



Transfer Student Success Center Transfer Planning Guide

Biological Sciences – B.A. or B.S. Degree
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This transfer planning guide provides a general overview and best advice, as well as links to other resources for transfer success. This guide is intended for planning purposes and not intended to list all transfer course options or replace an official plan of study.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Requirements

University General Education	Can be satisfied by the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)
Must complete a minor	Students must complete a university-approved minor, which may be taken in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or any other WSU school or college. The minor requirement is waived for students who complete a second major, a double major, a concurrent degree, a dual degree, or a second degree.
Foreign language	All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences must successfully demonstrate language proficiency equivalent to the two-course sequence in a single foreign language. Proficiency is demonstrated by completing courses numbered 1010 and 1020 in one of the following subject area codes: ARB, ARM, CHI, FRE, GER, GKA, GKM, HEB, ITA, JPN, LAT, POL, RUS, SPA, SWA, and UKR. Two semesters of American Sign Language will also count as fulfilling the foreign language requirement.
Major	Specific course requirements for majors are listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin under each of the Departments or areas of the College. Students must complete all courses in their majors with a min 2.0 GPA overall average.

Major Requirements

These courses are required for your major program of study.

B.A. Degree Requirements

WSU Course	OCC Course
BIO 1500 (NSI) + 1501 (LB)	BIO 1560
BIO 1510 (LS, NSI) + 1511 (LB)	BIO 1530
CHM 1100 (NSI) + 1130 (LB)	CHE 1510
CHM 1140 + 1150 (LB)	CHE 1520
CHM 1240	CHE 2610
MAT 1800 (QE)	MAT 1630 or 1540 + 1560
STA 1020 (QE)	MAT 1580

B.S. Degree Requirements

WSU Course	OCC Course
BIO 1500 (NSI) + 1501 (LB)	BIO 1560
BIO 1510 (LS, NSI) + 1511 (LB)	BIO 1530
CHM 1100 (NSI) + 1130 (LB)	CHE 1510
CHM 1140 + 1150 (LB)	CHE 1520
CHM 1240	CHE 2610

CHM 2220	CHE 2620
PHY 2130 (NSI) + 2131 (LB)	PHY 1610
PHY 2140 + PHY 2141 (LB)	PHY 1620
OR	
PHY 2170 (NSI) + 2171 (LB)	PHY 2400
PHY 2180 + 2181 (LB)	PHY 2500
MAT 2010 (QE)	MAT 1730
MAT 2020 (QE) or STA 2210 (QE)	MAT 1740 OR MAT 1580

Note: Courses with letters inside the parenthesis fulfill one of the general education categories at WSU. For the complete list of general education categories, please see [here](#).

Advising

For general questions about transferring credits, application processes, transfer pathways, scholarships, and the Michigan Transfer Agreement, [schedule an appointment](#) with a transfer advisor. You can also email transfer@wayne.edu or discover more at wayne.edu/transfer. For detailed, specific questions about the major, [email or schedule an appointment](#) with a Biological Sciences advisor.

Transfer Credit Resources

- **[Transfer Equivalency Self-Service](#)**: This tool displays how your earned credits will transfer into specific Wayne State degree programs. This tool provides an unofficial degree audit that indicates how your transfer credit is applied and which courses are still required to complete the degree.
- **[Transfer Pathways](#)**: The transfer pathways are agreements with Michigan community colleges that streamline the transfer credit process while providing a roadmap to earning your associate and bachelor's degrees.
- **[Transfer Course Equivalency](#)**: This tool allows you to research specific courses and how they transfer to Wayne State.
- **[Michigan Transfer Agreement \(MTA\)](#)**: The MTA can be earned at any Michigan community college to satisfy the Wayne State general education requirements. Each community college has an MTA-approved course list of its own, so please refer to the list of courses that your respective community college has approved for MTA.

Understanding Transfer Credit

- **What will transfer?** All college-level classes from regionally accredited colleges with a grade of 2.0 (C) or above will transfer. There are no specific limits to the number of transfer credits. However, each academic program has specific requirements that must be satisfied which helps determine the best number of credits to transfer.
- **How will it transfer?** Courses transfer as the number of credits earned at the college where you took the class. This is true regardless of the number of credits the Wayne State equivalent course is worth. Each transferred course will match one of the following types of credits:
 - **Equivalent credit** – matches a specific WSU course.
 - **Department credit** – transfer into the academic department without a specific WSU course match.
 - **Elective credits** – transfer as general or elective credit (GEN 1XXX or GEN 2XXX).

Transfer Admissions Requirements

To transfer to Wayne State, you must have at least 24 transferable credits of previous college work and a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA from all higher education institutions you have attended. If you have completed an associate degree, you may be admitted with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. Visit wayne.edu/apply to complete the university application.

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