

New students entering Oakland University generally will receive a preliminary evaluation of coursework completed at other institutions by mail within a few weeks of admission. This evaluation shows the total number of credits awarded for each institution as well as how those credits apply to degree requirements including general education, writing proficiency and ethnic diversity. A final evaluation showing how transfer work applies to major program requirements is completed by the academic unit of the student's declared major. Contact your academic adviser to obtain a copy of this final evaluation.

Returning students who have completed course work elsewhere should have an official transcript mailed by the guest institution directly to the Academic Records Office, 102 O'Dowd Hall. Contact your adviser to receive a copy of the final evaluation.

Transfer Credit Evaluations

The Academic Records Office evaluates all course work previously completed with a grade of "2.0" or an equivalent grade at regionally accredited post-secondary institutions in accordance with the transfer policies of this university. Regional accreditation does not automatically result in transferability of course work. Transferred courses may be used to satisfy general and major requirements. Individual academic units may impose particular limitations on transfer credits. Students are advised to read appropriate sections of the college catalog to learn the policies of schools in which they may be degree candidates.

Transfer credit will be posted on the student's academic record after admission to Oakland University upon receipt of an official transcript sent directly from the previous institution(s). Students whose prior academic experience includes course work completed outside the United States or Canada also must provide an evaluation from a credentials evaluation service. For additional information or a list of such services, please contact the Admissions Office (248) 370-3360.

Transfer Practices for Community College Students

Students transferring from a two-year college may transfer in a maximum of one-half the number of credits required for completion of a specific baccalaureate program. Additional credit may be transferred from regionally accredited four-year institutions. At least 32 credits must be earned at Oakland University.

Upon a student's initial entry to the university (or upon readmission after a lapse of six years or more), courses taken at a two-year institution may be accepted to satisfy requirements even though the rule limiting community college credit may prevent the acceptance of any credits from such courses. A continuing student at OU who has reached this credit limit may not receive additional credit from a two-year institution.

Transfer Practices for Students from Four-Year Institutions

Oakland University accepts students from four-year institutions and does not limit the amount of credit transferred from those institutions. However, certain remedial and physical education courses will not be accepted, nor will religion courses offered by religiously affiliated post-secondary schools.