

## **Academic Affairs Policy 2.25**

### **Universal Transfer Pathways FAQs**

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#### **What degrees need to be used for the Universal Transfer Pathways (UTPs)?**

Institutions should use the most easily operationalized degree that aligns with that particular discipline. It should be the best fit on your campus for each of the disciplines and does not have to be the same one for each particular discipline. This may be an existing degree (i.e. AS Business) or the Louisiana Transfer Degree (AALT or ASLT). The curriculum for the chosen degree must match the curriculum of the transfer pathway.

#### **When will UTPs be implemented?**

Universal Transfer Pathways should be available to students at your institution by Fall 2024

#### **How will the UTPs work within accreditation standards?**

Accreditation standards, especially SACSCOC, were taken into account when the pathways were created. Institutions should consult directly with accreditors to ensure compliance, though no accreditation issues that will prevent implementation have been revealed in Regents research.

#### **Are we expected to adjust our curriculum or substitute courses if the pathway does not exactly match a curriculum?**

Two-year institutions should ensure students follow the approved UTP curriculum of their choice. Four-year institutions must honor completed general education courses as meeting general education requirements and should leverage electives in the four-year degree curriculum to ensure a student can complete the four-year degree without required extra courses or credit. Curricula were evaluated by faculty committees and approved by all institutions.

#### **When will the courses not currently on the matrix be added?**

Courses will be added by the end of Spring 2024.

#### **Will the UTPs apply to students transferring from out-of-state schools?**

The policy and legislation apply only to courses taken at and transferred to Louisiana's public postsecondary institutions. All institutions are strongly encouraged to honor courses for the pathway from outside those institutions whenever possible.

#### **Will the pathways be on the Board of Regents website?**

A site that includes the curriculum and associated advising materials for each completed UTP will be available on the Board of Regents Academic Affairs website by the end of Spring 2024.

**When will the next set of pathways go into effect?**

UTPs developed in 2024 should be available to students at institutions for Fall 2025.

**How will the UTPs apply for students who change major while on our campuses? Will they get the same consideration for flexibility?**

The structure of transfer pathways acknowledges that courses completed within a specific pathway are credited towards the degree associated with that pathway. Students who change pathways or majors should have their courses reevaluated to determine which ones count towards the new pathway or major.

**Will there be reporting requirements?**

Yes! Regents will be conducting a follow-up webinar, focusing on the specifics of reporting requirements and procedures to ensure effective monitoring. Our goal is to ensure that courses within the pathway are correctly coded to monitor how students navigate the pathways. The reporting requirements will include appropriate coding to facilitate monitoring and information sharing across institutions.

**How will the pathways be marketed to local schools?**

Regents has partnered with Student Ready Strategies to develop an informational website and advising materials for all UTPs. Institutions may utilize these resources to aid in marketing through their regular dual enrollment and recruitment channels and processes.