

# ABERDEEN: ACADEMIC PLANNING & UWEC COURSE EQUIVALENCIES

## Understanding U of Aberdeen Academic Systems and Restrictions

To plan for your semester at Aberdeen, you need to discuss the courses (or *modules* as they are called in the UK) you wish to take with your adviser.

### Credits

One Aberdeen credit point = 1/4 US semester credit. If you want to know how many U.S. credits a course is worth, simply divide the credits listed in the course description by four. For example, a 20 credit course at U of Aberdeen would convert to 4 UWEC credits. Aberdeen requires all program participants to enroll in a minimum of 50 credits per semester. However, a typical credit load is 60 to 70 credits. Although Aberdeen allows study abroad students to take 80 credits, UWEC does not. **UWEC will only allow students to take a maximum of 70 credits per semester.**

### Course Numbering System & Schedule

To make sense of the course catalogue, you will need to understand the course codes, which have 2 letters, 2 numbers, and 2 additional characters.

The letters indicate what department teaches the course.

The first number of the course indicates the level. "1" is a first-year class; "2" is a second-year class, and so on.

1 and 2 = Lower Division

3 and 4 = Upper Division

The second number of a course description indicates the term it is offered.

0 through 4= First Term (fall)

5 through 9= Second Term (spring)

The final two digits are for internal use only.

Example: CE 2507 is a lower division course offered in the spring semester or BI 1004 is a biology course, level 1 that begins in fall semester.

### Selecting the Appropriate Courses Level

In general, you want to take Level 1 or Level 2 courses. Most departments require a student to have taken at least 4 classes in a specific subject area to be able to enroll in a level 3 or 4 course in that subject at Aberdeen. For example, if a student wants to take HI 3045, they will need to have previously taken 4 other history courses to be allowed to enroll in that course. Science courses may have even further prerequisites than the 4-course rule listed above.

### Courses with Special Concerns

**Restricted Courses:** The majority of courses are open to visiting students. However, visiting students are not permitted to enroll in:

- Clinical Medicine courses
- Level 4 English courses
- BM 4501 - Biomedical Science Honours Project,
- SR 4502 - Sports Practicum

**Engineering and Science field courses** are subject to approval. Ensure that you indicate on your Aberdeen application whether a course is mandatory.

**Law Courses:** All students are subject to the normal law exam calendar and must complete exams to receive full credit. Students enrolling for Term 1 only (September – December) are not eligible to take law courses.

**Education Courses:** The only Education courses that are open to visiting students are ED1056, ED1057, ED1080, ED1544, ED1545, ED1580, ED2055, ED2555, and MU 1555. These courses may require you to participate in a background check (for a nominal fee) if they involve interaction with children in a classroom setting.

**Science Courses:** Traditionally, the UK educational system was not set up to “mix” arts and science courses in the same semester. Aberdeen’s system also presents difficulties in scheduling upper level science courses with anything other than other upper level science courses from the same discipline (e.g. 3rd year Biology courses are only meant to be taken with other 3rd year Biology courses, not Chemistry, History, Gaelic, etc.). If you must take both 2nd and 3rd year science courses in a single semester, or must take upper level science courses across disciplines, or must take both arts and science courses, please note this on your application so we can consult the relevant departments regarding these possibilities. We will do our best to accommodate your needs, but cannot guarantee that timetabling will allow for an unconventional mix of courses.

**Key Learning Courses:** Many students are interested in taking Key Learning/Centre for Life Long Learning courses (denoted by the letters KL). KL courses are set up for Widening Access students (like distance learning). In the past some students have had a hard time getting their home institutions to accept these courses for credit because of the format in which they are offered. Often times these courses meet on weeknights or on Saturdays and are offered in a distance learning (video conferencing) format. If a student is interested in enrolling in a KL course, they should confirm with their home institution that they will be given credit for the course. They should also make the commitment to attend all classes as absences from weekend classes will not be accepted.

## **UWEC Course Equivalencies for Aberdeen**

In planning for a semester at Aberdeen, you will need two resources:

- 1) **Aberdeen Course Catalogue:** To see course descriptions and course credits, you must look at the online catalogue: <http://www.abdn.ac.uk/registry/courses>. Read carefully the "Introduction" section before beginning to choose courses. Please note that the academic catalogue for the following academic year is typically published on the U of Aberdeen web site the June prior to the start of the new academic year.
- 2) Many courses you can take at University of Aberdeen have already been evaluated for UW-Eau Claire credit. To find courses that have been evaluated for Aberdeen, you will go to the Transfer Wizard site here: [https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU\\_SS\\_CUSTOM.EAU\\_TRNCRDWZ.GBL](https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL)

Here are step-by-step directions for [\*\*Using Transfer Wizard\*\*](#). Students already accepted to study abroad will also find this document in the Learning Content section of their online study abroad account.