We’re excited you’ll be joining the freshman class at the University of Wisconsin-Barron County this fall and look forward to meeting you this summer. Spending a few minutes with this guide will help you complete the registration process on the date you have selected. If you have questions, please contact the Student Services Office at 715.234.8176.

PRIOR TO YOUR ADVISING & REGISTRATION SESSION

- Take the UW Placement Tests in English and math. The results of your placement tests will be given to you at your Advising & Registration session.
- Review the online searchable Course Schedule and note the courses you are interested in taking this fall. The online searchable Course Schedule can be found at barron.uwc.edu/academics/courses/. Course descriptions will pop up when you place your cursor over the course title.
- Review the enclosed Planning Worksheet for the Associate of Arts & Science Degree.

FAQ: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Associate of Arts & Science Degree?
The AAS Degree is the foundation for most majors and is accepted by UW institutions as fulfilling the basic general education requirements. Students must meet requirements in a variety of categories in order to earn the AAS Degree. Are you undecided on a major? If so, the AAS Degree is the perfect place to start when choosing your courses!

[Diagram of Associate of Arts & Science Degree structure]
How many classes should I take each semester?
To complete the AAS Degree within two years, it is recommended that students take 15 credits each semester. To be considered full-time, students need a minimum of 12 credits. One credit is equal to approximately one hour per week in the classroom. Most instructors expect students to spend two hours outside of class studying for every hour spent in class. For example, if you take 15 credits per semester you will spend 15 hours in class plus an average of 30 hours studying outside of class each week. This adds up to 45 hours per week! Be certain to consider this when planning your work and class schedule. If you have been admitted into the Academic Success Program, follow the credit limits given to you at the time you were admitted.

What’s in the Course Schedule?
The Course Schedule contains information about the classes to be offered each semester. Course listings are by department and include the course number, time and days the course meets, room number, building name, and the instructor’s name. There is also a description for each course which tells you more about the course as well as any prerequisites that may be needed. The online searchable Course Schedule can be found at barron.uwc.edu/academics/courses/. Course descriptions will pop up when you place your cursor over the course title.

What is a prerequisite?
A prerequisite is a course that needs to be successfully completed in order to move on to the more advanced course (higher course number). For example, ENG 101 is a prerequisite for ENG 102.

What courses should I take my first semester?
Regardless of your major, all students should register for a math and English course. Balance out your schedule with a science course, a social science course and/or a fine arts/humanities course. There will be advisors available at registration to help you.

What is the Transfer Information System (TIS)?
TIS is an online resource which provides information about each UW System institution, including admissions, course equivalencies, academic programs, and transfer guides plus agreements between UW institutions. If you have already decided on a major and the four-year campus to which you plan to transfer, use a TIS transfer guide to assist you in choosing courses. Visit the link http://tis.uwsa.edu/ for specific program information in the Transfer Guides and Agreements section.

Where is the campus located and how can I contact UW-BC?

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