

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 transcribed 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 OWCB and/or QLB requirements.

APPENDIX A

UWM GER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS

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| OWC-A | 0-3 | 1. C or higher in ENGLISH 102 or equivalent 2. An appropriate score on the English Placement Test |
| OWC-B | 3 | An approved advanced course with a significant written or oral communication component. |
| 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