Cowboy Credit: Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Pathway
2026-2027 University of Wyoming & Front Range Community College

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool that helps students identify coursework that may align with a UW academic pathway before transferring to the University of Wyoming.

START YOUR PATH

Planning for Outdoor Recreation at UW?

Start with these commonly transferable courses to build your UW-TAG and stay on track across UW's Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management (ORTM) degree programs.

Core Foundations

Take these courses before you transfer:

- Introduction to Recreation, Tourism, or Hospitality (if available)
- Microeconomics or Macroeconomics
- Management
- Marketing

These courses reflect the interdisciplinary structure of UW's Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Management program, combining business, environmental, and recreation-focused study.

Quantitative Foundations

Build your math and analytical skills early:

- College Algebra (or higher)
- Statistics

These courses support planning, decision-making, and analysis in recreation and tourism fields. Statistics is a required component of the ORTM degree and is recommended early.

Environmental & Place-Based Knowledge Foundation

Develop an understanding of natural systems and landscapes:

- Environmental Science
- Physical Geography
- Physical Geology
- Natural Resources or Ecology

These appear as selectable environmental foundations in ORTM

ORTM Content Area Foundations

Students interested in CTE education often benefit from early coursework aligned with their intended teaching area, including:

- Business & Hospitality
- Management of Recreation Resources
- Outdoor Recreation Leadership

General Education

Strong communication skills are essential for leadership, planning, and client engagement in outdoor recreation fields.

- English Composition
- Human Culture
- American & Wyoming government

Every student's path is unique. You don't need to complete all of these courses before transferring—this guide helps you start building a strong foundation, and our team will work with you to make the most of your previous coursework, including AP, IB, CLEP, dual enrollment, and transfer credit.

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ORTM Foundation Coursework	**UW Credits**	**Front Range Community College**
ORTM/HOSP 2000 Foundations of Customer Service & Hospitality	3	HOS 1010 Introduction to Hospitality
AGEC/ECON 1010 Principles of Macroeconomics (H) Or AGEC/ECON 1020 Principles of Microeconomics (H)	3	ECO 2001 Principles of Macroeconomics ECO 2002 Principles of Microeconomics
MGT 2100 Management and Organizations	3	MAN 2026 Principles of Management
MKT 2100 Introduction to Marketing	3	MAR 2016 Principles of Marketing
UW Specific ORTM Courses	**UW Credits**	**Front Range Community College**
ORTM 1000 Foundations of Recreation & Tourism	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
ORTM 1050 Natural & Cultural Resources of the West	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
ORTM 2010 Financial Management in ORTM	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
Quantitative Foundations	**UW Credits**	**Front Range Community College**
MATH 1400 College Algebra (Q)	3	MAT 1340 College Algebra
STAT 2050 Fundamentals of Statistics (Q)	4	MAT 1260 Introduction to Statistics
Environmental & Natural Resource Foundation: Choose 1 or more	**UW Credits**	**Front Range Community College**
ESS 1000 Wyoming in the Earth System	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
GEOG 1010 Physical Geography (PN)	3	GEO 1111 Physical Geography: Landforms with Lab
GEOL 1100 Physical Geology (PN)	4	GEY 1111 Physical Geology with Lab
ENR 1200 Environment (PN)	4	ENV 1111 Environmental Science with Lab
ORTM Content Area Foundations: Business & Hospitality	**UW Credits**	**Front Range Community College**
ACCT 2010 Principles of Accounting I	3	ACC 1011 Intro to Financial Accounting
MGT 2010 Legal Environment of Business	3	BUS 2016 Legal Environment of Business
FIN 2100 Principles of Finance	3	FIN 1010 Introduction to Finance

Cowboy Credit is a planning tool designed to support transfer and pathway exploration. Final course equivalencies are determined after admission and receipt of official transcripts.

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