

# UNIVERSITY, TECHNICAL COLLEGE/ APPRENTICESHIP, AND MILITARY ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

## University of Wisconsin System: Preparing for College

UW-Colleges (13 WI freshman/sophomore campuses) offer smaller classes and the personal attention of a private college at a public university cost. You can transfer to complete a bachelor's degree at a UW system four-year campus or other university or stay and complete a bachelor's degree if offered in partnership with certain four-years UW schools. Minimum entrance requirements are listed below.

UW Four-year universities (13 in WI): Competition for admission continues to increase. A rigorous academic program through the senior year is advised. Minimum entrance requirements are listed below. Many schools have additional requirements.

**Application Process:** The UW system begins accepting applications on September 15<sup>th</sup> of the year before you plan to attend. Application priority dates, deadlines, and enrollment limits vary from campus to campus so it is to your advantage to apply early. Online application is encouraged and is available at [apply.wisconsin.edu](http://apply.wisconsin.edu) Applications and catalogs are available in the Counselor's office.

**Entrance Requirements:** Entrance requirements will vary somewhat between schools. The minimum entrance requirements at all UW institutions are listed below. A holistic approach is being taken when making admission decisions along with ACT/SAT test scores, rigor of high school coursework, class rank/GPA, and involvement in co-curriculars, demonstration of leadership, etc.

**Entrance Exams:** Colleges and universities require a prospective student take the ACT or the SAT. The ACT is the preferred test for the UW system. It is recommended to take the test during the spring of your junior year. Online application is recommended. Applications and other information is available in the Counselor's office. The tests are taken at local designated test centers.

## MINIMUM UW-ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All 26 UW system institutions require a **minimum** of **17** college preparatory credits from the following categories of courses taken in high school

**13 Core College Preparatory Course Requirements** (Bowler High School courses that have a high probability of meeting university entrance requirements)

### English – 4 credits

#### **Bowler High School Courses**

- English I (9th) —1 credit\*
- English II (10th) —1 credit\*
- English III (11<sup>th</sup>) —1 credit\*
- English IV (12<sup>th</sup>) —1 credit\*

### Mathematics – 3 credits

#### **Bowler High School Courses**

- Algebra I—1 credit
  - Geometry—1 credit
  - Algebra II—1 credit
- \* Bowler requires 2 credits of any mathematics for graduation

### Social Sciences - 3 credits

#### **Bowler High School Courses**

- World History (9<sup>th</sup>) —1 credit\*
- Civics (10<sup>th</sup>) —.5 credit\*
- US History I (10<sup>th</sup>) —.5 credit\*
- US History II and III (11<sup>th</sup>) —1 credit\*
- Social Problems (12<sup>th</sup>) —1 credit\*

### Natural Science – 3 credits (with lab components)

#### **Bowler High School Courses**

- General Science—1 credit\*
- Biology I—1 credit\*
- Chemistry—1 credit
- Physics—1 credit
- Biology II—1 credit

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics are recommended.

### Foreign Language-

UW- Eau Claire and UW- Madison require 2 credits of a single (same) foreign language (requirements change annually). At a select few universities, 2 credits of a single foreign language in high school fulfills college graduation requirements.

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**4 Academic Elective Credits**—Electives may be chosen from English, mathematics, natural science, foreign language, fine arts, computer science, and other academic areas.

**English** (Do not count as an elective if counted as part of the 13 core requirements.)

**Bowler High School Courses**

- Honors English—1 credit
- College Prep Writing—1 credit

**Mathematics** (Do not count as an elective if counted as part of the 13 core requirements.)

**Bowler High School Courses**

- Pre-Calculus—1 credit
- Calculus/AP Calculus—1 credit
- Probability and Statistics—1 credit

**Social Sciences**

**Bowler High School Courses**

- Psychology (Erving course) —.5 credit\*
- Sociology (Erving course) —.5 credit\*
- Human Behavior (Erving course) —.5 credit\*
- Native American Issues (Erving course) —.5 credit\*
- Social Problems\*—1 credit

**Natural Science** (Do not count as an elective if counted as part of the 13 core requirements.)

**Bowler High School Courses**

- Biology II—1 credit
- Ecology—1 credit

**Foreign Language**

**Bowler High School Courses**

- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Foreign Language courses over Erving (ex: Spanish)

**TOTAL = 17 Credits**

\*Courses required for graduation from Bowler

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND OUT-OF-STATE SCHOOLS

Although the UW entrance requirements previously listed are minimum requirements for most four-year colleges, entrance requirements vary from one school to another. For more specific information, contact the school of interest and your School Counselor for up-to-date admission requirements.

## WISCONSIN TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Wisconsin's 16 Technical Colleges provide education and training for over 300 program choices for the technical workforce. They offer a small class size, instructor involvement, lower cost, and flexible delivery of education. Students can transfer certain courses to four-year colleges. Apply online at [www.witechcolleges.org](http://www.witechcolleges.org) or applications are available in the Counselor's office.

**Programs:** WI Technical Colleges offer associate degree programs (two year programs) in a variety of fields. Students take general education courses combined while learning technical skills in the chosen field. One and two year diploma programs are also offered, which prepare students for work in skilled and semiskilled jobs. The focus is on "hands-on" learning. Certificate programs are short-term programs (120 hours to one calendar year) that allow students to enhance their job skills. Apprenticeship programs are a combination of paid, on-the-job experience along with classroom instruction, in the fields of construction, industrial and service. More and more students are also able to transfer certain coursework into UW institutions.

**Admissions:** Many programs have admission requirements. Admission testing may be required. For information pertaining to certain programs, consult with your School Counselor, WI Technical College System Guide Book, or the Technical College of interest. Health programs often require successful completion of certain high school coursework and completion of Pathways to Health Careers Workshop. High school students may apply for admission towards the end of their Junior year. Applications are on a first come, first serve basis, according to the date the student meets the admission requirements.

## MILITARY

The military offers a wide range of career opportunities and provides three kinds of training: recruit training, job training, and continuing education. Consult with your local recruiter for more information or with your School Counselor. The ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) test is an entrance test used for the military. Students may take this test during the fall of their Junior or Senior year at Bowler School, or make special arrangements with a recruiter. There is no fee for this test.

# POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING TIMELINE

## Freshman and Sophomores

- See your School Counselor to discuss course selection in regard to your post-secondary goals
- Create a four-year plan by selecting courses to prepare you for your career and post-secondary plans. Plan to take rigorous courses.
- Practice good study habits
- Start collecting documents such as awards, recognitions, lists of involvement in extracurricular activities and the dates, and standardized test results throughout your high school years for your portfolio and for use when filling out scholarship applications.
- Start saving for college, etc.
- Attend the WI Education Fair each fall at UW Marathon County
- Explore careers by completing Career Assessment, volunteering, job shadowing
- Sophomores, take ACT PLAN to prepare for the ACT

## Juniors

- Review four-year plan and make sure you are on track to graduate and taking the courses advised for admission to the school of your choice.
- Maintain involvement in co-curricular activities.
- Attend the WI Education Fair each fall at UW Marathon County and schedule campus visits
- Take the PSAT and the ASVAB in October and the ACT in the Spring.
- Research schools based on degrees offered, location, and size
- Listen to daily announcements, check the bulletin board and Chalkdust for information on college visits and visits by college representatives
- Consider taking college credit through Advanced Placement or post-secondary enrollment options (Youth Options)
- Create a resume
- Explore possible scholarships and financial aid you may be eligible for
- Apply for some Technical College programs in June of Junior year
- Consider getting involved in a Youth Apprenticeship program
- Get a job in field of interest and start saving money

## Seniors

### Fall

- Meet with your School Counselor to make sure you have the required credits to graduate and to meet your post-secondary entrance requirements. Chose rigorous courses.
- Maintain involvement in co-curricular activities/employment.
- Register a.s.a.p to take the ACT if you have not already
- Ask teachers, counselor, etc. to write letters of recommendation. DO NOT wait until the last minute
- Attend the WI Education Fair each fall at UW Marathon County and schedule campus visits (if you did not as a Junior)

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- Apply as soon after September 15<sup>th</sup> to most UW System colleges. Admission capacity and housing fill fast. Pay close attention to DEADLINES.
- Reference your portfolio and resume when completing scholarship and college applications
- Listen to daily announcements, check the bulletin board and Chalkdust for information on college visits and visits by college representatives
- Plan to attend a financial aid presentation with your parents

## **Winter**

- Maintain grades. Grades in your Senior year can affect your admittance
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after January 1<sup>st</sup> and later review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy
- Continue to check scholarship availability
- Chose the college/tech you plan to attend and send the required deposit and any other forms (housing, meal plan). Notify in writing the schools to which you applied but will not be attending.

## **Spring**

- Apply for local scholarships, posted in Chalkdust. See your School Counselor for information
- From late May into July, financial aid award letters will be mailed to students. Be sure to respond by the deadline.

## **Summer**

- Save money from summer jobs.
- Attend any orientation, registration, and placement sessions at your post-secondary institution.