

## Undergraduate Transfer Student Admission Requirements

Applicants with 24 or more transferable credits from an accredited, GCU-approved college, private Christian university, university or program may be accepted to the University if they meet at least one of the following admission standards:

- 1) 24-59 undergraduate credits with an unweighted GPA of 2.25 or above
- 2) 60 or more undergraduate credits with an unweighted GPA of 2.00 or above
- 3) Degree bearing Associate's transcript with an unweighted GPA of 2.00 or above

## Evaluation of Transfer Credit

All undergraduate students accepted to Grand Canyon University with prior college, private Christian university or university course credit will receive an official transfer credit evaluation from the Office of Academic Records showing how the courses completed at each previous school will transfer. Evaluations will include the total number of credits accepted, as well as a course-by-course breakdown indicating how each class may be applied toward University graduation requirements. Courses may be accepted as upper or lower division general electives, upper or lower division major or minor electives, or as directly equivalent University courses. Students who wish to substitute credit for a course taken either externally or internally toward the completion of a degree program must complete and submit a Special Study Request Form. The Office of Academic records determines the specific applicability for an acceptable course. The following guidelines are used in determining acceptability of courses:

- The University generally accepts courses from accredited, GCU-approved colleges, private Christian universities, universities, or programs provided the work is not of a highly specialized nature and a grade of C or better is earned. Transfer Credit Practices of Designated Educational Institutions, published by the American Association of Collegiate Academic Registrars and Admissions Officers, is used as a general guide in determining acceptability. No course with a grade below C will count toward the required number of hours for graduation for an undergraduate degree.
- The University will not accept for transfer any credit where the course number is not 100 or above or is described as having remedial content.

In order to accurately and consistently evaluate foreign credentials, Grand Canyon University requires all international college, private Christian university or university transcripts to be evaluated by a University-approved evaluation service. Obtaining an evaluation is an additional step to awarding college or university credit from foreign transcripts. The fee for evaluation is the responsibility of the student.

- Except where specifically limited by certain programs, the University will recognize the following number of credits from accredited, GCU-approved colleges, universities, or programs:

°A maximum of 90 hours of transfer credit, no more than 84 hours of which can be lower-division in 120 hour programs; or

°A maximum of 98 hours of transfer credit, nor more than 83 hours of which can be lower-division in 128 hour programs.

Please note that the differences in the allowable-transfer hours help students to fulfill the 30-credit residency requirement. Credit earned from courses that are not affiliated with the degree accepted in the Direct Transfer Plan must be independently evaluated to determine equivalency and applicability of content. Among the acceptable lower-division credits may be community college credit, technical credit, military service credit, professional/life learning credit, and/or credit by examination.

## GCU Direct Transfer Plan

Students who complete a transfer-oriented Associate degree at an accredited, GCU-approved college, private Christian university, university or program may fulfill the University's Grand Experience requirements, with the exception of the Christian Studies requirements. The same is true of the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) from Arizona's public community colleges.

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