Badges in Graduate Programs

Badge Program

Wichita State University's badge program is designed with the working professional in mind so coursework is developed around professional development content and structured in smaller units. In most cases, information is organized into 0.5 credit hour classes (one 0.5 credit hour class equates to one badge) which also makes the workload manageable for someone who works a full-time job. While some badges may be offered in a classroom setting, most are offered online. Enrollment in some badge courses is restricted to nondegree seeking students; the credit may be applied towards elective requirements for a degree should the student enter a WSU degree program. Degree-bound students can enroll in certain badge courses that will provide them with additional workplace skills that are in demand by employers; this badge credit can apply toward elective requirements only. A badge cannot be offered for both undergraduate and graduate credit. All badges numbered in the 700's will be restricted to graduate level credit only.

Badges are credit courses that comply with the definition and assignment of credit hour policy and appear on a transcript indicating that academic work has been successfully completed. Students receive a grade of either *Bg* (badge earned) or *NBg* (no badge earned) when the class ends.

Important note for graduate students: Badge credits may only be applied as electives toward a graduate degree if the badge(s) was earned as a part of a graduate nondegree program and has been stacked into a specific course; or the badge(s) is rolled into an earned certificate; and the graduate program and Graduate School approve the use of badge credit(s) via the plan of study. All graduate rules with respect to coursework will apply to the badges (e.g. time limits; nonletter graded coursework limits).

For more information visit the Office for Workforce, Professional and Community Education website (http://wichita.edu/badges/)[1].

[1] Link opens new window.