



University of Wisconsin
Whitewater

Office of Institutional Research,
Assessment, and Planning

Time and Credits to Degree
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Bachelor Degree Recipients Entering as First-time, Full-time

Introduction

The Time and Credits to degree reports analyze the undergraduate activity of students who entered the institution as a new freshman and received their first bachelor's degree at UW-Whitewater. All analysis is based on data submitted as part of the UW System Central Data Request (CDR). Credit activity in the CDR is limited to academic credits awarded through courses offered by UW departments. Credits earned through placement (such as AP), credits for prior learning, or transfer credits are not included in the CDR.

In this report, we cover time and credits to degree is broken down by college, single/double degree¹, number of major changes, and three-year average by college and degree type. We also cover time to degree by college and major, and credits to degree by college and major.

The Universities of Wisconsin publishes undergraduate time and credits to degree data at the campus level on the UWSA Accountability Dashboard; however, details at the major level are not available.

What is time to degree?

Time to degree is the amount of time that elapses between the beginning of a student's first term enrolled at UW-Whitewater as a first-time, full-time undergraduate and the end of the term when that student earns a UW-Whitewater bachelor's degree, expressed in both average number of enrolled terms and years. To arrive at an average time to degree for a given major, we combine the time to degree for all students who earned a degree with that particular major (regardless of any other majors they may have earned, or any other majors they may have been enrolled in at some point during their undergraduate studies), and report the average².

What influences time to degree?

Time to degree depends on the characteristics of students entering UW-Whitewater as well as their academic careers once they declare a major. Contributing factors include:

- **When do students enter a major?** Do students in a given major typically begin their college careers already planning and preparing for that major, or do they tend to declare that major later in their careers when they may need to catch up on requirements?

¹ Double degree refers to students who received two bachelor's degrees at the same institution in the same term.

² For example, if a student earned a B.A. with majors in psychology and sociology, that student's full time to degree will count in both psychology and sociology. We do not currently separate students who graduated with one major versus those who graduated with more than one major.

- **How many transfer, placement, and test credits do students bring to a major?** Although we only report on the credits attempted at UW-Whitewater, students do bring in credits from outside of UW-Whitewater through placement exams (such as AP) and transfer credits from other institutions, which can impact how many credits are attempted at UW-Whitewater.
- **How many students in a major also have a second (or third) major?** We may see that students with multiple majors have longer Time and Credits to Degree because of added requirements.
- Other factors at the student level:
 - Are students enrolled **part-time or full-time**? We report Time and Credits to Degree only for students who start as full-time students, but they may not be enrolled full-time every term.
 - Did students need to **retake required courses**?
- Other factors the department may be able to influence:
 - **Course offerings:** Does demand for required courses exceed the supply of seats? Are required courses available during summer term?
 - **Degree planning:** Are students meeting with their advisers early in their careers and making plans to meet all degree requirements within four years?

Calculating Average Number of Enrolled Terms

Average number of terms enrolled is calculated based on the number of fall and spring terms enrolled at UW-Whitewater only by students starting as new freshmen at the institution.

This calculation demonstrates the actual number of terms a student was enrolled.

To establish perspective, note the following examples:

- 1) A student who was enrolled for all Fall and Spring terms for 4 years:
 - Fall 2019 = 1 term, Spring 2020 = 1 term
 - Fall 2020 = 1 term, Spring 2021 = 1 term
 - Fall 2021 = 1 term, Spring 2022 = 1 term
 - Fall 2022 = 1 term, Spring 2023 = 1 term
 - Enrolled Terms to Degree = 8 terms

Calculating Average Enrolled Years to Degree

Average enrolled years to degree is calculated based on the number of fall and spring terms, which is summed and then divided by 2. This calculation can be used by prospective students to determine how long it typically takes to complete a degree in a major (if full-time status is maintained). The figure demonstrates how many academic years a student was enrolled by counting fall and spring terms as half of a year (enrollment during the summer is not included in this calculation).

- For example, a student who was enrolled for all Fall and Spring terms for 4 years would have been enrolled for 4.0 years.
- Additionally, a student who was enrolled for all Fall, Spring, and Summer terms for 4 years also would have been enrolled for 4.0 years.

Calculating Average Credits to Degree Attempted

Credits to Degree Attempted represents the number of credits attempted by a student during the course of their academic career in pursuit of a specific degree. Credit activity is limited to academic credits awarded through courses offered by UW departments. Credits earned through placement (such as AP), credits for prior learning, or transfer credits are not presented in the reports.

Definitions

- **Number of Degrees Earned:** The number of degrees listed in that degree, college, and/or major, but should not be used for calculating total number of degrees conferred. Please see Degrees Awarded on the IRAP Website.
- **Average GPA:** The cumulative GPA of degree recipients from the time of their degree conferral (data source: CDR data/UW System)
- **Avg Credits to Degree at UWW:** Credit activity limited to academic credits awarded through courses offered by UWW departments (data source: CDR data/UW System). This figure represents the credits attempted at UWW by the student, and may be less than the total required credits of the major.
- **Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended:** The average number of fall and spring terms in which students were enrolled at UW-Whitewater. This calculation only includes students who started at UW-Whitewater as new freshmen.
- **Avg. Enrolled Years to Graduation:** Calculated based on the number of fall and spring terms, which is summed then divided by 2. The value represents the number of academic years a student is enrolled in by counting fall and spring terms as half of a year and summer is not factored in.

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by Single and Double Degree Recipients

Year	Single Degree Recipient					Double Degree Recipient				
	No. of Degrees	Avg. GPA	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Years Enrolled	No. of Degrees	Avg. GPA	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Years Enrolled
2014-15	1,327	3.21	136.2	8.9	4.5	16	3.41	145.7	9.2	4.6
2015-16	1,342	3.19	134.5	8.8	4.4	12	3.23	150.0	9.1	4.5
2016-17	1,409	3.20	133.1	8.7	4.4	9	3.57	151.7	9.0	4.5
2017-18	1,440	3.20	133.1	8.7	4.4	11	3.58	138.3	8.5	4.3
2018-19	1,542	3.23	131.8	8.7	4.3	8	3.48	151.9	10.2	5.1
2019-20	1,508	3.25	131.8	8.7	4.3	12	3.43	152.2	8.8	4.4
2020-21	1,449	3.30	131.3	8.6	4.3	9	3.83	136.7	8.8	4.4
2021-22	1,389	3.33	131.4	8.6	4.3					
2022-23	1,285	3.32	131.8	8.7	4.3					
2023-24	1,223	3.37	130.0	8.5	4.2	10	3.72	139.3	8.7	4.3

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by College

Year	College	No. of Degrees	Avg. GPA	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Years Enrolled
2019-20	Arts and Communication	193	3.12	134.4	8.9	4.4
	Business and Economics	663	3.30	128.4	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	195	3.47	143.0	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	471	3.15	131.7	8.7	4.4
	Total	1,520	3.25	132.0	8.7	4.3
2020-21	Arts and Communication	186	3.14	133.4	8.9	4.4
	Business and Economics	571	3.35	128.0	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	212	3.46	139.1	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	492	3.24	131.0	8.7	4.3
	Total	1,458	3.30	131.3	8.6	4.3
2021-22	Arts and Communication	161	3.23	137.0	9.0	4.5
	Business and Economics	609	3.32	127.4	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	231	3.48	140.6	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	390	3.29	130.1	8.7	4.3

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Year	College	No. of Degrees	Avg. GPA	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Years Enrolled
2021-22	Total	1,391	3.33	131.4	8.6	4.3
2022-23	Arts and Communication	144	3.20	136.9	9.0	4.5
	Business and Economics	564	3.31	127.6	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	214	3.50	140.8	9.1	4.6
	Integrated Studies	1	2.88	135.5	8.0	4.0
	Letters and Sciences	365	3.28	131.1	8.7	4.3
	Total	1,288	3.32	131.8	8.7	4.3
2023-24	Arts and Communication	131	3.18	134.3	8.8	4.4
	Business and Economics	518	3.38	125.2	8.1	4.1
	Education and Professional Studies	205	3.59	137.6	8.8	4.4
	Integrated Studies	1	3.51	207.0	17.0	8.5
	Letters and Sciences	380	3.30	131.0	8.6	4.3
	Total	1,233	3.37	130.0	8.5	4.2

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by Number of Major Changes

	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24	
	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms
0 or 1 Major Changes	130.5	8.5	130.1	8.5	129.8	8.5	130.4	8.5	128.6	8.4
2 or 3 Major Changes	136.5	9.1	135.0	9.0	136.4	9.1	137.4	9.2	136.7	9.0
4 or more Major Changes	151.4	10.4	139.7	10.3	168.5	11.4	149.8	10.8	151.1	10.4
Average	132.0	8.7	131.3	8.6	131.4	8.6	131.8	8.7	130.0	8.5

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College	Degree	Avg. GPA	Avg. No. of Credits	Avg. No. Fall & Spring Terms	Avg. No. of Years Enrolled
Arts and Communication	Bachelor of Arts	3.12	133.9	8.9	4.5
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	3.42	143.1	9.5	4.7
	Bachelor of Music	3.53	151.8	9.4	4.7
	Bachelor of Science	3.26	130.1	8.7	4.3
	Average by College	3.21	136.1	9.0	4.5
Business and Economics	Bachelor of Arts	2.13	215.0	15.0	7.5
	Bachelor of Business Administration	3.35	125.8	8.3	4.1
	Bachelor of Science	2.99	144.4	9.4	4.7
	Average by College	3.33	126.8	8.3	4.2
Education and Professional Studies	Bachelor of Arts	2.50	79.0	6.5	3.3
	Bachelor of Science	3.53	126.2	8.1	4.0
	Bachelor of Science-Education	3.53	142.5	9.2	4.6
	Average by College	3.52	139.7	9.0	4.5
Integrated Studies	Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences	3.20	171.3	12.5	6.3

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Integrated Studies	Average by College	3.20	171.3	12.5	6.3
Letters and Sciences	Bachelor of Arts	3.22	131.8	8.8	4.4
	Bachelor of Science	3.29	128.8	8.5	4.2
	Bachelor of Science-Education	3.52	142.9	9.5	4.7
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by Average Credits to Degree

College	Major Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Arts and Communication	Art	127.2	124.8	132.5	143.9	131.1
	Communication	132.6	133.2	133.4	138.2	135.8
	Journalism	131.2	132.5	130.3	131.5	132.2
	Media Arts and Game Development	127.9	129.7	129.6	125.3	122.6
	Music	157.1	152.4	159.4	151.3	140.8
	Theatre	144.3	132.5	142.8	126.0	138.5
	College Average	134.4	133.4	137.0	136.9	134.3
Business and Economics	Accounting	130.8	130.3	129.4	136.1	131.6
	Business Analytics		123.0	128.1	126.1	124.0
	Economics	129.5	131.4	132.9	140.9	124.7
	Entrepreneurship	127.7	118.0	119.5	137.0	
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation				124.1	120.8
	Finance	127.5	126.8	125.1	124.4	123.6
	General Business	126.0	127.5	123.9	132.4	128.7
	General Management	129.1	124.2	126.9	128.0	
	Human Resource Management	125.9	123.1	122.5	122.3	120.3
	Information Technology	132.3	133.9	126.7	126.6	125.8
	Integrated Science-Business	133.2	140.0	126.0	144.6	128.7
	International Business	121.6	122.6	133.4	115.3	127.8
	Management				124.8	123.1
	Marketing	125.7	124.9	127.6	125.9	122.3
	Occupational Safety	142.4	146.0	144.2	145.5	146.1
	Supply Chain and Operations Management	126.5	126.3	125.5		
	Supply Chain Management				122.3	124.2
	College Average	128.4	128.0	127.4	127.6	125.2

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College	Major Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Education and Professional Studies	Art Education	171.7		150.4	158.9	148.6
	Business Education	151.5	141.5	122.3	133.5	133.0
	Communication Sciences and Disorders	130.8	123.4	123.8	118.8	121.4
	Early Child Care and Education			64.3	100.5	
	Early Childhood Education	150.4	137.6	149.7	149.8	144.9
	Elementary Middle Education	143.0	140.3	138.9	142.6	140.9
	Human Performance			150.3	135.9	131.3
	Physical Education	142.3	145.0	143.6	150.6	142.1
	Special Education	142.7	136.5	147.7	133.8	132.3
	College Average	143.0	139.1	140.6	140.8	137.6
Integrated Studies	Applied Arts and Sciences				135.5	207.0
	College Average				135.5	207.0
Letters and Sciences	Biology	129.5	129.1	129.1	131.7	125.5
	Chemistry	133.4	129.6	124.3	123.9	148.0
	Computer Science	130.2	131.8	126.1	126.7	126.8
	Criminology	127.9	130.2	132.0	131.1	124.8
	Cybersecurity					115.5
	English	133.1	128.8	135.1	134.8	135.4
	Environmental Science	127.3	121.2	122.8	125.8	126.9
	Film Studies		129.0	128.6	137.9	129.0
	French	114.0			117.0	
	Geography	124.6	132.0	130.1	120.9	116.7
	German	116.5				
	History	146.7	139.4	137.1	140.0	149.1
	Individually Designed Major	154.0	166.5	211.0		

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College	Major Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Letters and Sciences	Integrated Science-Business	164.0	132.7	154.8	124.0	121.7
	International Studies	122.3	131.5	132.9	124.0	126.3
	Japanese Studies (Collaborative Program)	75.0	137.0	143.5	146.0	153.3
	Legal Studies			112.0	113.5	122.7
	Liberal Studies	140.7	141.4	148.8	146.5	148.4
	Mathematics	130.9	135.2	131.0	121.5	129.9
	Physics	138.5	133.7		141.0	113.0
	Political Science	133.0	118.3	120.8	123.7	142.2
	Professional Writing and Publishing				122.9	135.6
	Psychology	131.9	129.3	126.9	128.1	131.3
	Public Policy and Administration	129.6	131.7	139.4	128.4	126.0
	Social Studies	146.8	141.0	171.0	147.5	137.5
	Social Work	127.2	131.1	126.8	134.0	128.9
	Sociology	128.9	144.3	142.3	139.6	147.1
	Spanish	146.6	122.0	119.3	138.7	136.3
	Women's and Gender Studies	123.0	140.1	122.0	147.5	140.0
	College Average	131.7	131.0	130.1	131.1	131.0

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Arts and Communication	Art	8.6	8.6	9.2	10.1	9.1
	Communication	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.1	9.0
	Journalism	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.5	8.8
	Media Arts and Game Development	8.8	8.5	8.6	8.5	8.1
	Music	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.3	8.7
	Theatre	9.3	8.4	9.5	7.7	8.7
	College Average	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.0	8.8
Business and Economics	Accounting	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.8	8.3
	Business Analytics		8.0	8.1	8.1	7.9
	Economics	8.7	8.5	8.9	9.4	8.1
	Entrepreneurship	8.4	7.8	7.9	8.7	
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation				8.3	7.7
	Finance	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2	8.0
	General Business	9.0	8.8	8.1	9.3	8.4
	General Management	8.4	8.2	8.3	8.6	
	Human Resource Management	8.2	7.9	7.8	8.1	7.8
	Information Technology	8.8	8.7	8.3	8.3	8.3
	Integrated Science-Business	8.5	8.5	8.0	9.0	8.0
	International Business	7.9	8.0	8.9	7.8	9.3
	Management				8.2	8.1
	Marketing	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.3	8.0
	Occupational Safety	9.1	9.3	9.6	9.3	9.5
	Supply Chain and Operations Management	8.2	8.5	8.2		

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by Average Number of Enrolled Terms

College	Major Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Business and Economics	Supply Chain Management				8.1	8.4
	College Average	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.4	8.1
Education and Professional Studies	Art Education	11.3		9.0	10.4	9.1
	Business Education	10.0	9.0	8.0	8.5	8.8
	Communication Sciences and Disorders	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.4	8.0
	Early Child Care and Education			5.0	8.0	
	Early Childhood Education	9.0	8.5	9.1	9.2	9.0
	Elementary Middle Education	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.4	9.1
	Human Performance			9.0	8.7	8.2
	Physical Education	9.0	9.4	9.1	9.6	9.3
	Special Education	8.9	8.8	9.5	8.7	8.6
	College Average	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.1	8.8
Integrated Studies	Applied Arts and Sciences				8.0	17.0
	College Average				8.0	17.0
Letters and Sciences	Biology	8.4	8.5	8.4	8.4	8.1
	Chemistry	8.8	8.3	7.8	8.0	9.8
	Computer Science	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.4
	Criminology	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.4	8.0
	Cybersecurity					7.5
	English	8.8	8.6	9.3	10.2	9.0
	Environmental Science	8.4	7.9	8.4	8.2	8.2
	Film Studies		9.0	8.0	9.4	8.0
	French	8.0			9.0	

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by Average Number of Enrolled Terms

College	Major Name	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Letters and Sciences	Geography	8.3	8.4	8.5	7.5	8.0
	German	8.0				
	History	9.6	10.0	9.4	9.1	10.2
	Individually Designed Major	12.0	11.0	13.0		
	Integrated Science-Business	10.5	8.0	10.0	8.0	8.0
	International Studies	9.0	8.8	9.8	8.0	8.5
	Japanese Studies (Collaborative Program)	6.0	8.0	8.0	9.5	11.0
	Legal Studies			6.0	7.0	7.7
	Liberal Studies	10.2	10.5	11.2	10.7	11.2
	Mathematics	9.1	8.7	8.3	7.9	8.6
	Physics	9.5	8.0		10.8	9.0
	Political Science	8.7	7.8	7.6	8.0	8.9
	Professional Writing and Publishing				8.1	9.4
	Psychology	8.9	8.5	8.3	8.2	8.5
	Public Policy and Administration	8.8	8.0	9.0	7.8	8.1
	Social Studies	8.8	8.0	12.0	10.7	9.2
	Social Work	8.2	8.4	8.4	9.0	8.2
	Sociology	8.6	9.8	9.3	8.9	9.9
	Spanish	9.9	8.5	10.2	10.2	9.0
	Women's and Gender Studies	9.3	9.6	8.0	10.0	10.0
College Average		8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.6

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