

REPORT: Committee on Scholastic Standards and Petitions
For: Consideration by the Faculty Senate at its December 3, 2014 meeting
Course and Academic Credit Policies: Proposed Transfer Credit Policy

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Transfer Credit

Students transferring to the University from another college or university must, before enrolling in class at the University, have their transcripts evaluated by ~~the director of admissions and the dean of the college in which they are enrolled~~. It is only in the light of such evaluation that students will know ~~definitely which transferred courses will be applicable toward USC degree requirements~~.

~~Academic courses completed at regionally accredited institutions are normally transferable to the University of South Carolina, although, as a general rule, courses that are occupational or technical in nature; essentially remedial in nature; from a two-year institution which are considered upper division or upper level at the University; or from a two-year institution that are not listed as part of that institution's college parallel program are not acceptable in transfer to the University of South Carolina. Exceptions to this rule may be made only by the dean of the college in which the student is majoring and only in specific cases where such courses are judged to be uniquely relevant to the student's degree program.~~

~~A student transferring from an institution not accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association may validate by examination hours earned at the unaccredited institution. Full information concerning validation procedures may be obtained from the dean of each college.~~

~~No transfer credit will be accepted for a course that is equivalent to one at this university in which the student was previously enrolled, unless the student was enrolled full time at least one year at the transfer institution. Similarly, students cannot receive degree credit for a course taken at the University if they have received transfer credit for an equivalent course taken previously at another institution.~~

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Students transferring to the University from another college or university must, before enrolling in class at the University, have their transcripts evaluated by the University. It is only in the light of such evaluation that students will know definitively the transferability and equivalency of each transfer course. Degree applicability will be determined by the college or school in which the student is enrolled.

Transferability refers to the conditions under which the University accepts credit for inclusion in the student's record. Transfer courses must have been taken at a regionally accredited post-secondary institution, or, if taken at a foreign post-secondary institution, have been recommended by a NACES-member external evaluation service. Coursework classified as remedial by the University will appear on the student's record, but will not be used to determine admission eligibility or a transfer GPA. Exceptions to this rule may be made by the Office of the Registrar when state scholarship eligibility rules require inclusion.

Equivalency entails equating transfer credit, both in hours and content, to University of South Carolina coursework. The Registrar's Office works with USC colleges and schools to coordinate the process of transfer evaluation to equate transfer courses directly to courses in the USC course catalog; to subject codes which represent subjects not offered at USC; or to subject codes that identify courses as remedial/technical/non-accredited coursework. A list of transfer equivalencies for the Columbia catalog of courses can be found at: <http://registrar.sc.edu/html/transfertable.stm>

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.

~~Credit for summer school, correspondence, and extension work completed at other institutions by a degree-seeking University student will not be accepted by transfer if the student has previously been enrolled in an equivalent course in the University.~~

~~Credit for other courses will be accepted only under the conditions that each course has been approved in advance by the head of the department or the dean of the college concerned and such approval filed with the Office of the University Registrar; and each course has been passed with a grade adequate for transfer purposes.~~

~~The Request to Earn Credit through Special Enrollment form (AS-30) is available from the Office of the University Registrar or from the student's college dean.~~

~~Credits earned while a student is on academic suspension from the University cannot be applied toward a degree or used in improving the grade point average.~~

However, a transfer course is not applicable towards any University of South Carolina academic program or degree if:

1. The transfer course was essentially remedial in nature (example: Developmental English).
2. The transfer course was occupational or technical in nature (examples: welding, paralegal, radiography courses).
3. A grade lower than 2.0 on a 4 point scale, or equivalent, was earned in the transfer course.
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.
5. The transfer course was taken while a student was on an academic suspension from the university.
6. The student was previously enrolled in an equivalent course at this university, unless the student was enrolled full time at least one year at the transfer institution.

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.