

ACADEMIC INFORMATION AND COURSE SELECTION

UK Educational System: UK students generally start to specialize in a subject area in high school and continue that specific focus at the university. For example, a student majoring in history will have focused on history and done an “Advanced Level” (A-Level) exam in this subject prior to beginning at the university and will then exclusively take history classes for the degree. This is very different from the liberal arts approach of most US colleges and universities, where students spend much of their first two years doing general education classes in a wide variety of subjects. There curriculum. UK students typically complete “Advanced Level” (A-Level) examinations prior to enrolling at a U.K. university in what is typically considered “year 13” of their education. Based on that we’d say that Advanced Levels and code “1” are the first two years of a degree and codes “2” and “3” are the final two years.

Course Level: The University of Winchester follows a three-year plan. Classes (known as “modules”) are divided into three levels: 4, 5, and 6. Level 4 modules are for first year students. Level 5 and level 6 are considered second and final year modules respectively. Because of the system described above, only Level 4 modules are considered introductory, or lower division. Level 5 modules are generally upper division, and Level 6 are advanced upper division. Many level 5 and level 6 Winchester modules have prerequisites; you must have taken a similar class at UW-Eau Claire in order to take these classes. In general, you will want to **take level 4 modules unless you are taking modules in your major.**

Credits: Exchange and visiting (study abroad) students at the University of Winchester are required to carry a load of 60 Winchester credits/15 UW-Eau Claire credits, which is the both the minimum and maximum you can take. Each Winchester module is worth either 15 or 30 credits. A 15 credit module equals 3.75 UW-Eau Claire credits; a 30 credit module equals 7.5 UW-Eau Claire credits.

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

1) **The Winchester course catalogue, found here:**

<https://learn.winchester.ac.uk/module/view.php?id=2677> Click the “Modules for exchange, Erasmus and visiting students” **found on the left toolbar** here. Then choose the catalogue for your term (Semester One = fall; Semester Two = spring)

2) **The UW-Eau Claire Transfer Wizard, found here.**

https://my.uwec.edu/psp/PUBLIC/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/EAU_SS_CUSTOM.EAU_TRNCRDWZ.GBL

Read the “Guide to Choosing Modules” for a complete overview of the academic system.

- Then go to the module catalogue for the semester you plan to be abroad. Semester one = fall; semester two = spring.
- Go to the academic department you are interested in. Find out what departmental abbreviation is used for modules in this department. For example, History uses “HS”.
- Go to the UWEC Transfer Credit Wizard to find out what equivalencies have been established. See [step-by-step directions here](#).
- If a course listed in the Winchester module booklet for the term you will be abroad is not in Transfer Wizard, contact the UWEC Winchester study abroad coordinator about having an equivalency established. (This will only be done for students accepted to the program.)

ADVICE ON COURSE SELECTION

1. Look at your UWEC degree audit to see what courses you still need to take to complete your degree. You will also want to discuss your course selection with your academic adviser.
2. University of Winchester has three-year degree plan with three level of courses.
Level 4/1000 module number= UWEC 100 and 200 level courses
Level 5/2000 module number= UWEC 200 or 300 level courses
Level 6/3000 module number=UWEC 300 or 400 level courses

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT YEAR/LEVEL A MODULE BELONGS TO?

By looking at its **module code**: for example a 1st year business module would be called **BS1950**; a 2nd year module would be **BS2953** and so on...**DO NOT CHOOSE YEAR 3 MODULES UNLESS YOU ARE ADVANCED IN THE SUBJECT!**

Year of Winchester degree:	Referred to as level:	American level equivalent (for example)	Example Winchester code:
Year 1	4	Level 200	BS1950
Year 2	5	Level 300	BS2953
Year 3	6	Level 400	BS3019

3. The University of Winchester recommends that students choose as many modules as possible from one subject area. Because British students do not have general education requirements, they take all of their courses in one department. Students in that department generally get to know each other well, and the course schedule is coordinated within the department, so it is less likely that you will have any scheduling conflicts.
4. Despite what was said in #3, Level 4/1000 modules are an opportunity to fulfill GE/LE requirements at UWEC, and study abroad students are allowed to take classes across departments. You can also take Level 4 requirements in your major or minor, if you need the classes offered.
5. **You can only take level 5 and level 6 modules within your majors or minors** since these classes assume a pre-requisite knowledge. Often, Winchester does not list pre-requisites for level 5 and 6 modules. However, that does not mean that the courses do not require pre-requisite knowledge; it means that British students got these pre-requisites in high school
6. **Do not take a module if you do not have the required pre-requisites.** Some Winchester professors will waive the pre-requisite and allow you to register for the course if you ask them. However, they will hold you accountable for the pre-requisite knowledge when grading essay exams. You will be graded on the same scale as students who have the required background. **Past participants who have taken courses without the required pre-requisite knowledge have typically returned with Cs and Ds.**

Module Selection Form: After you have been accepted to the Winchester program through the UWEC application process, you will complete the module selection form and return it to the CIE, 3 Schofield Hall by the date indicated. **Make sure to list 4 first-choice modules and 4 reserve modules in case your first choice modules are no longer available or conflict with each other.** If you absolutely need a course for your degree progression please make a note about that on the form next to the module.