



Equivalency Guide

UW Tacoma Manual

The **UW Tacoma Equivalency Guide** provides information on how Common Course Numbering courses transfer to the University of Washington Tacoma.

This chart only includes courses from the [Common Course Numbering Database](#). Visit the University of Washington Equivalency Guide to see a full list of course equivalencies from Washington State Community and Technical Colleges.

[Click here to go to the UW Equivalency Guide](#)

General Education Requirements Key

More information about graduation requirements at UW Tacoma is available online at tacoma.uw.edu/registrar/graduation-requirements

A&H	Arts and Humanities	A&H courses focus on questions of meaning and value in human life, as well as the effective expression of human experience.
SSc	Social Sciences	SSc courses focus on the experimental study of human behavior both individually and socially.
NSc	Natural Sciences	NSc courses focus on the experimental study of the physical world.
C	English Composition	
W	Writing	
RSN	Reasoning	
DIV	Diversity	

The General Education requirements were renamed in Summer Quarter 2022. More information about the General Education requirements is available at tacoma.uw.edu/catalog/general-education

How to read the Equivalency Guide Tables

Column 1: Common Course Number

Lists specific details about the [common course number](#) from the community or technical college. Includes course prefix, course number, and the number of credits (in parentheses).

Column 2: Course Title

Lists the course title for the community college course.

Column 3: UW Equivalent

How the course will appear on your UW transcript and transfer credit report. Indicates the equivalent UW course prefix and number for the course listed in Column 1. UW Seattle curriculum is utilized in most instances.

Column 4: UW Tacoma Course Equivalent or Overlap

The UW Tacoma course prefix and number for the course when a UW Tacoma course exists. Courses without a specific course equivalent have a note to indicate whether the course satisfies a UW Tacoma requirement.

- **Equivalent:** Courses are similar enough in content to be considered equivalent. Equivalent means that one course can substitute for the other and that credit may only be given for one of the courses should a student complete both.
- **Overlapping:** Courses are not equivalent, but the content is similar enough so that students should receive credit for only one of the two courses.

Credits can only be received once for UW and UW Tacoma courses that are equivalent or overlapping.

Column 5: UW Requirement

Indicates how courses satisfy UW general education requirements. If the column is blank, the course does not satisfy any requirements.

Key Symbol

(LC)	Limited credit within specified disciplines. For details, click the (LC) link within individual equivalency entries.
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Transfer Credit

Courses with a Specific UW Equivalent

The UW department prefix and course number will appear on the UW transcript.

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
CHEM& 121 (5)	Intro to Chemistry	CHEM 120 (5)	5 transfer credits received. No direct equivalent.	NSc [R]

Courses without a Specific UW Equivalent

A 1XX or 2XX instead of a course number indicates that the course transfers but is not equivalent to a specific course at the UW. 1XX indicates community/technical college courses offered at the 100 level; 2XX indicates courses offered at the 200 level, etc. These may present in two ways:

Example 1: If there is not a direct equivalent, but the content corresponds to an existing UW department, the department prefix will be used.

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
MATH& 153 (5)	Calculus III	MATH 1XX	5 transfer credits received. No direct equivalent.	NSc

Example 2: If the transfer course does not correspond to an existing UW department, the prefix "UW" will be used.

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
HUM& 101 (5)	Intro to Humanities	UW 1XX	5 transfer credits received. No direct equivalent.	A&H, SSc

Courses without a Specific UW Tacoma Equivalent that satisfy a UW Tacoma requirement

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
BIOL& 100 (5)	Survey of Biology	BIOL 100 (5)	Approved human biology course for Social Welfare admission requirement. 5 transfer credits received.	NSc

Courses with a Specific UW Tacoma Equivalent or Overlap

Credits can only be received once for UW and UW Tacoma courses that are equivalent or overlapping.

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
BUS& 201 (5)	Business Law	MGMT 200 (5)	TBGEN 218 (5)	SSc
CHEM& 263	Organic Chem w/ lab III	CHEM 239 (4), 2XX (2)	T CHEM 271 (6)	NSc
MATH& 132 (5)	Math for Elem Educ 2	EDUC 171 (5)	TMATH 171, 172, or 173 <i>(max 5 credits allowed between courses)</i>	NSc

Credit-Level Differences Between UW Tacoma and Community/Technical College Courses:

When a community/technical college course is offered for more credit than its corresponding UW equivalent, the excess credit is designated as departmental 1XX or 2XX credit, or UW 1XX or 2XX as appropriate. The UW never awards more credit than that earned at the original institution. When a community/technical college course is offered for fewer credits than its corresponding UW equivalent, the community/technical college course will transfer with the specified number of credits listed in brackets, and may fulfill graduation requirements as appropriate.

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
GEOL& 101 (6)	Intro to Physical Geology	ESS 101 (5), 1XX (1)	T GEOS 117 (6)	NSc
ENGR& 214 (5)	Statics	A A 210 (4), 2XX (1)	TME 221 (4) [5 credits allowed]	
PHYS& 221 (5)	Engr Phys I w/lab	PHYS 121 (5)	TPHYS 121 (6) [5 credits allowed]	NSc [R]

Courses Taken as Part of a Sequence

Common Course Number	Course Title	UW Equivalent <i>(how course will appear on UW transcript)</i>	UW Tacoma Course <i>Equivalent/Overlap</i>	UW Requirement
BIOL& 211, 212, 213 (5, 5, 5)	Majors Ecology/Evolution, Molecular, Phys	BIOL 180, 200, 220 (5, 5, 5) if all three courses taken; otherwise 2XX	TBIOL 120, 130, 140 (5, 5, 5) if all three courses taken	NSc