

Biology Pre-Major

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Program Outline

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS															
2089010100	Foundations of University Learning	1.00															
20801219	English Composition I Develops expository writing and critical thinking skills, including clarity, concision, concreteness, and completeness of expression, supported by reasoning, organization, and language conventions. Lecture.	3.00															
20801223	English Composition II Advances composition skills, emphasizing well-reasoned argumentative research papers. Lecture. Credits: 3. Prerequisite(s): 2080121900 English Composition I (D- or better) or 1080119500 W ritten Communication (B or better).	3.00															
20810201	Fundamentals of Speech Examines theory and process of communication, the role of speech in self- development, the art of persuasion, topic selection, the use of research-based evidence, and audience analysis. Includes organizing speech content, speech delivery, and critique via presentation of informative and persuasive speeches and development of effective extemporaneous speaking style. Students gain self-confidence, proficiency, and poise.	3.00															
N/A	Humanities Select courses from at least two disciplines: art, journalism/writing, history, literature, music, philosophy, theatre/film, world language. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	6.00															
N/A	Social Sciences Select courses from at least two disciplines: anthropology, economics, political science, history, psychology, geography, sociology. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	6.00															
N/A	Mathematics & Natural Science	20.00															
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N/A	Health/Wellness/Physical Education	1.00															

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N/A	Diversity/Ethnic Studies Courses that meet this requirement may also count toward Humanities or Social Science. These credits are not in addition to the 60 credits required for the degree. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	0.00
N/A	World Language May be met with one year high school, with a grade of "C" or better, or one semester in college. View Courses and Descriptions (PDF)	4.00
N/A	Electives 20806249 College Chemistry II 5 credits Plus an additional 8 credits in any college transfer course. One credit of health and PE beyond the Health/Wellness/PE credit may be selected. May be 18 credits if students satisfy the world language requirement with one year of high school (C or better).	13.00

Total Credits: 60.00

Talk with a Success Coach about the program outline. Together, you will determine if credits you've already earned satisfy any requirements, discuss possible alternative courses, and choose the best classes if you're thinking of transferring.

At A Glance

How You'll Learn

Summer 2026 Start Date

May 18 - Summer Term Start
June 15 - Additional Term Start for Select Courses

Fall 2026 Start Dates

August 31 - 16-Week Fall Term Start
October 26 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

Spring 2027 Start Dates

January 11 - 16-Week Spring Term Start
March 15 - Additional 8-Week Term Start for Select Courses

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Program Tuition*

\$12,240

Books & Supplies*

\$3,308

*Total cost for degree completion is estimated by current course requirements, books, and supplies. Tuition and fees are set by the Wisconsin Technical College System and subject to change.

Financial Aid Eligible

► [Potential Indirect Costs](#)

UW-Madison Online \$500 Scholarship

Students who enroll in a UW–Madison School of Business online bachelor's degree program for admission during the fall 2025 or spring 2026 semester may qualify for a \$500 scholarship.

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What You'll Learn

- Apply forms of effective communication in various contexts
 - Demonstrate quantitative reasoning
 - Demonstrate critical and/or creative thinking
 - Apply scientific methods
 - Demonstrate cultural awareness
 - Apply ethics to individual, social, environmental, and informational contexts
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Possible Bachelor's Degree Majors

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Get Started

Your application can be submitted online, it takes just a few minutes to complete.

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