MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
MILWAUKEE AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE (MATC)
&
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE (UWM)

SUBJECT: Fulfillment of UWM general education requirements for MATC students with Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degrees.

OVERVIEW: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a seamless transfer pathway for students earning Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degrees at MATC by granting fulfillment of University General Education (GER) distribution requirements upon matriculation to UWM. This recognition follows UW System Administrative Policy 135, which states, in part, “In cases where WTCS liberal arts/collegiate transfer programs award associate of arts/associate of science degrees that specifically align with the associate degrees awarded by UW institutions, the UW baccalaureate-granting institutions shall consider students holding such a degree to have satisfied the university-wide general education/breadth requirements at the receiving institution.” A survey of MATC’s AA & AS degrees compared to UWM’s College of General Studies Associate of Arts and Science (AAS) finds clear parallels and content-area alignment that compare favorably with GER at the baccalaureate level.

POLICIES: The terms of this MOU will be governed by the following:

1. Upon receipt of an official AA or AS degree-bearing transcript from MATC, the student’s record will be marked as having completed UWM’s general education distribution requirements, comprising at least:
   a. 3 credits in the arts,
   b. 6 credits in the humanities,
   c. 6 credits in the natural sciences,
   d. 6 credits in the social sciences, &
   e. 3 credits in cultural diversity as part of the above.
2. All transcripted MATC coursework will transfer to UWM and be assigned equivalencies according to existing course evaluations and transfer policies. Many of these courses already satisfy GER and may also fulfill requirements in the student’s intended bachelor’s degree. Up to 72 credits may be transferred from MATC to UWM.
3. Transcripts will also be evaluated for coursework that meets UWM’s competency requirements, which are not automatically fulfilled by the terms of this MOU. The competency requirements consist of:
   a. Oral & Written Communication (OWC) Parts A & B
   b. Quantitative Literacy (QL) Parts A & B
   c. Foreign Language (through second year of high school or second semester college)
4. A list of approved MATC courses that meet UWM OWC & QL is provided as a guide for students interested in satisfying those requirements prior to transfer (see Appendix A). Note: Some majors require specific courses to meet OWC and/or QL requirements.
Before taking a course at MATC to satisfy one of these competencies, students should consult with a UWM advisor for recommendations based on intended major/program.

5. To ensure even more seamless transfer, MATC and UWM have established Pre-Majors as part of the AA/AS. These Pre-Majors provide a guided pathway from associate to baccalaureate degree for identified majors within UWM.

6. Depending on major/program, students may be required to take some lower-division, foundational or prerequisite coursework after transfer that also happens to satisfy GER distribution requirements. Careful academic planning and consultation with advising staff at both institutions is advised prior to course registration at MATC in order to minimize redundant coursework.

7. Colleges or schools with general education requirements in addition to those that make up university-wide GER may still enforce those requirements, provided they are no different than the ones mandated for continuing students. Transfer coursework beyond what might normally be assigned UWM GER will be evaluated and may be assigned to meet these additional requirements if appropriate.

8. This MOU may be terminated by request of either party with 180-day advance notice. Any students admitted during the 180-day grace period will have their degrees recognized and credits transferred in keeping with the agreement.

9. MATC and UWM will make the terms of this MOU public and may develop marketing materials for its promotion. Each institution will provide advising as appropriate to interested students regarding this agreement. The two institutions agree to provide information necessary to aid in the successful transfer of these students and their academic credits.

10. Both institutions reserve the right to review and approve marketing materials created for the promotion of this MOU and will adhere to stated standards for the use of their respective names and logos. Furthermore, each institution assumes responsibility for communicating and marketing this agreement to its student population. Links to this agreement may be provided and should be maintained regularly, with notification to the other institution.

APPROVALS:

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Milwaukee Area Technical College

Signatures on file.

Johannes Britz, Ph.D., Date
Provost/Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs

Name, Date
Title

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# APPENDIX A

## UWM GER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

| OWC-A | 0-3 | 1. C or higher in ENGLISH 102 or equivalent  
2. An appropriate score on the English Placement Test |
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| QL-A  | 0-3 | 1. C or higher on approved math coursework at UWM or in transfer  
2. Score of 30 or higher on the Mathematics Placement Test |
| QL-B  | 3   | An approved course as determined by the major. QL Part B courses make significant use of quantitative tools in the context of other course material. |

### MATC Course Options

The following list can be consulted to find MATC courses that meet UWM’s OWC & QL requirements:

**OWC-A:**

ENG-202 English 2

**OWC-B:**

ENG-197 Technical Reporting  
ENG-208 Technical Communications

**QL-A:**

MATH-200 Intermediate Algebra  
MATH-206 Contemporary Applications of Math  
MATH-275 Math Exploration for Elem Tchrs 1

**QL-B:**

BADM-104 Business Statistics  
MATH-189 Introductory Statistics  
MATH-198 Calculus  
MATH-205 Finite Mathematics  
MATH-231 Analytic Geometry & Calculus 1  
MATH-260 Basic Statistics  
MATH-276 Math Exploration for Elem Tchrs 2