

Transfer of Credit from Other Colleges & Universities

Undergraduate semester hour credits earned at another college or university are accepted for credit and advanced standing toward an undergraduate degree program offered at Northeastern State University under the following provisions:

1. The credit hours must have been earned in courses offered at a college or university that has been fully accredited by an accrediting agency within the association of the Council on Postsecondary Accreditation.
2. A grade must be designated to each course completed and the grade must be measurable and comparable in terms of the grading system used at NSU. Only courses completed in which semester hour credit has been designated with grades assigned can be considered for transfer.
3. The course completed must be measurable and comparable in terms of credit hours, subject, content, level of instruction and study, clock hours of required class participation, meeting times and attendance, instructor clock hours, examinations required, and grading system to the same criteria for a course offered at NSU.
4. Prerequisites for the course completed must be comparable to the prerequisites for a course offered at NSU.
5. Courses completed must be designated at the previous institution on the same level of instruction within the catalog as that offered at Northeastern State University in terms of first year, second year, third year, or fourth year to be accepted as comparable to a course offered at NSU.
6. Students must have status at the previous college or university in good standing, i.e., not on academic or disciplinary suspension when accepted for admission to Northeastern, and must have been a candidate for an associate or a baccalaureate degree in the previous college or university at the time of transfer.
7. Students must be pursuing only one baccalaureate degree at any college or university at the time of transfer and during study for a degree from NSU, and the same courses completed for a degree previously earned cannot be applied toward the same degree program or type of degree at Northeastern State University.
8. The Dean of each College at NSU in which a course is offered shall make the initial determination of the comparability of any course to be accepted for transfer to Northeastern State University, designate the limit of credit hours to be accepted and the degree program or programs toward which the credit may apply designated in such terms as "prerequisite," "tentative" (pending satisfactory completion of 30 hours in residence at NSU), or "elective," and specify the course name and number of the course offered at Northeastern State University to which the transferred course and credit is comparable.
9. Final determination on credits accepted for transfer to Northeastern shall be made by the Registrar of the University under the authority of the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
10. Credit for acceptable and comparable courses completed in two-year junior colleges is applicable up to the first 64 hours of degree programs at Northeastern State University. None may apply toward the last 60 hours of a bachelor's degree. One year of junior college credit in comparable courses is applicable to the first 32 semester hours of a bachelor's degree.
11. No more than one-fourth of the total credit hours required for a bachelor's degree at NSU will include courses completed at another college or university by extension or correspondence.
12. Credit hours granted by another college or university through advanced standing examinations must be the same as the advanced standing requirements at Northeastern State University to be considered for acceptance toward a degree program at NSU; i.e. CLEP subject examinations only. Students who wish to be tested for acceptance of credit previously granted at another college or university for any previous work completed in other than regular college and university courses attended may apply for advanced standing at Northeastern State University and take the departmental examinations that are available and which have been approved by the Chairman or Dean of the college in which the subject material is appropriate. The cost for departmental examinations administered is \$5.00 per credit hour. Advanced standing in designated courses may also be given for courses completed while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States subject to the terms of credit hours recommended in the current Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services, published by the American Council on Education, when such work or courses are comparable to courses offered at Northeastern and when approved by the chairman of the division in which the course is offered. Credit given or accepted for transfer for life or work experiences which may have been granted at another college or university for such experiences can be accepted only upon successful completion of a CLEP subject examination or a departmental examination at Northeastern State University. If a departmental examination is not available at Northeastern State University, the credit granted by another college or university previously attended cannot be accepted for transfer.

13. The amount of advanced standing credit which may be awarded shall not exceed one-half of the total semester hours required at the lower division level and not more than one-half of the total semester hours required at the upper-division level. In the computation of the total amount of credit which may be earned by advanced standing, hours taken through correspondence and extension methods shall be considered as having been earned through the advanced standing mechanism.
14. Students transferring from universities that are not fully accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association are eligible to enroll at NSU provided they meet the undergraduate and/or graduate admission requirements as listed in the current Northeastern State University catalog. It is the responsibility of Northeastern State University to determine which courses transferring from these universities will apply toward a particular degree program. Validation tests are administered for courses which are considered to be comparable. Credit is granted if satisfactory scores are made on the validation tests.
15. Graduates from universities which are not fully accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association will be admitted to graduate study in academic areas in which all undergraduate prerequisites have been met through validation of credit or through the earning of credit at a fully accredited institution. In addition, applicants must submit scores on the Miller Analogy Test or the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination. The test results must place the student in the upper three-fourths of college graduates according to national norms.
16. Students who are graduates of a fully accredited institution that does not indicate grade points on transcripts must submit scores on the Miller Analogy Test or the aptitude section of the Graduate Record Examination before being considered for admission to the Graduate College. The scores must place the student in the upper three-fourths of college graduates according to national norms.