

General Information on Transfer Credits

Transferable credits: Academic, college-level courses (completed at a regionally accredited college/university) in which a student received a grade of C- or better

Maximum transfer credit:

- 65 from one or more 2-year colleges
- 90 from one or more 4-year colleges/universities
- 90 from a blend of 2-year and 4-year institutions (with a maximum of 65 of the 90 from any 2-year colleges attended)

Required documents:

- Application for Admission with \$40 fee
- Official high school transcript (required of all applicants)
- Official transcript from every college/university attended (except WSU)
- Education Break Explanation if applicant has taken time off between high school and college and/or between college semesters
- Essay, letters of recommendation, resume, etc. are optional

Official transcripts: Must be mailed directly from the sending institution to WSU in a sealed envelope; any other means of delivery (i.e., electronic, fax, in person) will render the transcript unofficial.

MassTransfer Information

Introduction

The Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (DHE) has created and implemented a new transfer pathway called MassTransfer. It began in Fall 2009 and replaced Joint Admissions and the Commonwealth Transfer Compact.

MassTransfer streamlines the transfer process and maximizes transfer credit within the Massachusetts public higher education system. It also provides students with a clear plan to complete a portable general education transfer block (the MassTransfer Block). Finally, financial and other benefits are available to qualified students.

The MassTransfer Block

The 34-credit MassTransfer Block provides any Massachusetts public higher education student, who completes the Block, with the benefit of satisfying the general education requirements at any other Massachusetts public higher education institution. The receiving institution is able to add no more than two general education courses upon transfer.

Students who enter WSU under the *MassTransfer* Block prior to Fall 2012 will be required to complete an additional 6 credits in two different Distribution groups. For example, 3 credit in Humanities and 3 credit in Behavioral/Social Sciences. Students who enter WSU under the *MassTransfer* Block beginning Fall 2012 will be required to complete an additional 6 credit in the Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum (LASC) in the following way:

- A. Completion of a capstone seminar sponsored through the student's major field of study or through the LASC;
- B. Completion of an additional 3 credit LASC course in the content area of the student's choice.

The Block consists of:

- 9 credits in Behavioral and Social Sciences
- 9 credits in Humanities and Fine Arts
- 7 credits in Natural or Physical Science (Including one lab course)
- 6 credits in English Composition/Writing
- 3 credits in Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

Each of those academic disciplines is defined by the sending institution. For example, although WSU History courses are considered Humanities, Quinsigamond Community College History courses are considered Behavioral/Social Sciences. Therefore, a QCC History course will fulfill 3 of the 9 Behavioral and Social Sciences credits in the Block regardless of where the student transfers.

Completing a Degree Via MassTransfer

Massachusetts community college students, who enroll in and complete associate degrees linked with bachelor's programs under MassTransfer, are provided with several benefits (each based on the final GPA):

- 2.0+ GPA upon completion of a MassTransfer associate degree
 - No application fee
 - No application essay
 - Automatic satisfaction of most or all general education requirements (the MassTransfer Block)
 - Guaranteed transfer of at least 60 credits (Including D/1.0 grades)
- 2.5+ GPA upon completion of a MassTransfer associate degree
 - All of the above benefits AND
 - Guaranteed admission to linked bachelor's degree programs
- 3.0+ GPA upon completion of a MassTransfer associate degree
 - All of the above benefits AND
 - 33% tuition waiver (based on annual in-state tuition rate of \$970)
- For additional MassTransfer information and a list of linked programs, please visit www.mass.edu/masstransfer