

Concurrent Enrollment

Transfer Credit—Common Questions

The following common questions and answers are provided by college and university transfer credit advisors. For detailed information, please visit www.TransferUtah.org, a web-based resource provided by the Utah System of Higher Education.

What is a Transfer Credit?

Transfer credit refers to credit earned at one college that is transferred to a second institution. During the transfer credit evaluation process, the receiving institution evaluates the classes taken and credits earned at each institution to determine which courses will be accepted in transfer and how those courses will apply to the requirements for the program into which you are transferring. After the transfer evaluation is completed by the receiving institution, transfer credit will appear on your academic transcript from that institution.

Who decided if and how credits transfer?

How credit transfers is determined by the receiving institution's transfer credit policies and by academic departments. Since course content and learning outcomes can change, articulation decisions carry effective dates. Course and articulation data is updated routinely.

Do all colleges award the same transfer credit?

How credits transfer is specific to the receiving institution. Two colleges may treat the same class differently. To be sure you know how your class(es) will transfer, speak to a transfer credit advisor on the campus to which you will transfer credit.

Are there different types of transfer credit?

Within the Utah System of Higher Education, all credits transfer except developmental or remedial credits. For transfer of credit from institutions outside the Utah System of Higher Education, courses are evaluated on a course-by-course basis. In both instances, how credits transfer is the more critical issue. There are two primary types of transfer credit:

- **Equivalent Credit.** The receiving institution accepts the transfer course as equivalent to their course. Equivalent credit means the institution will treat the class as if you had taken the class on their campus.
- **Elective Credit.** The transfer course does not have a specific equivalent course at the receiving institution. The course does not fulfill major requirements; however, it may still be used as elective credit.

Do courses with "D" grades transfer?

Each institution has its own criteria for minimum grades accepted for transfer. For more information about a college's transfer credit policies, contact an admissions representative at the college or university where you intend to transfer.

Do I need a certain GPA or other requirements to transfer institutions?

Some institutions have a required GPA for transfer students. Some majors require prerequisite courses, a minimum GPA, special application, or other requirements prior to transferring. To find out if your intended major has any special admissions criteria, contact an admissions representative at the college or university where you intend to transfer.

Do remedial or developmental classes transfer?

In the Utah System of Higher Education, remedial or developmental courses do not transfer. However, while these courses do not apply toward your degree requirements, they can be necessary “refresher” courses for students needing help to improve math and writing skills to ensure success with regular college courses.

Can transfer students participate in athletics?

Typically, yes, provided the student athlete meets NCAA eligibility requirements. As always, check with the institution you plan to transfer to.

When should I apply to transfer credit?

Complete an application for admission (or readmission) at least two semesters before you plan to attend. For example, apply for Fall Semester in the early spring. This will give you enough time to submit the appropriate application forms and have official college transcripts sent to the receiving college or university for review. Remember, you must have an official college transcript sent directly from each institution where you completed the course(s). If you transferred multiple times, then you will need to contact each prior institution. Since it may take at least 6-8 weeks for delivery, make sure you apply early and are aware of any pending application and scholarship deadlines.

How many credits can I transfer?

Although institutions generally accept an unlimited number of transfer credits, each institution has limits on the maximum number of credits it will apply to a certificate or degree program. To learn about transfer credit limits, contact a transfer credit advisor on the campus to which you will transfer credit.

REMEMBER: Each institution has unique admission and evaluation criteria. Please refer to transferring guidelines at the institution from which you intend to graduate.