



TRANSFER STUDENTS

All regulations applying to newly admitted freshmen are applicable to students transferring from other colleges with less than 30 hours of transferable credit.

A student transferring from another college must have official transcripts from all colleges previously attended sent to the Office of Admissions for undergraduates of Georgia Southwestern State University. The Office of Admissions for undergraduates will determine the applicant's academic qualifications for admission on the basis of these college transcripts.

The Office of Admissions for undergraduates of Georgia Southwestern State University reserves the right to reject the application and all or any part of previously earned credits if there is reason to believe that the quality of the educational program of the institution that the applicant last attended is unsatisfactory.

Transfer Admission Requirements and Standards

- Transfer students from another college must have official transcripts from all colleges previously attended sent to the Office of Admissions for undergraduates of Georgia Southwestern State University.
- Transfer students should be in good standing at the last institution attended, having a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Transfer students with fewer than 30 semester hours of acceptable academic credit must submit an official record of scores obtained on the College Entrance Examination Board's Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) and an official copy of the high school transcript.
- Transfer students with fewer than 30 total semester hours of transfer credit must meet the admissions requirement for beginning students, and therefore, may be required to enroll in the Learning Support Program. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions should be contacted for details concerning Learning Support requirements.
- Transfer students who have participated in and have successfully completed the Learning Support Program at another college in the University System of Georgia may be admitted as regular students provided all other entrance requirements are met. Students enrolled in Learning Support at another college in the University System of Georgia are required to exit the program before transferring to Georgia Southwestern.

Students who have completed a transferable associate degree at an accredited college or university will be admitted as regular students without any referral to Learning Support. Students who have completed an associate degree at a technical college accredited by the Commission on Colleges (COC) will also be admitted as a regular student without any referral to Learning Support.

Following are the requirements which the transfer student must satisfy prior to enrollment:

1. Application with \$25 fee.
2. Official transcripts from each college attended.
3. SAT/ACT scores and high school transcript if fewer than 30 semester hours of acceptable academic credit are transferred.
4. Proof of required immunizations.
5. Students who have registered in other colleges may not disregard their records at these institutions. Failure to report previous college attendance at the time of application is sufficient cause for cancellation of the student's enrollment and of any credit earned.
6. An applicant will not be considered for admission unless the transcript of the college or university last attended shows honorable discharge or unless the officials of the institution last attended recommend the applicant's admission. However, if two or more calendar years have elapsed since the applicant's dismissal from the last college or university attended, the admitting institution may review the application through established procedures to determine whether or not admission should be granted. (BR Minutes, 1983-84, p. 35)

TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Transfer credit is normally awarded for all college work earned through any college or university approved by its regional accrediting association, provided the courses presented reasonably parallel the curriculum of Georgia Southwestern State University. When a transfer student is fully accepted to GSW, the Office of Admissions sends the student's folder to the Registrar's Office for evaluation. Transcripts are evaluated in the order in they are received. Once an evaluation is completed, a copy is mailed to the student and the advisor. The Registrar's Office evaluates Areas A-D with Area F and the Major classes are evaluated by the school/college of the degree program. The following stipulations on the transfer of credit are upheld:

1. Transfer of D credit:

Only courses completed at accredited institutions will be accepted in transfer.

- All credit earned in 1000 and 2000 level courses used to satisfy Core Curriculum requirements will be accepted, except for English 1101 and English 1102, which require minimum grades of C.
 - Credit earned in upper level undergraduate courses requires a minimum grade of C.
2. Students who have only partially completed Core requirements at another unit of the University System of Georgia will receive credit in courses completed. Students who have completed one or more Core Area requirements at another unit of the University System of Georgia will receive full transfer credit for those Core Areas. Students who change their major upon transferring may be required to complete requirements in Areas D and F for the new major.
 3. Course work taken in two-year college technical programs is generally non-transferable.
 4. Course work taken at two-year Technical Colleges which are accredited through the Commission on Colleges will be considered in transfer if the course numbering is 190 or above. Courses taken at Technical Colleges accredited through an agency other than the Commission on Colleges may be accepted as transfer credit if the student submits the Evaluation of Credit form and required documentation. The form can be found at http://www.gsw.edu/~aaf/student_forms/ecnontrad.pdf.
 5. Transfer students must meet residency requirements outlined in the Degree Requirements section of this catalog.
 6. Credit earned through correspondence, credit by examination and extension work is accepted, but limited to 30 semester hours.
 7. Credits accepted in transfer by Georgia Southwestern State University do not necessarily apply as hours toward graduation.
 8. Credit hours only are transferred; grades are not.

A student transferring to GSW with a transferable Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree from a college or university within the University System of Georgia will have met the GSW core requirements as long as the student does not change majors. Core courses required by GSW but not by the student's previous institution might have to be taken to prepare the student for upper division course work. However, the student will not be required to complete more than a total of 120 semester credit hours, excluding physical education and orientation, to earn the degree. Students in this category who change majors may have additional core courses to complete, particularly in Core Areas D and F.

A student transferring to GSW with an Associate of Applied Science or an Associate of Science in Nursing degree from a college or university within the University System of Georgia will be required to meet GSW core requirements. Core courses already completed at the previous institution will be considered on a course-by-course basis.