Course Credit Policy

Policy governing Transfer of Course Credit

Albright College welcomes applications for admission from students currently attending other colleges and universities. A student may be admitted to Albright as a transfer student at the beginning of either the fall or the spring term. Transfer credit is considered to be credit earned at a college or university other than Albright after a student has completed secondary school or the GED, but prior to the student's first enrollment at Albright College.

Current Albright students must complete the Off-Campus Course Approval form. Enrollment at another institution in a Fall or Spring semester except through consortial relationships or other partnerships is not permitted. Course work completed as part of a study abroad experience at an international university must meet the criteria described on the Study Abroad webpage.

A maximum of 20 total courses (worth up to 80 credit hours) may be transferred to Albright, but the student must complete a minimum of 10 course units (40 credit hours) at Albright.

Credit is granted for courses completed with a grade of "C-" or better; courses with grades lower than "C-" will not be accepted for transfer. Courses taken on a pass/fail basis will be accepted only if a grade of "pass" is equivalent to at least a "C-" at the awarding institution. Transfer credit will not be awarded for any course for which a student has previously earned credit at Albright. In addition, if a student subsequently takes a course at Albright for which transfer credit has previously been awarded, the transfer credit will be removed from the student's Albright transcript.

Transferred course credits count toward the graduation requirement of 30 course units, based on four-credit hour courses, but the grades for such courses are not included in the student's academic grade-point average. The Albright transcript does not indicate the grades of transferred courses. Courses must be the equivalent of courses taught at Albright or be judged by the College to be consistent with Albright's curriculum. Course equivalencies will be determined by the Transfer Admission Officer in consultation with the Department Chair / Program Director, and the Registrar. If it is determined that there is not an equivalent Albright course, elective credit will be awarded. Official transcripts from each post-secondary college or university attended

are required for transfer credit to be awarded. No credit(s) will be posted until official transcripts with final grades are received by Albright.

To be acceptable for transfer credit, U.S. courses must be taken in residence at (i.e., through registered enrollment in) a regionally or nationally accredited institution. Courses taken outside the U.S. must be transcripted either by an accredited U.S. partner institution or by a foreign institution certified in its home country by a process of comparable rigor to U.S. accreditation. Students must have a recognized evaluation agency (some examples include AACRAO Office of International Education Services, Josef Silny & Associates, World Education Services, etc.) provide an evaluation of the foreign transcript to Albright College.
Transfer credits earned under an existing articulation agreement may be subject to separate guidelines, as outlined in the specific agreement with each school. Students transferring to Albright with a completed Associate's degree from a regionally accredited institution are only required to take a Synthesis course to fulfill their general education requirements.

Transfer students seeking AP, CLEP, or DSST/DANTES credit for examinations taken prior to matriculating at Albright College must provide an original score report from the College Board. Credit for these examinations will not be granted based on a transcript from another institution.

For students who have earned academic credits while in military service, and which are recorded on a Joint Service Transcript, credit will be accepted per the recommendation of the American Council on Education (ACE), so long as it otherwise meets the criteria for transfer of credit to Albright College. Transcripted military experiences are ineligible for transfer.