

University of Wyoming University Studies Program 2003 Implementation- Transfer Student Policy

Revised requirements for the University Studies Program will become effective for all first time students initially entering UW and the Wyoming Community Colleges fall semester 2003 (USP 2003). Students matriculating at UW and the Wyoming Community Colleges prior to fall 2003, and that have maintained continuous enrollment, will have the option of completing either USP 1991 or USP 2003 requirements.

The UW –Wyoming CC General Education Articulation Agreement (http://uwyo.edu/unst/Artic_agree.pdf) currently applies to students transferring to UW with the Associate of Arts or Science (AA/AS) degree. Under the agreement students who transfer with less than an AA or AS degree will have their transcript evaluated for USP 2003 requirements on a course-by-course basis using the Wyoming Higher Education Transfer Guide. The Transfer Guide will require updating and maintenance for the new USP requirements as new courses are developed and existing courses modified. Steps for transition to USP 2003 follow:

1. Implementation of USP 2003 will not affect students who fulfill the requirements of the UW-Wyoming CC General Education Articulation Agreement. These students will have satisfied all UW lower division USP 2003 requirements. Individual UW college and department requirements must still be met.
2. Students transferring to UW prior to fall semester 2003 will complete existing USP 1991 requirements.
3. Students who transfer from a Wyoming CC with less than an AA or AS degree, and students transferring from out-of-state institutions, beginning fall semester 2003 will have their courses evaluated for satisfaction of appropriate USP (1991 or 2003) requirements on a course-by-course basis, based on all approved USP courses.
4. The UW Registrar will devise and disseminate a USP coding system that identifies courses approved for USP 1991 and/or USP 2003. This coding will be published in the UW General Bulletin, Transfer Guide, and UW class schedules beginning in fall 2003.

Rationale

The Wyoming Higher Education Transfer Guide will continue to be an integral element in statewide higher education articulation. UW and Wyoming Community College faculty will benefit from additional time for collaborative course and curriculum dialogue and articulation in the development of courses for USP 2003. Such time will provide faculty opportunity to craft an even stronger higher education academic community among our eight institutions. Renewed departmental articulation efforts are an important element in the strengthening of this higher education academic community.