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**To: Deborah Mahaffey, Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

**From: Larry Rubin** *Larry Rubin*  
**Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Academic Support Services**

**Re: Project Lead the Way (PLTW) and Agricultural Science Courses for Admission Purposes**

I am writing to let you know that our institutions have now reviewed both the PLTW courses and the Agriculture/Science courses that DPI has recognized as high school science equivalents. The institutions have now informed us of how these courses will be considered for freshmen admission purposes. I am pleased to let you know that all of our institutions have agreed to accept the DPI determination that these courses can be considered as science equivalents and count for part of the three high school units of science required for admission to UW institutions. The attached charts, one for PLTW and one for Agriculture/Science, detail how each institution will count these courses toward satisfying admission requirements.

Please share this information as widely as necessary to help inform students, families, and high school counselors. We believe this will be of great benefit to students interested in pursuing engineering/technology or agricultural science in their post secondary studies.

If you have questions about the attachments or anything related to how the courses will be evaluated, please contact Janice Sheppard at [jsheppard@uwsa.edu](mailto:jsheppard@uwsa.edu) regarding the PLTW courses, or Carmen Faymonville at [cfaymonville@uwsa.edu](mailto:cfaymonville@uwsa.edu) regarding the Agriculture/Science courses.

I am confident that our joint effort will improve students' transition from secondary to post secondary education.

**Attachments**

**cc: Kevin Reilly, President**  
**Rebecca Martin, Senior Vice President**  
**Chancellor David Wilson**  
**Provosts**  
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**Carmen Faymonville, Academic Planner**  
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# Project Lead the Way Courses

## UW Admission Information for POE and BE



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The following chart portrays how UW System Institutions will consider PLTW courses for admission purposes.

| Institution      | PLTW Courses that will be considered as high school science units for admission purposes | How will these PLTW courses count for admission purposes? |
|------------------|--|---|
| UW-Colleges      | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Eau Claire    | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | A   |
| UW-Green Bay     | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-La Crosse     | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Madison       | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Milwaukee     | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Oshkosh       | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Parkside      | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | A   |
| UW-Platteville   | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | A   |
| UW-River Falls   | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | C   |
| UW-Stevens Point | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | A   |
| UW-Stout         | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | C   |
| UW-Superior      | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |
| UW-Whitewater    | Principles of Engineering<br>Biotechnical Engineering                                    | B   |

### KEY

- A. Completion of 1 or both PLTW courses count for no more than 1 high school science unit
- B. Completion of 1 or both PLTW courses will count as 3<sup>rd</sup> unit of high school science as long as other units are some combo of biology/chemistry/physics.
- C. Completion of both PLTW courses will count for 2 high school science units