

Western Illinois University Transfer Guide (Catalog 2023-2024)

Western Illinois University

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Transfer guides are produced as a service to MCC students. Every effort is made to maintain up-to-date and accurate information; however, this information is subject to change. Such changes take precedence over the information on this guide. Students should work with an MCC advisor and the four-year transfer school. Responsibility for complying with all applicable requirements ultimately rests with the student.

Transfer Options

- **Associate in Arts (AA) Degree** - Transfer students who receive an AA or AS degree from an Illinois public community college and have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher (using coursework from all colleges attended) are guaranteed the following:
 - Minimum of 60 semester hours in transfer credit
 - Junior status
 - WIU General Education requirements satisfied (Students in the College or Arts and Sciences may be required to complete additional semester hours of coursework at WIU to satisfy College curriculum requirements.)
 - Individual majors may require specific general core coursework
- **Illinois Articulation Initiative** - Transfer students who have been certified by a participating Illinois college or university as having completed the IAI GECC will be considered as having satisfied WIU's general education requirements (individual majors may require specific coursework).
- **For students who transfer prior to completing an AA or AS degree or the IAI core:**
 - Transfer WIU credit back to MCC to complete the AA or the AS degree (Once at WIU, it is important to work with a WIU and an MCC advisor if using this option to complete lower-level general education coursework.)
 - Complete the IAI GECC at WIU (For students with fewer than 30 semester hours of WIU transfer credit, an additional 6 hours of approved IAI or WIU gen ed coursework must be completed or WIU General Education Curriculum at WIU - 43 hours)

Additional Information

- Students are strongly advised to study the WIU catalog and consult with an admission counselor for specific admission and course requirements within colleges and majors of their choice.
- **Application and Admission criteria**
 - Applications to the University are accepted throughout the year: however, it is recommended that all information be received in the Office of Admissions December 1 for spring admission and August 1 for fall admission. To apply online: www.wiu.edu/apply.
 - **24 or more semester hours** – admission based on college performance only, 2.0 cumulative GPA based on all college-level work attempted, good standing at last college attended.
 - **Fewer than 24 semester hours** – admission based on 2.0 cumulative GPA on all college-level work attempted, good standing at last college attended, and meet freshman admission standards.
- **GPA calculation for admission** – For repeat courses, WIU uses the most recent repeated grade for calculating.
- **Catalog rule** – Transfer students accepted for admission to WIU may elect to meet the requirements of the catalog in effect when they first enrolled at a community college, provided this WIU catalog does not precede the catalog in effect upon their initial enrollment at WIU by more than 3 years. They may also elect to meet the requirements of the current catalog. Catalog choice must be made within nine weeks of matriculation at WIU.

- **Foreign Language/Global Issues graduation requirements** –The requirement can be satisfied in the following ways:
 - Three years of high school or three semesters of college-level foreign language
 - A global issues course - Following MCC courses satisfy the requirement: ANT170, HIS131, HIS132, MUS153, PLT251, PLT255, PLT281.
 - This can satisfy both the global issues requirement and another degree requirement.
- **Maximum hours from a community college** – All students are required to complete 60 semester hours from a four-year institution, 42 semester hours of which must be in upper division (300/400 level) courses. The last 30 semester hours must be completed at WIU.
- **The Western Commitment Transfer Scholarships** - Students who transfer to WIU with a GPA of over a 3.0 will be eligible to receive an automatic transfer scholarship award (amount will vary based on students entering criteria).
- **Cost guarantee**
 - WIU freezes tuition for four years as long as continuous enrollment at WIU is maintained.
 - WIU’s academic year runs fall through summer, so students who begin WIU coursework during the summer after will lock in current rate.
- **Special Requirements for College of Arts and Sciences**
 - Candidates for a degree must complete the College Curriculum requirements in addition to the IAI GECC or WIU general education requirements.
 - Each department has specific graduation requirements for each major, Please consult the WIU catalog at www.wiu.edu/catalog or model degree plans at <http://www.wiu.edu/registrar/mdplan.php>.
- **Math Competency**
 - All students must demonstrate ability to use general baccalaureate-level skills in Mathematics by one of the following means:
 - Receive University credit for MATH 100—Core Competency in Mathematics;
 - Receive a satisfactory score on an assessment examination instrument designated by the Department of Mathematics; or
 - Receive University credit for a Mathematics course which lists MATH 100 as a prerequisite.
 - Completing an IAI GECC math course or MAT161 or MAT165 at MCC satisfies the requirement.

For the most up-to-date information, guides, contact information and step by step instructions visit, www.wiu.edu/transfer

Following are recommended courses for students transferring before earning an AA or AS degree or completing the IAI GECC or for majors within the College of Arts and Sciences. Individual majors may require specific courses.

- A single course can be used to satisfy no more than one General Education distribution requirement
- No more than two courses from a student's major discipline can satisfy General Education requirements
- No course under the Pass/Fail option may apply to the General Education requirements.

NOTE: Courses printed in **boldface** also satisfy IAI General Education Core Curriculum requirements for the following categories: Communication (C), Humanities (H), Fine Arts (F), Life Science (L), Physical Science (P), Mathematics (M), Social Science (S)

WIU General Education	Hours Required	MCC Equivalents
Communications	9	ENG151(C), 152(C) - <i>minimum grade of "C"</i> ; SPE151(C)
Humanities & Fine Arts	<p>University Gen. Ed. Req. 9 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>) <i>Select 1 course from Humanities, 1 course from Fine Arts and 1 course from either Humanities or Fine Arts</i></p> <p>College of Arts & Sciences College Curriculum & General Education Req.- See WIU Catalog**** BA 18 (<i>in at least 3 depts.</i>) BS 12 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>) BLAS 12-15 (<i>consult catalog</i>) *****</p>	<p>Humanities ENG240(H), 251(H), 252, 253(H), 254(H), 255(H), 256(H), 260(H), 261(H), 270(H), 271(H), 272*(H), 275*(H), 276*(H) FRE151, 152, 251, 252(H); GER151, 152, 251, 252(H) **HIS131(S), 132(S), 165*(S), 170(S), 172(S) JRN 180(F) PHI151(H), 155(H), 158, 160(H), 240(H), 251(H), 261*(H), 262(H) PLT281* SPA 151, 152, 251, 252(H)</p> <p>Fine Arts ART150(FH), 151(F), 155*(F), 165*(F), 171(F), 172(F), 173(F), 175(F) MUS151(F), 153*(F), 154(F), 171(F), 172(F) THE151(F)</p>
Natural Science/ Math	<p>University Gen. Ed. Req. 10 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>) <i>At least 1 lab course must be included.</i></p> <p>College of Arts & Sciences - See WIU Catalog**** BA 12 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>) BS 16 (<i>must include 1 year sequence outside major</i>) BLAS 12-15# (<i>consult catalog</i>)</p>	BIO110(L), 130(L), 138(L), 157(L), 158(L) CHM115(P), 164(P), 165 (P), 166, 170 EAS 101(P), 120(P), 180(P), 185(P) GEG107(P), 123(P), 124(P), 220(P), 221(P) GEL105(P), 110(P) HRT103(L) MAT120(M), 150(M), 170(M), 171(M), 175(M), 220(M), 245(M), 255(M) PHY280 (P), 281, 291(P)
Social Science	<p>University Gen. Ed. Req. 9 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>)</p> <p>College of Arts & Sciences - See WIU Catalog**** BA 15 (<i>in at least 3 depts.</i>) BS 12 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>) BLAS 12-15# (<i>consult catalog</i>)</p>	ANT151*(S), 155(S), 160(S), 170*(S), 260 ECO150(S), 251(S), 252(S) GEG202(S), 203*(S), 204*(S) PLT150(S), 151(S), 155(S), 251*(S), 255(S) PSY151(S), 250(S), 251(S), 260(S), 265(S) SOC151(S), 175(S), 251(S), 260(S), 261(S)
Multicultural Studies***	3	ANT151*(S), 170*(S); ART155*(F), 165*(F); ENG272*(H), 275*(H), 276*(H); GEG203*(S), 204*(S); HIS141, 165*; MUS153*(F); PHI261*(H), PLT251*(S) 261(S), 281*
Human Well-being***	3 (<i>in at least 2 depts.</i>)	Dept. 1: HFE150, 251, PSY175 Dept. 2: HFE250 Dept. 3: HFE101, 120, 121, 122, 161, 175, 176

* Can only be used in one category

** History courses are Humanities at WIU. Students may apply History courses to the Social Science category. See a WIU advisor for appropriate form to file with the Registrar's Office.

*** This category will be waived if IAI GECC or AA/AS Degree completion verified on official transcript.

**** **COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES MAJORS:** -Students pursuing a major within the College of Arts and Sciences should consult the WIU catalog for specific course work. All majors are required to complete the combined WIU General Education and College Curriculum course work shown in the hours above for BA, BS and BLAS as WIU graduation requirements and not as admission requirements.

BA majors: Anthropology, Economics, English, French, History, Journalism, Political Science, Sociology, and Spanish.

BS majors: Biology, Chemistry, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Forensic Chemistry, Geography and Geographic Information Science, Math, Meteorology, Physics and Psychology.

BLAS major: Liberal Arts and Sciences

***** **BLAS must complete 15 hours in two of these categories and 12 in the third.**