Transfer
Changes and Best Practices

- Changes to 100-level transfers
- Proactive transfer advising
- MOUs and transfer best practices

Transfer of 100-Level WI Tech College Courses

Issue: Improving Transfer
- o Context—efforts to be more "transfer friendly"
- o Student frustration regarding courses not transferring
- o Transferability vs applicability

Response: Allow more 100-level courses to transfer
- o Shift toward accommodation over differentiation
- o Presumption of transferability vs resistance to transfer

Justification: UWSA Policy 135 Principles of Accommodation
- o "UW institutions may grant transfer credit on a course-by-course basis, for occupational and technical coursework leading to an applied associate degree from WTCS programs. In determining transferability of these courses, each UW institution will take into account the quality and comparability of the coursework and its applicability to degree requirements."
- o Provost's Office determination that RO may decide initial transferability

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Action: Change in Transfer Rules
- o Identified subjects taught by WTCS schools related to courses/programs at UWM
- o Wildcard rules in PAWS to transfer 100-level courses as TRAN-FRE X

Impact: Increased Credits on Transcript
- o First stage—force conversations on application & equivalency
- o May increase incidents of students hitting 165+ threshold

Advising: Follow-up Actions
- o Review Fall '19 & Spring '20 admits & refer for additional credit as needed
- o Identify opportunities where additional evaluation is justified

Proactive Transfer Advising Practices

Students are most often admitted before Associate degree is posted. So the waiver of gen eds won't be posted often yet during your advising appointment.

What are advisors common practice in these situations?
Do advisors ask if they will be completing their Associates?
Are students advised in which courses are still required if Associates is completed and which courses still may be needed if they should not complete?

Separating General Education Requirements from Major requirements

Suggested gen ed courses vs Required gen ed courses

Panther Tracks (Guaranteed Admissions)

Guarantee Admissions to UWM not declared major or to School/College.

https://uwm.edu/undergrad-admission/uwm-panther-tracks/

Push to improve transfer

- Two MOUs: One signed, one in progress.
- Next steps: MOUs for other tech college campuses (particularly the five with L&S)
- Transfer summit (November 2019)
- Two guides:
  - Transfer evaluation
  - Transfer opportunities
- Important to check transfer systems to ensure equivalencies have not changed.