

## **TRANSFER CREDIT**

Transfer credit may be granted solely at the discretion of the University. Credits may be transferred that have earned at an accredited institution of higher education. For institutions located in the U.S., the institution must be accredited by an agency that is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. SIU also may accept credits earned at institutions offering higher education outside of the U.S., if the institution is recognized and approved by the appropriate governmental organization or an appropriate accrediting body that certifies the institution's programs.

Students seeking transfer credits from post-secondary institutions outside of the United States must follow the International Admissions procedures. SIU will submit the student's academic Salem International University credentials for evaluation by World Education Services (WES) or an Educational Credentials Evaluator (ECE), at the student's expense. WES and ECE evaluations are subject to final approval by the Office of the Registrar. The WES or ECE recommendation for credits will be considered as part of the decision-making process.

For a course to be considered for transfer credit, the student must have earned a letter grade of "C" or higher, or the equivalent of a "C" or higher from an international institution; and official transcripts that substantiate the requested transfer credits must be received by SIU before the end of the first semester of studies at SIU.

Students who have at least one year of active military service may be awarded ACE recommended college-level credit for training and experience. Students must submit a copy of their military transcript or DD214 for review.

The decision to award transfer credit is solely at the discretion of the University. The decision will be made by the Registrar's Office based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, course descriptions, course content and equivalence to SIU courses in the student's program of study, accreditation status of the prior institution, and credit-hour equivalencies.

### **Maximum Transfer Credits**

Associate degree students may be awarded a maximum of 30 transfer credits; bachelor degree students may be awarded a maximum of 60. Students must complete their final courses for their degrees at SIU: Associate degree students must complete their last 30 credit-hours at SIU; baccalaureate students must complete their last 60 credit-hours at SIU.