

Transferring Your College Credits

Important CWU Information

CWU's academic year is based on quarters.

All references to credits in this guide are based on quarter credits.

One semester credit is equal to 1.5 quarter credits (e.g., thirty semester credits = forty-five quarter credits).

Students may transfer up to 135 quarter credits to CWU, with a maximum of 105 credits from lower division (100-200 level) courses. In general, CWU will accept credits earned at other accredited institutions.

Courses equivalent to CWU courses will transfer directly.

Other courses that are not exact CWU equivalents may also transfer, but they may only count as general elective credits. However, each academic department at CWU has the authority to approve courses from other schools that are not exact CWU equivalents. In those cases, it is best to communicate directly with your specific academic department to have those types of course substitutions approved.

The following credits will not transfer:

- College courses numbered below 100 level
- Developmental education or remedial courses
- English as a Second Language courses
- Courses specific to one religion
- Credit for life experience

Once you have accumulated 100 credits or more at CWU you will be required to declare a major or premajor program. If you have not declared a major, you will be given last priority for early registration.

Since many academic departments require you to apply for acceptance into their program, you should contact your specific academic department to learn how to apply for acceptance.

You may call at (509) 963-1211 and ask to be transferred to any academic department.

Credit Evaluations

You will receive an official transfer credit evaluation after you have been formally admitted to CWU.

To determine how your credits will transfer before being admitted to CWU you may request a [credit evaluation](#) through the Registrar's office.

Washington State Credits

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To satisfy the CWU General Education Requirements

If you will transfer with a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) associate degree then you will automatically satisfy the [CWU General Education Requirements](#). The same is true for students who have already received a bachelor's degree from an accredited four year college in the US or abroad.

The CWU Transfer Policies are useful tools for transfer students who will still need to complete the CWU General Education Requirements, such as students transferring without DTA degrees. The transfer policies quickly and easily show which courses from other Washington public institutions satisfy the various areas of the CWU General Education Requirements.

The [CWU Course Equivalencies](#) are also useful because they show all of the courses at other institutions that are equivalent to courses at CWU, including upper division courses outside of the CWU General Education Requirements.

After transfer students have been formally admitted to CWU (and have submitted final transcripts) the Office of the Registrar conducts official credit evaluations to determine which courses satisfy the various areas of the CWU CWU General Education Requirements. The Office of the Registrar does not award credit towards any particular academic major.

To satisfy the course requirements in your academic major

Generally speaking, CWU academic departments tend to award equivalent transfer credit for courses that meet the spirit and intent of their courses. However, it is ultimately your responsibility to submit transcripts for departmental review in order to receive transfer credit for courses in your major. You may call (509) 963-1211 and ask to be transferred to any academic department. If you plan to attend a CWU University Center, please contact you appropriate center.

Private Or Out-Of-State Credits

If you transfer from a private or out of state college you will receive an official credit evaluation prior to your initial course registration provided you have been formally admitted to CWU and have submitted final transcripts from all schools attended. Your credits will generally transfer as follows:

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If you will transfer from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon or Utah with an [approved associate degree](#) then you will automatically satisfy the CWU General Education Requirements. Otherwise, please see the information below.

Courses with the exact same or very similar course titles and course descriptions will normally transfer as direct course equivalents to satisfy the various areas of the [CWU General Education Requirements](#). Course numbers are not as important since course numbers vary between institutions. You can view the short course descriptions for courses in the CWU General Education Requirements by clicking on the course title.

If you will be transferring from a private university in Washington you can view the [course equivalencies](#) that

CWU has established with these schools.

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Courses that are not equivalent to CWU courses generally transfer as elective credits. However, the following courses generally do not transfer:

- College courses numbered below 100-level (example: Math 99)
- Developmental, transitional or remedial education courses
- English as a second language courses
- Courses specific to one religion
- Credit for life experience

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International Prior College Credits

If you have completed at least one year of college you do not need to submit your high school transcripts. You will only need to submit your college transcripts. Submit transcripts from all colleges attended.

If you attended a foreign college or university you must have your transcripts evaluated by one of the two agencies listed below. Request that the agency perform a complete course-by-course evaluation and submit the completed evaluation to CWU with a copy (original or photocopy) of the transcript. If the original transcript is not written in English, you must also include a certified English translation.

- [*Foundation for International Services \(FIS\), Inc.](#) (Note: FIS provides a CWU-specific application and evaluation.)
- [World Education Services \(WES\)](#)

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For transfer equivalencies information, visit <http://www.cwu.edu/Registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies>. For CWU catalog information, visit <http://catalog.cwu.acalog.com/>.

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After you had been formally admitted to CWU, a transfer credit report will be generated and will provide you with information as to which of your previous courses are CWU equivalents. You will be notified of how and when you can view the report on the Wildcat Connection section of CWU's website. If you will be a sophomore or junior, you should apply for your major after getting admitted to CWU. Each academic department has its own application form and requirements. You should contact your specific academic department to learn how to apply for acceptance to the major. You may call toll-free at (509) 963-1211 and ask to be transferred to any academic department.

Technical or Vocational Credits

Generally speaking, most credits from technical or vocational colleges do not transfer to CWU. However, if you have taken any courses from a fully accredited institution that are very similar to the courses listed in the CWU General Education Requirements or courses listed in your intended major, it is possible to receive transfer credit for these courses.

The official credit evaluation will automatically award any credit that applies to your General Education Requirements.

You will need to check with your intended academic department to find out if any of your technical/ vocational credits will count toward your major.

Military Credits

Central Washington University is dedicated to serving veterans and their families by supporting them as they achieve their academic, career, and life goals. We offer an integrated holistic approach to support services within higher education. We strive to be known as the premier university of choice for veterans to achieve their academic success.

Upon submission of the DD214 or DD295, students may receive up to thirty lower-division elective credits for completion of military academic schools as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE).

Credit is not awarded for basic training or specialty schools such as MOS or Tech School.

For more information please visit the CWU Veterans web site at <http://www.cwu.edu/registrar/veteran>.

Running Start Credits

If you enroll at CWU directly after graduating from high school (including summer session), you must meet regular freshman admission requirements and submit official high school transcripts and ACT or SAT test scores, and submit Running Start credits for evaluation as transfer credit.

If you have completed an approved Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) associate degree you have fulfilled all lower-division general education requirements at CWU. However you still must apply as a first year student.

For a list of approved DTA degrees, visit <http://www.cwu.edu/registrar/transfer-equivalencies-policies>.

Freshmen applicants must complete the following high school CADR courses:

- English (4 credits). Including the study of English language, literature, and writing.
- Math (3 credits). Including first-year algebra and two additional years of college preparatory mathematics such as geometry, advanced algebra, trigonometry, analytical geometry, calculus, and probability and statistics. (algebra and geometry taken prior to the ninth grade accepted).
- Lab Science (2 credits). One credit required in an algebra based lab science.
- Social Science (3 credits).
- Foreign Language (2 credits). Shall be two years of the same language.
- Fine, Visual, or Performing arts (1 credit). Or one more year from the above academic courses.

Other Forms Of Credit

OTHER FORMS OF CREDIT

CWU recognizes college credit from a number of sources, including:

- **Advanced Placement (AP)**
- **College Level Examination Program (CLEP)**
- **International Baccalaureate (IB)**

CWU will accept a maximum total of **forty-five quarter credits** from any combination of these programs, but only thirty of those credits may come from military service.