

**REPORT: COMMITTEE ON SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS**  
**(For consideration by the Faculty Senate at its June 3, 2015 meeting.)**

**Proposed Transfer Policy Change**

Recommended by the Associate and Assistant Deans Council

April 23, 2015

**BULLETIN CHANGE**

<b>Current</b>	<b>Proposed</b>
<p>Applicability of credit toward a degree refers to the prerogative of academic divisions to count specific credit toward the fulfillment of a student's degree requirements. The student's college or school of enrollment is responsible for determining applicability.</p> <p>However, a transfer course is not applicable towards any University of South Carolina academic program or degree if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The transfer course was essentially remedial in nature (example: Developmental English).</li> <li>2. The transfer course was occupational or technical in nature (examples: welding, paralegal, radiography courses).</li> <li>3. A grade lower than 2.0 on a 4 point scale, or equivalent, was earned in the transfer course.</li> <li>4. The transfer course was taken by a degree-seeking University of South Carolina student without prior approval as described in the Earning Credit in Transient Status section of this bulletin.</li> <li>5. The transfer course was taken while a student was on an academic suspension from the university.</li> <li>6. The student <del>was previously enrolled</del> in an equivalent course at this university, unless the student was enrolled full time at least one year at the transfer institution.</li> </ol> <p>Exceptions to the rules of applicability may be made only by petition to the dean for undergraduate studies of the College or School in which the student is majoring.</p>	<p>Applicability of credit toward a degree refers to the prerogative of academic divisions to count specific credit toward the fulfillment of a student's degree requirements. The student's college or school of enrollment is responsible for determining applicability.</p> <p>However, a transfer course is not applicable towards any University of South Carolina academic program or degree if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The transfer course was essentially remedial in nature (example: Developmental English).</li> <li>2. The transfer course was occupational or technical in nature (examples: welding, paralegal, radiography courses).</li> <li>3. A grade lower than 2.0 on a 4 point scale, or equivalent, was earned in the transfer course.</li> <li>4. The transfer course was taken by a degree-seeking University of South Carolina student without prior approval as described in the Earning Credit in Transient Status section of this bulletin.</li> <li>5. The transfer course was taken while a student was on an academic suspension from the university.</li> <li>6. The student <b>received any grade other than W</b> in an equivalent course at this university, unless the student was enrolled full time at least one year at the transfer institution.</li> </ol> <p>Exceptions to the rules of applicability may be made only by petition to the dean for undergraduate studies of the College or School in which the student is majoring.</p>

**JUSTIFICATION**

New university processes ensure that disciplinary content experts establish USC equivalents for transfer courses. There are no university restrictions on repeating a course at USC if the course was previously dropped with a W at USC. Since transfer and USC courses are equivalent, there should likewise be no restriction on repeating such courses at transfer institutions.