

## Transfer Credit Limits for Public Baccalaureate Institutions in Washington

Public Baccalaureate Institution	Lower Division Credit Limit for Transfer	Total Credit Limit for Transfer	Graduation Requirements - Common
	(See Note 1. below – quarter credits unless indicated)		
Central Washington University	105	135	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A minimum of 180 quarter hour or 120 semester hour credits</li> <li>2. A minimum of 60 quarter hour or 40 semester hour credits of upper-division study (except TESC)</li> <li>3. Complete an approved academic major (except TESC)</li> <li>4. Complete at least 45 quarter hour or 30 semester hour credits in residence (UW - final 45 credits; WSU - senior year; TESC - 45 of final 90; and WWU - final quarter)</li> <li>5. Fulfill general education and proficiency requirements (institution specific)</li> </ol> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Transfer students with a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) Degree from a Washington or other approved community college are exempt from lower-division general education requirements</li> <li>b. Students must meet minimum grade point average requirements for their major and institution. Standards vary among departments; a cumulative institutional GPA of at least 2.0 is required for all work done in residence (except TESC).</li> </ol>
Eastern Washington University	90 except up to the maximum specified for Major Related Program (MRP) associate degrees	135	
The Evergreen State College (TESC)	90	135	
Western Washington University	105	135	
Washington State University (including WSU Vancouver, WSU Tri-Cities)	73 semester credits (110 quarter credits)	90 semester credits (135 quarter credits)	
University of Washington Seattle	90 except that courses equal to 300 level at UW do not count against the 90 credit limit up to the UW credit value of the course. Students can petition near graduation if all extra classes apply to major.	135	
University of Washington Bothell	Same as UW Seattle	135	
University of Washington Tacoma	Varies by major as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 for BS Nursing</li> <li>• 95 for Computing &amp; Software Systems</li> <li>• 105 for Business, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, and Environmental Science</li> <li>• 113 for Social Work</li> </ul>	135	

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## Notes

1. All Washington community and technical colleges operate on the quarter system, as do all public baccalaureate institutions except Washington State University (WSU), which operates on the semester system. A typical course in the quarter system is offered for 5 credits with a full-load equal to 15 credits for the term, 45 credits for the year. Typical courses in the semester system may be either 3 credits or 5 credits, with a full-load for the semester equal to 15 credits and 30 credits for the year. For example, a yearlong sequence of courses (i.e. first year world language courses) is offered as three 5-quarter credit courses or two 5-semester credit courses.
2. Washington has two community and technical college associates degrees that focus on meeting the common lower division requirements and preparation for transfer to baccalaureate institutions: the Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) and the Associate of Science – Transfer (AS-T).
  - a. Once the student successfully completes a DTA pathway, courses required in that degree will transfer to every Washington public baccalaureate institution and to the many Washington independent institutions participating in the agreement. If admitted to the university, the university will consider the transfer student as having junior standing.
  - b. Transfer students pursuing the AS-T complete 45 quarter credits of general education courses at a community college in addition to courses specific to their field of study. Remaining general education courses are completed as juniors and seniors at the receiving institution. This degree has two tracks and focuses on the rigorous math and science courses needed to prepare students for (1) biology, chemistry, environment/resource sciences, earth science, geology majors; or (2) engineering, computer science, physics, and atmospheric science majors.
3. Major Related Programs (MRPs) are major-specific agreements based on the DTA or AS-T. They assure transfer students in certain majors carefully select their elective and general education courses to ensure they will be eligible to apply for the major in their junior year. Completion of an MRP does not guarantee admission to certain majors that are popular and have more qualified applicants than spots in the program.
4. Further information on Transfer policy in Washington is available on the Higher Education Coordinating Board website:  
<http://www.hecb.wa.gov/research/issues/transfer.asp> .