

Abstract on UWM Course Materials Policy

Summary:

This policy would mainly serve to encourage the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to transition to more Open Course Materials, specifically in entry-level courses where Open Course Materials are more readily available.

Marketing 15 cr. Free Course Materials Example)

English 102, Math 105, Math 108, Bio Sci 101, Art 100

Nursing 15 cr. Free Course Materials Example)

English 102, Math 105, Math 108, Bio Sci 101, Art 100

Civil Engineering 15 cr. Free Course Materials Example)

English 102, Chem 105, Art 100, Math 231, Physics 209

The incentive would be to move towards Open Textbooks for classes such as English 102, Math 105, Math 108, Art 100, etc. because as long as the course materials are free and it is part of the degree program of each, the 3 credits will count towards all of them.

Impact:

This would incur little to no costs with the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee.

All or nearly all degree programs at UWM are required to take at least 15 credits to meet general education requirements (typically, there are >15 credits of GERs and >15 credits of General Elective Requirements). These classes are the same for all students.

Many lower-level classes have a variety of reasons that providing course materials to students for free is easier (Open Textbook availability, fewer classes with online course code purchase requirements, etc.)