

ACADEMIC PASSPORT



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WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The following two groups of students shall be admitted to WCU if they apply within the established WCU time frame:

- Community college students with an AA/AS degree in a transfer or college parallel program from an accredited public Pennsylvania community college
- Students attending another System (SSHE) university with at least 12 credit hours of college level work with a 2.0 GPA or higher

In addition, Pennsylvania Community College students without an Associate degree may also be considered for admission to WCU. The Academic Passport applies to these students if they transfer a minimum of 12 credits of college work with a 2.0 GPA or higher.

HOW DOES CREDIT TRANSFER?

Admission to a specific curriculum at WCU shall be determined by WCU based upon the same criteria required for non-transfer students. Transfer students shall not be required to repeat or retake courses that they have already successfully completed at another school.

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees recognized for the Academic Passport must contain, at a minimum, 30 hours of liberal arts among the following fields of study: Composition/Communications; Humanities/Fine Art; Behavioral/Social Sciences; Biological/Physical Sciences; and Mathematics and Computer Science. Vocational, technical, and career courses shall not be used to satisfy general education requirements.

Credits earned by a Community College student as part of a qualifying degree program (or credits earned at another System school) should be accepted and applied toward completion of the baccalaureate degree requirements. WCU shall apply as many credits as possible toward the satisfaction of lower-division general education requirements.

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WCU will try to apply the remaining credits to the transfer student's major requirements. The rest of the transfer student's credits shall be applied to satisfy elective requirements.

- For students with an Associate degree or students transferring from another System school with a minimum of 12 credit hours of college-level work, up to a maximum of 45 general education credits and liberal arts credits earned at the two-year college shall be used to meet lower division WCU general education requirements.
- This applies even if WCU does not offer the specific course being transferred or has not designated that course as general education. A course-by-course match shall not be required.

Students shall receive an evaluation of credits prior to enrollment and payment of tuition and fees.

OTHER THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW...

The Academic Passport does not guarantee entrance to a specific major or program. WCU schools, colleges, and majors may have additional requirements for admission. Accepting courses as meeting the General Education requirements does not imply that they are equivalent to specific West Chester University courses. Equivalency in courses, as indicated by the course number, is determined and granted by individual departments. Nothing in this policy requires a department to grant equivalency if it does not exist.

Some programs require specific courses in mathematics and the liberal arts distribution offerings as part of their degree program. Students must complete all courses that are specified by their major/minor program as well as all university requirements for graduation. Students should read the course catalog and consult with their advisor.

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Effective Fall 2014, under the Academic Passport, incoming students with an Associate of Art (A.A.), Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.), or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree from a community college in Pennsylvania or Lackawanna College will automatically have satisfied the first 45 credits of general education requirements at WCU. This includes:

ACADEMIC FOUNDATIONS
15 Credits

English Composition
Mathematics
Public Speaking
Interdisciplinary

DISTRIBUTIVE REQUIREMENTS

21 Credits

Science
Behavioral and Social Science
Humanities
The Arts

OTHER

9 Credits

Student Electives

REQUIREMENTS NOT INCLUDED

Diversity
Writing Emphasis
Any prerequisites or
related major requirements
including courses that may
be general education

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NOTES:

This policy is not retroactive and only applies to students admitted to WCU in Fall 2014 or later and excludes the Associate of Applied Science degree.

MORE INFO:

For questions about admission to WCU, please contact Undergraduate Admissions.

www.wcupa.edu/admissions

Faculty and Staff: For questions about the academic passport, please contact registrar@wcupa.edu.

WEBSITE:

www.wcupa.edu/registrar/academicPassport.aspx



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