

**Western Technical College and Ripon College**  
**Pathway from Transfer Associate of Science Degree**  
**to Bachelor of Biology Degree**

Western Technical College students who intend to transfer to Ripon College in order to complete a baccalaureate degree in Biology will complete the Associate of Science (AS) degree program at Western Technical College. Within the AS degree program, students who intend to study Biology at Ripon College, should complete the following courses at Western Technical College:

| Western Technical College |                        |   | Crosswalk Courses at Ripon College |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| 20806234                  | General Biology        | ⇒ | BIO 123 Molecules, Cells, & Genes  |
| 20804240                  | Basic Statistics       | ⇒ | MTH 120 Elementary Statistics      |
| 20806207                  | Anatomy & Physiology 1 | ⇒ | BIO 211 Anatomy & Physiology 1     |
| 20806208                  | Anatomy & Physiology 2 | ⇒ | BIO 312 Anatomy & Physiology 2     |
| 10806197                  | Microbiology           | ⇒ | BIO 314 Microbiology               |
| 20806209                  | College Chemistry 1    | ⇒ | CHM 112 Structure & Reactivity     |

With completion of the AS degree, 60 (or more) credits will be transferred to Ripon College. All credits earned as part of the AS degree will be transferred and credits outside that curriculum will be evaluated individually.

The approved pathway for completion of the four-year degree in Biology at Ripon College within four semesters, after transferring the AS degree from Western Technical College, is:

**Semester I:**

|                 |                                   |      |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| CTL 300         | Collaborative Capstone            | 4cr. |
| CHM 111         | Organic Chemistry I               | 5cr. |
| BIO 122         | Ecology, Evolution, and Diversity | 4cr. |
| BIO 220         | Department Seminar                | 1cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                                   | 4cr. |

**Semester II:**

|                 |                                    |      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------|
| BIO 200         | Scientific Writing & Communication | 4cr. |
| BIO 206*        | Biology of Birds                   | 4cr. |
| BIO 266**       | Cell & Molecular Biology           | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                                    | 4cr. |

**Semester III**

|                 |                            |      |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------|
| BIO 501         | Department Seminar         | 2cr. |
| BIO 3XX         | 300-level biology elective | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                            | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                            | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                            | 4cr. |

**Semester IV**

|                 |                            |      |
|-----------------|----------------------------|------|
| BIO 502         | Department Seminar         | 2cr. |
| BIO 3XX         | 300-level biology elective | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                            | 4cr. |
| <i>Elective</i> |                            | 4cr. |

\* This is one course that fulfills the Ecology and Evolution Requirement. Others include: 210: Topics in Biology: Animal Diversity, 227: Biology of Plants, 247: General Ecology, 259: Evolution, 336: Green Wisconsin, and 339: Behavioral Ecology

\*\* This is one course that fulfills the Cell and Molecular Biology Requirement. Others include: 219: Genetics, 314: Microbiology, and 329 Developmental Biology

Other pathways may be possible. Students who wish to explore alternative pathways for a baccalaureate degree in Biology at Ripon College, should work with their academic advisor(s) at Western Technical College and Ripon College to ensure the possibility of completing the degree in four semesters at Ripon College.

**Memorandum of Understanding between  
Western Technical College and Ripon College  
University Transfer - Associate of Arts Degree &  
University Transfer - Associate of Science Degree**

Western Technical College and Ripon College will collaborate on the transfer of Western Technical College's University Transfer Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees. This memorandum of understanding (MOU) describes the intent and commitment of both parties in collaboration.

**Overall Objective:**

The AA and AS degrees are designed to prepare students for entry to baccalaureate programs with a junior status at Ripon College. This MOU outlines the framework and requirements for transfer to, and subsequent completion of coursework, at, Ripon College.

**Block Articulation of Courses and Catalyst Curriculum:**

Upon completion of the AA or AS degree at Western Technical College, Ripon College will transfer a minimum of 60 credits to Ripon College. All credits earned as part of the AA or AS degree will be transferred and credits outside that curriculum will be evaluated individually. The Catalyst Curriculum is Ripon College's liberal learning program. With completion of the AA or AS degree, students who transfer to Ripon College from Western Technical College will have met the requirements of the Catalyst Curriculum courses, except Catalyst 300 – the junior-level Collaborative Capstone. With successful completion of Catalyst 300 at Ripon College, and having satisfied minimum GPA standards, students will have satisfied all requirements of Ripon College's Catalyst Curriculum applicable toward a four-year program.

**Dedicated Pathways for Specific Majors:**

Western Technical College and Ripon College will collaborate on establishing dedicated pathways that allow students to complete specific baccalaureate degrees, with four semesters of coursework at Ripon College. A pathway has been established for transfer students who intend to complete a major in Biology. Western Technical College and Ripon College intend to establish dedicated pathways for other baccalaureate degrees as collaboration between the two institutions evolves.

**Individual Articulation of Courses:**

For programs without dedicated pathways, individual course articulation will guide the application of transfer coursework in meeting specific program requirements. Students should work with academic advisors from both institutions to determine best course options for transfer based on intended program(s) of study.

**Partner Roles and Responsibilities:**

**Western Technical College will:**


- Accept credit for prior learning (CPL) based on Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) and Western Technical College standards.
- Assign an administrator to provide oversight and supervision of the AA and AS degree programs.
- Hire and supervise instructors for courses offered as part of the associate degree program.
- Award financial aid to eligible students within the associate degree program.
- Award the AA or AS degree upon successful completion by the student.
- Work collaboratively with Ripon College to provide student support in the areas of advising and transfer of credits and credentials.
- Representatives from Western Technical College and Ripon College agree to meet annually to discuss this MOU and review any matters that might require adjustment to this agreement.

**Ripon College will:**

- Recognize completion of the AA or AS degree at Western Technical College as meeting Catalyst Curriculum requirements outlined in this MOU.
- Review individual courses, upon request by students, and maintain individual course articulation records in support of transfer by students.
- Work collaboratively with Western Technical College to provide student support in the areas of advising and transfer of credits and credentials.
- Representatives from Ripon College and Western Technical College agree to meet annually to discuss this MOU and review any matters that might require adjustment to this agreement.

**Expiration:**


This MOU will apply only to students who enroll in courses at Ripon College before August 15, 2030, unless prior to that date Ripon College and Western Technical College agree to renew the agreement with a new expiration date or agree to create a new MOU that supersedes this agreement.

  
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Dr. John E. Sisko, VP of Academic Affairs  
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