Broad-Based Transfer Credit Policy for Associate Degree Holders

Rationale

This agreement is designed to help those with an appropriate Associate Degree from an accredited college or university, whether in-state or out-of-state, complete the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice (CJ) offered by the Helen Bader School of Social Welfare (HBSSW).

Under this agreement, students enrolling in the CJ degree program in Spring 2018 or later who have earned an appropriate Associate Degree may receive up to 60 credits (in addition to credit that would otherwise be transferrable) toward the completion of this degree. This agreement only applies to the HBSSW CJ program. Credits awarded under this agreement will be removed if the student changes to a different UWM degree program.

Applicable Associate Degrees

Applicable Associate degrees include the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree if awarded in an appropriate field of study by an accredited institution from which UWM would ordinarily accept transfer credits. Appropriate fields of study include programs such as police science, criminal justice, forensic science, human services, and social welfare. Other associate degrees in the fields of education, health sciences, liberal arts, or nursing may also qualify. Unfamiliar programs will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Admission Process and Procedure to Determine Transfer of Additional Credits

- Apply online at apply.wisconsin.edu. Submit all required materials to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (OUA) by the appropriate deadline. Specify Criminal Justice as the desired major.

- List the applicable Associate Degree (including date awarded or anticipated completion date) to qualify for consideration under this agreement.

- OUA staff make the initial admission decision and assess which credits would normally be accepted for transfer by UWM. Applicable course work that may satisfy UWM's General Education Requirements (GERs) will also be reviewed and awarded.

- The file will then be reviewed to determine which additional, not regularly transferrable credits can be awarded. Students with an earned Associate Degree will typically be awarded at least 60 credits. The maximum number of credits that may be transferred from any two-year college program is 72 credits. Credits awarded may not exceed those listed on the Associate Degree transcript.

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Degree Completion

The file will be reviewed by HBSSW staff to assess how the credits transferred will apply to CJ degree requirements. Students transferring in with an earned associate degree will typically be awarded 30 credits of General Electives, 12 credits of CJ Electives, and 18 additional credits where applicable. However, there may be some variance depending on the specific coursework completed by each student.

Upon completion of the assessment, the student will receive detailed information from HBSSW specifying which degree requirements have been satisfied and which remain to be completed at UWM.

To complete the CJ degree, students must complete a minimum of 120 degree credits (including transfer and UWM work), and satisfy all remaining degree requirements, including the following:

- Any applicable UWM General Education Requirements (GERs) that have not been satisfied in full with courses accepted in transfer. GERs include competency requirements in English, mathematics, and a foreign language, as well as requirements in the arts, humanities, natural sciences, U.S. History, and cultural diversity.
- Social Sciences (27 credits in Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology).
- CJ Core Courses (21 credits)
- CJ Electives (15 credits)

Individual circumstances vary, but most students transferring under this program will need to complete no more than 60 credits at UWM.