

TRANSFER POINTERS . . . plan your transfer to



Admission

Visit the [Western Illinois University Transfer Admissions website](http://wiu.edu/admissions/transfer) (wiu.edu/admissions/transfer) for admission criteria and application process.

Acceptance of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees

Students completing the Associate in Arts (AA) or the Associate in Science (AS) degree from any regionally accredited college will satisfy Western's general education requirements and be guaranteed admission to the University, but not guaranteed admission to a specific major.

Students transferring without completing an AA or AS, or the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) General Education Core Curriculum will have their transcripts evaluated course by course. See an advisor to select individual courses to meet Western's general education requirements.

Western's multicultural perspectives requirement

Candidates for a baccalaureate degree at Western are required to complete the multicultural perspectives requirement established for their major program of study. Students will successfully complete at least one of the three options listed below as determined by their academic department. Students should refer to the specific multicultural perspectives requirement for their degree program in the Academic Departments, Programs, and Courses section of the Western catalog.

Verify with the Western degree program, but in general select from one of these three options:

1. Demonstrate foreign language proficiency
2. Successfully complete a Western Study Abroad program of sufficient length and breadth
3. Earn credit for a course that is designated as Multicultural. Black Hawk College courses include ANTH 100, ANTH 102, ART 285, ART 286, ENG 217, ENG 218, ENG 219, HIST 141, HIST 142, HIST 151, HIST 222 which is recommended or MUSC 158. *Do not take HIST 115, HIST 116, HUM 102 or IS 200 to meet the Western Illinois University multicultural perspectives requirement.*

Acceptance of Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses

Transfer credits may be accepted from another college or university of recognized standing, which is generally a regionally accredited school. Students should consult Western's program level resources and work with advisors to understand how CTE courses may be applied to meet their major's requirements.

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI)

Western fully participates in IAI. The IAI General Education Core Curriculum may be completed after transferring if 30 or more hours of transfer credit have been earned.

Credits and Residency

Minimum Credit Hours to Apply as a Transfer Student

24 transferable and graded college credit semester hours.

Maximum transfer credits accepted from community colleges

No limit; however, Western will evaluate credits for the purpose of meeting major requirements and residency requirements. Involve Black Hawk and Western advisors in your academic planning.

Credits from four-year institutions

60 semester hours must be completed at Western or another accredited four-year institution.

Upper division credits

Upper division courses are numbered 300 or above. A minimum of 42 semester hours must be earned in upper-division courses from Western or another regionally accredited four-year institution.

Residency

A minimum of 30 semester hours must be earned while in residence at Western. At least 15 of the 30 hours must be taken in the year prior to graduation.

Grades

Grades of 'D' transfer except for ENG 101 and ENG 102 which must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Some majors require specific courses to have a grade of 'C' or better. *Education majors must have a grade of 'C' or better in all major and general education courses.*

Second Language

For admission

None required.

For graduation

Bachelor degrees require a multicultural perspectives requirement established for their major program of study. One option is to demonstrate foreign language proficiency. Students should refer to the

specific multicultural perspectives requirement for their degree program in the Academic Department, Program and Course section of the Western Catalog. Western may consider transfer coursework for this requirement on a case-by-case basis so students should contact their Western academic adviser to select a Black Hawk course appropriate for their program of study.

Additional Pointers

Tuition

Residents of any state pay the Illinois in-state tuition rate. Western also offers a program to lock in tuition. Contact Western for details.

Catalog Selection

Transfer students accepted for admission to Western may elect to meet the requirements of the catalog in effect when they first enrolled at Black Hawk College or another college or university, provided the Western catalog selected does not predate the catalog in effect upon their first enrollment at Western by more than three years. The catalog choice must be made within nine weeks of transfer.

Good to know

Black Hawk prepares this Transfer Pointers document as a service to students. The information is subject to change by the transfer school. Students should work with their Black Hawk advisor and the transfer school to stay informed. Students are responsible for confirming transfer school requirements and policies.

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