Cowboy Credit: Outdoor Recreation & Tourism Pathway
2026-2027 University of Wyoming & Northwest 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**	**Northwest College**
ORTM/HOSP 2000 Foundations of Customer Service & Hospitality	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
AGEC/ECON 1010 Principles of Macroeconomics (H) Or AGEC/ECON 1020 Principles of Microeconomics (H)	3	ECON 1010 ECON 1020
MGT 2100 Management and Organizations	3	MGT 3210
MKT 2100 Introduction to Marketing	3	MKT 3210
UW Specific ORTM Courses	**UW Credits**	**Northwest 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**	**Northwest College**
MATH 1400 College Algebra (Q)	3	MATH 1400
STAT 2050 Fundamentals of Statistics (Q)	4	STAT 2050
Environmental & Natural Resource Foundation: Choose 1 or more	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
ESS 1000 Wyoming in the Earth System	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
GEOG 1010 Physical Geography (PN)	3	*No direct equivalent (course completed after transfer)*
GEOL 1100 Physical Geology (PN)	4	GEOL 1100
ENR 1200 Environment (PN)	4	BIOL 1080
ORTM Content Area Foundations: Business & Hospitality	**UW Credits**	**Northwest College**
ACCT 2010 Principles of Accounting I	3	ACCT 2010
MGT 2010 Legal Environment of Business	3	BADM 2010
FIN 2100 Principles of Finance	3	FIN 2100

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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