

INTRODUCTION TO THE WUST-WU “X+Y” PROGRAM

The Wuhan University of Science and Technology–Washburn University (WUST-WU) “X+Y” Program is an articulation agreement to help undergraduate students from the WUST School of Management transfer approved courses to meet the specific degree requirements in the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program at Washburn University. The approved courses are listed on the WUST transfer guide on the Washburn web site along their Washburn transfer equivalencies. Originally designed for the students in the International Business Administration degree program at WUST, the transfer guide also applies to students from other majors at WUST. These students may transfer credit to meet specific Washburn requirements if they have taken the courses listed in the transfer guide. WUST students are not required to earn their WUST bachelor degree in order to earn a Washburn University degree through the X+Y program.

THE MEANING OF “X+Y”

“X” refers to the number of years of study at WUST before enrolling at Washburn. “Y” refers to the number of years of study at Washburn. Historically, “X” has been two years and “Y” has been two-a-half to three years, depending on several factors:

- 1) the student’s level of English upon arrival at Washburn University,
- 2) previous course work that can be applied to degree requirements,
- 3) number of courses taken each semester and in the summers, and
- 4) academic programs studied.

Since each student has his or her own “Y,” it is difficult to estimate the length of a student’s program until we know how many intensive English courses will be required and before the evaluation of transfer credit has been completed. If no intensive English is required and summer classes are taken, it may be possible to complete both programs in a little over four years. The minimum “Y” is two years and one semester.

TRANSFER GUIDE

The transfer guide lists WUST courses that have already been approved and notes how each course will be counted to meet Washburn University requirements, assuming an appropriate earned grade. Some decisions to include or not include courses were part of the original articulation agreement. Other courses, especially courses meeting general education requirements, were added to the list after petitions were approved by the Washburn University General Education Committee. Petitions can be prepared by individual students or jointly by the WUST-WU program coordinators. Additional general education courses can be added to the list based on student petitions or by petitions initiated by the WUST-WU program coordinators. The petition form for courses to meet Washburn University general education requirements is available through the website of the Washburn University Office of Academic Affairs through the “Policies and Forms” link.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE “X+Y” PROGRAM

The “X+Y” program was developed jointly by the School of Business at Washburn University and the School of Management at WUST after a request from the WUST School of Management in the fall of 2006. Key documents in the development of the proposal are

- 1) the “Agreement of Cooperation between Washburn University, USA, and Wuhan University of Science and Technology, China,” of December 13, 2007,
- 2) “Agreement of Cooperation between Washburn University School of Business and Wuhan University of Science and Technology School of Management” of December 14, 2007,
- 3) the Washburn School of Business proposal to WUST of April 29, 2010, and
- 4) the “Articulation Agreement on the Transfer of Students from the Wuhan University of Science and Technology to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree Program at Washburn University” - July 17, 2011.

The story of the development of the larger relationship as well as the X+Y agreement is found in Robert J. Boncella and Russell E. Smith, “A Report on the Development of an Articulation

Agreement on the Transfer of Students from the Wuhan University of Science and Technology to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree Program at Washburn University.”
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