Transferology at UW-Madison

A guide to understanding transfer equivalencies

https://www.transferology.com
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Transferology Overview

Transferology is a nationwide network designed to help students explore their college transfer options.

Transferology can be accessed by any current or prospective student who is interested in seeing how their credits will transfer in the University of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Technical College, and Wisconsin Tribal College systems. Our Credit Evaluation team is continuously working to add more equivalents from other institutions.

Transferology has three instructional videos that cover a broad overview of how to use their services.

Video 1: Welcome to Transferology
Video 2: Will my courses transfer?
Video 3: Find a replacement course

To further expand these Transferology resources, the Transfer Transition Program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison) has created instructions specific to seeing how courses can be evaluated at UW-Madison.
“Will My Courses Transfer?” Overview

“Will My Courses Transfer?” is a tool that compares the courses taken at your current institution to other institutions within Transferology that will accept those courses for credit. It will be the most helpful tool within Transferology to see how your courses will transfer into UW-Madison.

“Will My Courses Transfer?” is often the first page you’ll be on after logging in to your Transferology account.

Using this tool specifically for UW-Madison can be complicated. To assist with this, we will use Madison Area Technical College, or Madison College, that has course equivalencies to UW-Madison already in Transferology.

These instructions will cover the following:
- Importing Courses
- Searching for UW-Madison
- Interpreting Transferability
Importing Courses

To begin importing courses in “Will My Courses Transfer”, follow these steps:

Step 1: Search for the school name
Step 2: Insert the semester the course was taken
Step 3: Enter the department the course is provided by
Step 4: Select the course(s) you have taken within that department

You will need to complete these steps for each department you have taken courses from.

Helpful Tip!
Search different types of abbreviations or the full name of the department if you are having difficulties finding it via the search options. If you have access to the official course number of the class you’ve taken, usually found on transcripts or class schedules, the department is typically abbreviated before the course number.

You can also add courses yourself by entering the department, course number, and credits earned if you cannot find the course. If you add courses, they may not show up with equivalents in Transferology. That does not necessarily mean you will not receive credit from UW-Madison, but rather that UW-Madison has not yet evaluated that course.
Photo: Screen capture of Transferology “Will My Courses Transfer?” steps for inputting courses from Madison Area Technical College.
As you input courses, they will appear on the right side of the screen within the “Will My Courses Transfer?” tool.

After adding all of your courses, you can click Search for Matches.

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Photo: Screen capture of Transferology “Will My Courses Transfer?” – My Courses with Search for Matches emphasized.
Searching for UW-Madison

Searching for UW-Madison happens after clicking “Search For Matches” once you’ve input all of your courses.

Initially, you will see many matches, typically in order of what is the “Best Match.”

To search for UW-Madison, search for “University of Wisconsin-Madison” in the search bar. As you type, the total institutions will narrow down until you have UW-Madison.

1 School Found (126 hidden)

University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI
4 year, Public - View Full Profile

Click “View Full Profile” to learn more about UW-Madison!

To see how your courses will transfer to UW-Madison, you will need to click on the % Match button.

The percentage is calculated based on the total number of classes you’ve added to Transferology and the amount of courses UW-Madison has an equivalent for.
Interpreting Transferability

Interpreting Transferability is one of the final steps to see how your courses will transfer into UW-Madison. After clicking on the % Match button when searching for UW-Madison, you will see the courses you have input and the equivalencies Transferology has for UW-Madison. We will cover what happens when a course has not been evaluated, or when a course doesn’t transfer later in these instructions.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

At the top, you will see how many courses have matches and how many do not. You will then see the courses you have input and what their equivalencies are. Next to each equivalency is a note symbol that will show additional information on the course’s transferability. You will want to read these notes to understand what they are satisfying when transferring into UW-Madison.

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Hover over the little note symbol to see information for just one course. To see all notes at once click “Expand All Notes” as shown in the screen capture above.
Before interpreting notes, it is important to know UW-Madison’s degree requirements:

*University General Education Requirements (GER)*

Required of ALL undergraduates and includes:
- Communication A & B
- Quantitative Reasoning A & B
- Ethnic Studies

*School/College Requirements*

Often referred to as Liberal Arts Breadth; vary by school/college

*Major Requirements*

Specific courses which vary by major

More information about UW-Madison requirements can be found at [https://guide.wisc.edu](https://guide.wisc.edu)

Credits have the potential to transfer into UW-Madison in four different ways:

- **Direct Equivalent Credits**
  - UW-Madison has a course taught at the same level, covering the same topics, and requiring the same pre-requisite courses.

- **Departmental or Breadth Area Elective Credits**
  - UW-Madison does not offer a similar course. This type of credit still may satisfy general education or breadth requirements.

- **General Elective Credits**
  - UW-Madison lacks a corresponding department and the course does not fit into any breadth areas, or satisfy general education requirements, but still counts towards the total number of credits you need to earn for your degree.

- **No Credit**
  - Non-transferable courses that will receive no credit from UW-Madison. These often include vocational, remedial, or doctrinal courses.

*Check out Transfer Transition Program’s resource on Understanding Your Credit Evaluation for more information*

[go.wisc.edu/transfercredit](http://go.wisc.edu/transfercredit)
To better understand common notes you may see in Transferology, we will go through the notes expanded for each course using example courses from Madison Area Technical College:

- ENGLISH 20801201 English 1 2019 → ENGLX04

  Notes about this transfer rule

  Level - Elementary; Gen Ed - Communication Part A; L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

English 20801201 (English 1) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as ENGLX04. The X in front of the number signifies it will transfer as an elective credit.

**Level: Elementary**

Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Gen Ed – Communication Part A**

Communication A (Comm A) is a general education requirement to graduate at UW-Madison.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**

The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.

- ENGLISH 20801202 English 2 2019 → ENGLX13

  Notes about this transfer rule

  Level - Intermediate; Gen Ed - Communication Part B; L&S Credit - Counts as Liberal Arts and Science credit in L&S

English 20801202 (English 2) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as ENGLX13. The X in front of the number signifies it will transfer as an elective credit.

**Level: Intermediate**

Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Gen Ed – Communication Part B**

Communication B (Comm B) is a general education requirement to graduate at UW-Madison.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**

The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.
History 20803211 (American History from 1607-1865) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as a direct equivalent for History 101.

**Level: Elementary**

Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Breadth**

This course will count toward either Humanities or Social Science breadth.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**

The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.

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History 20803212 (American History from 1865-Present) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as a direct equivalent for History 102.

**Level: Elementary**

Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Breadth**

This course will count toward Social Science breadth.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**

The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.
MATH 20804212 (College Algebra) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as a direct equivalent for MATH 112.

**Level: Elementary**
Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Gen Ed – Quantitative Reasoning Part A**
Quantitative Reasoning Part A (Quant A) is a general education requirement to graduate at UW-Madison.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**
The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.

SOC 20809203 (Intro to Sociology) taken at MATC will transfer to UW-Madison as SOCX17. The X in front of the number signifies it will transfer as an elective credit.

**Level: Elementary**
Refers to the rigor and difficulty of the course.

**Breadth**
This course will count toward Social Science breadth.

**L&S Credit – Counts as Liberal Arts and Science Credit in L&S**
The College of Letters and Sciences (L&S) accepts this course as a Liberal Arts and Science credit.

Note: As of a December 2020 update, courses that transfer as direct equivalents to UW-Madison courses do not have notes. To learn which degree requirements those courses satisfy, you must look the course up in UW-Madison’s academic catalog, the Guide: https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/.
When Courses Have No Equivalent

Not all courses at all schools have been previously evaluated. When this is the case, you will see these courses under the Maybe tab after Searching for UW-Madison.

University of Wisconsin-Madison 🌟

| 20 Matches | 2 Misses | 10 Maybe |

The courses below have not yet been reviewed by this school, they may or may not transfer. Contact the school for more information.

Courses from:

Madison Area Technical College

• EARLYCML 10307108 ECE: Early Language and Literacy 2020

Photo: Screen capture of Transferology’s Match, Miss, and Maybe indicators.

The information in Transferology is refreshed weekly, so as more courses are evaluated, they will begin to show up under the Match column instead of the Maybe column. At this time our Credit Evaluation Services team is not able to equate courses on demand for prospective students.
When Credits Don’t Transfer

Some credits will not transfer to UW-Madison. These include vocational, doctrinal, or remedial courses.

When looking at courses in Transferology that do not appear to transfer, you will see them under the Miss tab after Searching for UW-Madison.

University of Wisconsin-Madison

| 2 Matches | 1 Miss | 1 Maybe |

Courses from:

Madison Area Technical College

When a course is considered non-transferable to UW-Madison, it will show up under Miss.

Does Not Transfer

These courses will not transfer to this school. Contact the school for more information.

- WELD 10442126 Metal Repair Techniques 2018 → NOCREDX10

Photo: Screen capture of a course in Transferology not transferring for credit.

WELD 10442126 (Metal Repair Techniques) does not transfer to UW-Madison and is indicated as NOCREDX10. This is because this course is vocational in nature.
No Equivalencies for an Institution

UW-Madison does not yet have every institution’s equivalencies available.

If you are receiving the following errors when Searching for UW-Madison after inputting your courses, you may be at an institution for which we have not yet evaluated courses.

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Photo: Screen capture of UW-Madison not showing up as a search option in Transferology.

The Credit Evaluation Service at UW-Madison continues to work toward getting additional equivalencies uploaded.

In the meantime, you can schedule a meeting with a Transfer Transition Program advisor to discuss the general likelihood of your courses transferring to UW-Madison, and how they might apply to a degree.

You will receive a full credit evaluation after being admitted to UW-Madison.
Next Steps After Transferology

Transferology is a great resource to get a general idea of how your credits will transfer to UW-Madison.

Helpful Reminder!
How your credits transfer to UW-Madison may differ from how your credits will apply toward your degree.
Learn more about degree requirements at https://guide.wisc.edu

After you’ve assessed your courses in Transferology, here are some next steps:

Talk To a Transfer Advisor

Apply for Admission to UW-Madison