



The Virtual College Transfer Academy

2024-2025 School Year

The Virtual College Transfer Academy is an opportunity for high school seniors to earn 15 college credits during a single year of high school. This virtual academy will occur asynchronously and completely online, giving students the freedom to choose when to work on their assignments. Western will offer the courses in our new 7-Week format. This means you will take one class each 7-week session. Students will utilize MyWestern and Blackboard to access and complete the course as well as connect with any supports they may need.

The Western Instructors will be available via Zoom by appointment or during times printed in the syllabus. Western Technical College will also offer virtual academic support through a member of our Learning Support and Transition Team, who will teach College Success and Career Development and support each other course.

This academy is ideal for focused, goal-driven seniors who are certain they want a four-year track. Upon completion of the Academy, students can enroll at Western and finish up an Associate's of Arts or Science degree or take the credits to a four-year University. The College Transfer Academy essentially allows high school students to take their first semester of college during their last year of high school.

Courses Offered

	Fall Term Courses	Credits
F1	English 1	3
F2	General Biology	4
F1 & F2	College Success	1
S1	American Government and Politics	3
S2	Principles of Sociology	3
S1 & S2	Career Development	1
	Total	15

Transferability: All the classes in the Academy are universally transferable to 4-year institutions. However, as part of the College Success/Career Development courses, students will investigate the applicability of the courses to their intended majors at their intended institution of higher education.

Course Descriptions

English 1 (20801201): English 1 is designed to help students use the writing process to strengthen and refine their writing skills. Students will use critical reading, thinking, and research skills to produce writing that illustrates their ability to effectively analyze information, synthesize information from

sources, and ultimately, produce polished prose suitable for various purposes and audiences. This class assumes competence in English grammar and paragraph structure.

General Biology (20806234): The course examines fundamental principles of biology including cell structure and function, energy production by cells and ecosystems, reproduction and genetics, evolution, ecology and a survey of biodiversity. The class emphasizes the application of the scientific method to problem-solving. The course is designed to provide a solid foundation for advanced courses in biology as well as providing scientific literacy for all students.

American Government and Politics:

Principles of Sociology: