

## Transfer Credit



College credit that you earn after high school graduation is considered transfer credit and will be evaluated on two levels. The first level is a determination of whether or not the credit is transferable to FSU. Generally speaking, all college credits taken at an accredited institution will be transferable. The second level of review determines which of the transfer credits that you have earned will apply to the degree program that you have selected. This is the only credit that is counted towards the percentage thresholds established by the Excess Credit Hour law.

Below are three examples of transfer credit and how it is reflected in the Excess Credit Hour counter:

- **Example 1.** All credit counts to your degree.
- **Example 2.** All credit is transferable, but only some counts to your degree.
- **Example 3.** Changing majors and need to reclaim credit.

**Example 1.** A student has 6 hours of AP credit and has completed two semesters (twelve hours each semester) at a college or university, for a total of 30 semester hours of credit. The FSU Level One review determined that all of the credit is transferable to the University. The Level Two review determined that all of the credit is applicable to the degree program selected.

Type of Credit	Hours Attempted	Hours Earned	Excess Credit Counter
AP	6	6	0
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	12	12	12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	12	12	12
<b>FSU Total to Start</b>	30	30	24*

\*In example 1, the Excess Credit Hour counter is 24 because the six hours of accelerated credit is excluded by law. The remaining transfer credits are countable.

**Example 2.** Same scenario as Example 1. A student has 6 hours of AP credit and 24 hours of college credit, however, in this example not all of the college credit is applicable to the degree program selected.

The FSU Level One review determined that all of the credit is transferable to the University. The Level Two review revealed that the student took three history classes for total of 9 semester hours of credit in history. Based on the selected major, only six hours of history is required, so one of the history classes (3 credit hours) is considered elective and not directly applicable to the degree.

Type of Credit	Hours Attempted	Hours Earned	Excess Credit Counter
AP	6	6	0
1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	12	9	9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	12	12	12
<b>FSU Total to Start</b>	30	27	21*

\*In example 2, the Excess Credit Hour counter is 21 because the six hours of accelerated credit is excluded by law and the three hour history course is not degree applicable. The remaining transfer credits are countable.

**Example 3.** Same scenario as used in Example 2, except after starting at FSU, the student decides to change his/her major from the one originally selected. When you elect to change your major essentially the Level Two review of credit is repeated for your new major. It is possible that your new major selection will change which courses are degree applicable. **Important Note: Once a Level Two review has been completed, the courses that are determined to be degree applicable will always be included in the Excess Hour Counter even if you change to a major in which they are no longer degree applicable.**

Type of Credit	Hours Attempted	Hours Earned	Excess Credit Counter (FSU start total plus Semester hours attempted)
Starting FSU degree totals	30	27	21*
FSU first term	15	15	15
Change of Major in FSU second term	15	15	15
<b>Degree Totals</b>	60	60	54**

\*In the new major, the three hour history course is now degree applicable and added to the Excess Credit Hour Counter. The six hours of AP credit is still excluded.