



## 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 degree<sup>1</sup>, number of major changes, and three-year average by college, major 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 average<sup>2</sup>.

### 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?

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

<sup>2</sup> 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. Please visit our Time and Credits to Degree Dashboard for data on transfer, placement, and test credits (*access only for internal users*).
- **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

To see the average number of enrolled terms with summer term included, please see our Time and Credits to Degree Dashboard (*access only for internal users*).

### 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. Please visit our Time and Credits to Degree Dashboard for data on transfer, placement, and test credits (*access only for internal users*).

### **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 the Degree Awarded website at: <http://www.uww.edu/irp/university-data/degrees-awarded>
- 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 Recipients					Double Degree Recipients				
	Number of Degrees Earned	Average GPA	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended	Avg. Enrolled Years to Graduation	Number of Degrees Earned	Average GPA	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended	Avg. Enrolled Years to Graduation
2013-14	1,346	3.19	137.2	9.0	4.5	12	3.41	160.9	9.9	5.0
2014-15	1,327	3.21	136.1	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	1,540	3.23	131.9	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	2	3.67	155.5	9.0	4.5
2022-23	1,284	3.32	131.9	8.7	4.3	3	3.89	139.0	8.7	4.3

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### by College

Year	College	Number of Degrees Earned	Average GPA	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended	Avg. Enrolled Years to Graduation
2018-19	Arts and Communication	194	3.12	135.8	9.1	4.5
	Business and Economics	594	3.28	126.5	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	228	3.39	141.0	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	524	3.16	132.5	8.8	4.4
	Total	<b>1,540</b>	<b>3.23</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>
2019-20	Arts and Communication	191	3.13	134.0	8.9	4.4
	Business and Economics	656	3.30	128.0	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	192	3.46	143.2	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	469	3.15	131.6	8.7	4.4
	Total	<b>1,508</b>	<b>3.25</b>	<b>131.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>
2020-21	Arts and Communication	183	3.13	133.3	8.9	4.4
	Business and Economics	569	3.35	127.9	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	211	3.46	139.2	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	486	3.23	131.0	8.7	4.3
	Total	<b>1,449</b>	<b>3.30</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
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

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2021-22	Education and Professional Studies	230	3.48	140.6	9.0	4.5
	Letters and Sciences	389	3.30	129.9	8.6	4.3
	Total	<b>1,389</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>4.3</b>
2022-23	Arts and Communication	143	3.20	136.7	9.0	4.5
	Business and Economics	562	3.31	127.7	8.4	4.2
	Education and Professional Studies	213	3.50	141.0	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	<b>1,284</b>	<b>3.32</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.3</b>

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**by Number of Major Changes**

	2018-19		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23	
	Avg Terms by Major Changes	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg Terms by Major Changes	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg Terms by Major Changes	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg Terms by Major Changes	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg Terms by Major Changes	Avg. Credits to Degree at UWW
changed major 0 to 1 times	8.5	130.4	8.5	130.5	8.5	130.1	8.5	129.8	8.5	130.4
changed major 2 or 3 times	9.1	136.3	9.1	136.5	9.0	135.0	9.1	136.4	9.2	137.4
changed major 4 times or more	10.4	149.2	10.4	151.4	10.3	139.7	11.4	168.5	10.8	149.8
Average	8.7	132.0	8.7	132.0	8.6	131.3	8.6	131.4	8.7	131.9

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**by College and Degree Type, 3-Yr Average (2020-21 to 2022-23)**

College	Degree	Average GPA	Average Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended	Avg. Enrolled Years to Degree
<b>Arts and Communication</b>	Bachelor of Arts	3.11	133.2	8.9	4.4
	Bachelor of Fine Arts	3.48	136.7	9.1	4.5
	Bachelor of Music	3.52	158.0	9.8	4.9
	Bachelor of Science	3.22	129.9	8.6	4.3
	Bachelor of Science-Education	3.29	172.5	10.0	5.0
	Average by College	<b>3.18</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Bachelor of Arts	2.68	148.0	10.7	5.3
	Bachelor of Business Administration	3.35	126.6	8.3	4.2
	Bachelor of Science	2.99	144.5	9.4	4.7
	Average by College	<b>3.33</b>	<b>139.7</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>4.7</b>
<b>Education and Professional</b>	Bachelor of Arts	2.50	79.0	6.5	3.3

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College	Degree	Average GPA	Average Credits to Degree at UWW	Avg. No. of Fall & Spring Terms Attended	Avg. Enrolled Years to Degree
<b>Education and Professional Studies</b>	Bachelor of Science	3.55	125.8	8.1	4.0
	Bachelor of Science-Education	3.47	142.6	9.2	4.6
	Average by College	<b>3.48</b>	<b>115.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Integrated Studies</b>	Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences	2.88	135.5	8.0	4.0
	Average by College	<b>2.88</b>	<b>135.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>Letters and Sciences</b>	Bachelor of Arts	3.20	131.3	8.9	4.4
	Bachelor of Science	3.26	129.0	8.5	4.3
	Bachelor of Science-Education	3.55	144.7	9.6	4.8
	Average by College	<b>3.27</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>4.5</b>

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College	Major Name	Year				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Arts and Communication</b>	Art	130.4	127.2	124.8	132.5	143.9
	Communication	132.6	132.1	133.2	133.4	138.2
	Journalism	133.6	131.2	132.6	130.3	131.5
	Media Arts and Game Development	130.3	127.9	128.4	129.6	123.4
	Music	156.2	155.7	152.4	159.4	151.3
	Theatre	144.6	144.3	132.5	142.8	126.0
	College Average	<b>135.8</b>	<b>134.0</b>	<b>133.3</b>	<b>137.0</b>	<b>136.7</b>
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Accounting	126.9	130.8	130.3	129.4	136.1
	Business Analytics			123.0	128.1	126.1
	Economics	121.6	129.5	131.4	132.9	140.9
	Entrepreneurship	120.1	127.7	118.0	119.5	137.0
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation					124.1
	Finance	126.6	126.9	126.6	125.1	124.4
	General Business	126.3	126.0	127.5	123.9	132.4
	General Management		127.4	124.2	126.9	128.0
	Human Resource Management	122.9	125.9	123.1	122.5	122.3
	Information Technology	129.7	131.9	133.9	126.7	126.6
	Integrated Science-Business	131.2	133.2	140.0	126.0	144.6
	International Business	117.6	121.1	122.6	133.4	115.3
	Management					124.8
	Marketing	125.6	125.5	124.9	127.6	125.9
	Occupational Safety	138.9	142.4	146.0	144.2	145.5
Supply Chain and Operations Management	124.6	126.5	126.3	125.5		

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College	Major Name	Year				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Supply Chain Management				126.0	122.2
	College Average	<b>126.5</b>	<b>128.0</b>	<b>127.9</b>	<b>127.4</b>	<b>127.7</b>
<b>Education and Professional Studies</b>	Art Education	147.6	171.7		150.4	158.9
	Business Education	153.6	151.5	141.5	122.3	133.5
	Communication Sciences and Disorders	122.5	131.1	123.4	123.5	118.8
	Early Child Care and Education				64.3	114.0
	Early Childhood Education	153.0	150.4	137.6	149.7	149.8
	Elementary Education	141.5	143.0	140.3	138.9	142.6
	Human Performance				150.3	135.9
	Physical Education	143.2	142.3	145.0	143.6	150.6
	Special Education	140.7	142.7	136.5	147.7	133.8
	College Average	<b>141.0</b>	<b>143.2</b>	<b>139.2</b>	<b>140.6</b>	<b>141.0</b>
<b>Letters and Sciences</b>	Biology	130.0	129.7	129.1	129.1	131.7
	Chemistry	137.9	133.4	129.6	124.3	123.9
	Computer Science	135.2	130.2	131.8	126.1	126.7
	Criminology	129.1	127.9	130.2	132.0	131.1
	English	133.5	133.1	128.6	135.1	134.8
	Environmental Science	132.4	127.3	121.2	122.8	125.8
	Film Studies	155.0		129.0	128.6	137.9
	French		114.0			117.0
	Geography	128.6	124.6	132.0	130.1	120.9
	German		116.5			
	History	142.4	142.8	139.4	137.1	140.0

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Letters and Sciences</b>	Individually Designed Major		154.0	166.5	211.0	
	Integrated Science-Business	154.4	164.0	132.7	154.8	124.0
	International Studies	116.5	122.3	131.5	132.9	124.0
	Japanese Studies (Collaborative Program)		75.0	137.0	143.5	146.0
	Legal Studies				112.0	113.5
	Liberal Studies	156.4	140.7	141.4	148.8	146.5
	Mathematics	129.2	130.9	134.4	128.7	121.5
	Physics	129.2	138.5	133.7		141.0
	Political Science	126.7	133.0	118.3	120.8	123.7
	Professional Writing and Publishing					122.9
	Psychology	126.9	131.7	129.3	126.9	128.1
	Public Policy and Administration	135.7	129.6	131.7	139.4	128.4
	Social Studies		146.8	141.0	171.0	147.5
	Social Work	133.1	127.2	131.1	126.8	134.0
	Sociology	133.3	128.9	144.3	142.3	139.6
	Spanish	136.5	143.3	122.0	119.3	138.7
	Women's Studies	138.1	123.0	140.1	122.0	147.5
	College Average	<b>132.5</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>130.9</b>	<b>130.0</b>	<b>131.1</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>131.4</b>	<b>131.9</b>

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		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Arts and Communication</b>	Art	9.1	8.6	8.6	9.2	10.1
	Communication	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.9	9.1
	Journalism	9.1	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.5
	Media Arts and Game Development	9.0	8.8	8.4	8.6	8.5
	Music	9.8	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.3
	Theatre	9.8	9.3	8.4	9.5	7.7
	College Average	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Accounting	8.2	8.5	8.4	8.2	8.8
	Business Analytics			8.0	8.1	8.1
	Economics	8.4	8.7	8.5	8.9	9.4
	Entrepreneurship	7.7	8.4	7.8	7.9	8.7
	Entrepreneurship and Innovation					8.3
	Finance	8.4	8.3	8.4	8.3	8.2
	General Business	8.5	9.0	8.8	8.1	9.3
	General Management		8.3	8.2	8.3	8.6
	Human Resource Management	8.0	8.2	7.9	7.8	8.1
	Information Technology	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.3	8.3
	Integrated Science-Business	8.2	8.5	8.5	8.0	9.0
	International Business	8.2	7.9	8.0	8.9	7.8
	Management					8.2
	Marketing	8.2	8.3	8.1	8.5	8.3
	Occupational Safety	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.6	9.3

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College	Major Name	Year				
		2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
<b>Business and Economics</b>	Supply Chain and Operations Management	8.4	8.2	8.5	8.2	
	Supply Chain Management				10.0	8.1
	College Average	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>Education and Professional Studies</b>	Art Education	9.2	11.3		9.0	10.4
	Business Education	9.2	10.0	9.0	8.0	8.5
	Communication Sciences and Disorders	8.0	8.4	8.0	8.1	7.4
	Early Child Care and Education				5.0	9.0
	Early Childhood Education	9.2	9.0	8.5	9.1	9.2
	Elementary Education	9.1	9.2	9.2	9.1	9.4
	Human Performance				9.0	8.7
	Physical Education	9.3	9.0	9.4	9.1	9.6
	Special Education	9.0	8.9	8.8	9.5	8.7
College Average	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	
<b>Letters and Sciences</b>	Biology	8.6	8.5	8.5	8.4	8.4
	Chemistry	9.0	8.8	8.3	7.8	8.0
	Computer Science	9.2	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
	Criminology	8.6	8.5	8.6	8.6	8.4
	English	9.0	8.8	8.6	9.3	10.2
	Environmental Science	8.9	8.4	7.9	8.4	8.2
	Film Studies	10.0		9.0	8.0	9.4
	French		8.0			9.0
	Geography	9.1	8.3	8.4	8.5	7.5

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<b>Letters and Sciences</b>	German		8.0			
	History	9.3	9.4	10.0	9.4	9.1
	Individually Designed Major		12.0	11.0	13.0	
	Integrated Science-Business	9.4	10.5	8.0	10.0	8.0
	International Studies	8.3	9.0	8.8	9.8	8.0
	Japanese Studies (Collaborative Program)		6.0	8.0	8.0	9.5
	Legal Studies				6.0	7.0
	Liberal Studies	11.0	10.2	10.5	11.2	10.7
	Mathematics	8.5	9.1	8.7	8.2	7.9
	Physics	8.3	9.5	8.0		10.8
	Political Science	8.2	8.7	7.8	7.6	8.0
	Professional Writing and Publishing					8.1
	Psychology	8.2	8.9	8.5	8.3	8.2
	Public Policy and Administration	8.5	8.8	8.0	9.0	7.8
	Social Studies		8.8	8.0	12.0	10.7
	Social Work	8.5	8.2	8.4	8.4	9.0
	Sociology	9.0	8.6	9.8	9.3	8.9
	Spanish	10.2	9.9	8.5	10.2	10.2
	Women's Studies	9.5	9.3	9.6	8.0	10.0
	College Average	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>
	<b>Average Total</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.7</b>

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