# HAVERFORD COLLEGE TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS, SUMMER STUDY, AND APPROVED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMS

Haverford College accepts credit from transfer colleges and universities as follows:

- Credit is normally awarded from United States regionally-accredited colleges and universities
  only, and affiliated foreign institutions for students on approved Study Abroad programs. On
  rare occasions, this rule is relaxed to include transfer students from abroad, whose college or
  university is not a part of the US regional accreditation process;
- 2. Haverford College awards full academic credit for study elsewhere as follows:
  - (a) For courses to be considered for transfer to Haverford, the course must be either identical to or similar to one that either is offered at Haverford (or any of its cooperating institutions—Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, University of Pennsylvania; also the California Institute of Technology for our 3/2 Program in Engineering), or one that, because of its content, readily fits into either the general education component of Haverford's Degree or a specific major at Haverford or any of its cooperating institutions;
  - (b) Vocational courses are not considered for transfer to Haverford; nor are courses earned through distance learning (if identifiable); nor are courses that appear on the student's high school academic record as a part of the fulfillment of the high school diploma;
  - (c) For any course to be accepted in transfer at Haverford, the minimum grade allowable is "C" or 2.0 (on a four-point scale) or higher. Grades of "C-" are not accepted in transfer. If the home college allowed a student to repeat a course for a higher grade, Haverford College will accept the course with the higher grade. Grades of "P" (pass), will be accepted in transfer only via a written statement from the transfer college that such a grade is equal to a "C" or 2.0 or higher.
- 3. Up to four course credits may be awarded for pre-college work, and is evaluated and considered for transfer credit as follows:
  - a. Advanced Placement: 0.5 credit for a score of 4; 1.0 credit for a score of 5. Haverford College Foreign Language requirement may be fulfilled with a score of 4 on any foreign language AP exam.
  - b. International Baccalaureate: 1.0 credit for scores of 5, 6, or 7 on Higher Level Exams only. Foreign Language requirement can be fulfilled with a score of 5 or higher in a language other than English.
  - c. French Baccalaureate: completion of the "Terminale." 1.0 credit for scores of 12 or higher with a coefficient (level of difficulty) of at least 5. Foreign Language requirement automatically fulfilled.
  - d. Swiss Maturite: 1.0 credit for scores of 5 or higher. Foreign Language requirement automatically fulfilled.
  - e. British Advanced Levels: 1.0 credit for grades of "A" or "B" only. No credit for Subsidiary Level Exams.
  - f. German Abitur: 1.0 credit for scores of 10 or higher in any liberal arts field. Foreign Language requirement automatically fulfilled.

## **Policy Notes:**

#### 1. Transfer Admission

- a. Haverford College only accepts transfer students for Semester 1. Once accepted by the Dean of Admission and Financial Aid, a student's official transcripts are evaluated by the Registrar.
- b. Typically, students must be able to transfer into the sophomore or junior class. On rare occasions, a student is accepted as a transfer student by having completed only the first semester of his/her freshman year.
  - i. Status as an entering sophomore requires a minimum 8.0 course credits;
  - ii. Status as an entering junior requires a minimum 16.0 course credits.
- c. To meet degree requirements, a minimum of the final two years of study—16 course credits—must be taken at Haverford (or our cooperating institutions: Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College or the University of Pennsylvania, exclusive of summer study).

#### 2. Summer Study

- a. The Registrar evaluates for transfer credit all coursework taken elsewhere during the summer term using the criteria articulated above.
- b. This includes summer study at Bryn Mawr College, Swarthmore College, and the University of Pennsylvania, as our academic cooperation agreements only cover the academic year.

## 3. Study Abroad

a. The Dean of Global Affairs evaluates for transfer credit all coursework taken in affiliated study abroad programs using the criteria articulated above.

# HAVERFORD COLLEGE ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Haverford College does not have any articulation agreements with two-year institutions through which students are guaranteed admission and transfer of credit upon successful completion of two years of study elsewhere.

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