivalent to a UW-Madison course.

The total number of degree credits transferred for all tests is listed above the grid.

The Score column refers to the score received on each test, or in the case of retro credits, the total number of credits awarded by the previous institution.

Internal Equivalency: Information about the UW-Madison credit you’ve been awarded.

Test Data: Information about the test (or the qualifying course in the case of foreign language retro credits).
7. Reading your credit evaluation: Important notes

The notes section communicates important information about your evaluation. It may instruct you to take placement tests, submit a final transcript, or send in syllabi for a specific course.

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Term and school year to which the notes apply.

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**IMPORTANT NOTES**

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- You must take the University of Wisconsin Math Placement Test. Plan to take the test before you attend SOAR. This will ensure your eligibility to enroll in courses requiring math prerequisites at SOAR. Visit [http://testing.wisc.edu](http://testing.wisc.edu) for the SOAR testing schedule. If you have previously taken the math placement test through another UW-System school, please have your scores sent to UW-Madison’s Office of Testing and Evaluation.

- You must take the University of Wisconsin English Placement Test (UWEPT). Plan to take the test before you attend SOAR. Visit [http://testing.wisc.edu](http://testing.wisc.edu) for the SOAR testing schedule. If you have previously taken the UWEPT through another UW-System school, please have your scores sent to UW-Madison’s Office of Testing and Evaluation.

- You may submit an OFFICIAL Advanced Placement score report to the Admissions Office for determination of possible additional transfer credit. Official score reports are available through the College Entrance Examination Board, P.O. Box 5671, Princeton, NJ 08541, (888) 225-5427, [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

- GER Quantitative Reasoning Part A not satisfied at the time of admission.

- GER Communication Part A not satisfied at the time of admission.

- UW-Madison does not award transfer credit for courses that are doctrinal in nature.

- Please submit a course description or syllabus to the Admissions Office for HIS 391.

- Admission is final.
8. Next steps

• New students: Be sure to confirm your enrollment with Admissions and sign up for the Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration (SOAR) program if you haven’t already.

• If a course has transferred differently than you hoped, submit a written appeal to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment. Include your name and campus ID number, an explanation of the change you desire and your rationale, and a detailed syllabus from the semester in which you took your course. You can submit your appeal via email to onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu.

• Immediate questions about your credit evaluation should be directed to the Office of Admissions and Recruitment via email at onwisconsin@admissions.wisc.edu, or via phone at 608-262-3961.