

## **Broad-Based Transfer Credit Policy for Associate Degree Holders**

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### **Rationale**

This agreement is designed to help students with an appropriate Associate degree from an accredited college or university complete the Bachelor of Science in Information Science and Technology (IST) offered by the School of Information Studies (SOIS).

Under the terms of this agreement students enrolling in the IST degree who have earned an appropriate Associate degree will have their Technical Studies credits evaluated by SOIS for transfer consideration into the IST degree. Technical Studies credits with a significant Information Technology focus will be awarded as Information Studies elective (INFOST X) credits. Any INFOST X credits awarded under this agreement may be removed if the student changes to another UWM degree program.

Students will receive credits for any General Studies courses that are universally transferrable to UW-Milwaukee (UWM). Students cannot exceed 72 transferable credits from any combination of two-year institutions.

### **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 by an accredited institution from which UWM would ordinarily accept transfer credits. Appropriate fields of study include programs such as IT Computer Support Specialist, IT Information Systems Security Specialist, IT Network Specialist, IT Web and Software Developer, and IT Database Specialist. Other Associate degrees will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

### **Admission Process**

Apply online at <http://apply.wisconsin.edu>. Specify Information Science and Technology as the desired major. IST priority application deadlines are March 1 for Summer and Fall admission consideration and November 1 for Spring admission consideration. For full details visit UWM Admissions online at: <http://uwm.edu/undergrad-admission/student-type/transfer/>.

### **Degree Completion**

Admitted students will receive a detailed program plan from a SOIS advisor specifying which degree requirements have been satisfied and which remain to be completed at UWM.

Students must complete a minimum of 120 credits (including transfer and UWM work), and satisfy all degree requirements:

- UWM General Education Requirements (GERs) that have not been satisfied with courses accepted in transfer. GERs include competency requirements in oral & written communication, quantitative literacy, and foreign language, as well as distribution requirements in arts, humanities, social sciences, natural sciences and cultural diversity (21 credits)
- IST Core Courses (27 credits)
- IST Upper Division Electives (15 credits)
- IST Cross-Functional Electives (15 credits)
- IST General Electives (42 credits)

Individual circumstances will vary based on the General Studies courses a student transfers in, but the goal is for students transferring under this agreement to need no more than 60 credits at UWM.

### **For additional information**

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