

Transfer Student Admission

Southwest Baptist University is in agreement with the principle of the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education—that a student with a clear educational objective should be able to complete a degree program in the shortest possible time, whether the student remains in one institution or transfers to another.¶

The nature and standards of courses transferred toward a degree program must correspond closely to courses offered at Southwest Baptist University and may be limited by the college or department involved. Only professional education courses transferred from Missouri two-year colleges that are state-approved and from senior colleges having state-approved teacher education programs can be used to meet certification requirements.

A maximum of six hours of D credit will be accepted in transfer. A maximum of 30 semester hours of accredited work earned by correspondence or extension may be applied toward SBU requirements. No more than 12 hours of this credit will be counted toward a major or minor. Applicants may transfer up to 64 semester hours of credit from two-year colleges, and these credits will transfer only as lower level (1000-2000) courses. **NOTE: SBU will accept no more than 94 hours from other institutions toward a degree.** 12 / Applicants seeking teaching certificates must additionally fulfill the general education requirements prescribed by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Only professional education courses transferred from Missouri junior/community colleges that are state-approved and from senior colleges having state-approved teacher education programs can be used to meet certification requirements. Transfer students from schools that are not regionally accredited will have their work evaluated by individual departments to determine if it is transferable (no more than 30 credit hours total will be accepted). No Bible or religion courses will be accepted from schools not regionally accredited. No grade of D will be accepted from a college not regionally accredited.

Transfer students who have been academically dismissed from a previous institution must seek re-admittance or permission to return to that institution before being considered for admission to Southwest Baptist University.

Transfer Students with the Associate Degree

Transfer applicants who have completed the A.A. degree from a regionally accredited college will be permitted to transfer to SBU with all general education requirements met for the B.A., B.S., B.S.N., and B.A.S. degrees. Students transferring with an A.S. degree will have their degree evaluated to see if it meets all the general education requirements. Transfer students must still take those courses listed as graduation requirements. An associate degree in a professional program (such as an A.A.S.N. or A.S.N.) does not satisfy this requirement.

Transfer students holding an A.A. or A.S. degree seeking teacher certification must also fulfill the general education requirements prescribed by the Missouri State Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. (See Department of Education in the College of Education and Social Sciences.)

Transfer Students without the Associate Degree

Transfer applicants who do not have an associate degree will have their transcripts evaluated on a course-by-course basis. Students who have fulfilled the 42-credit hour general education curriculum block outlined by the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education and certified by the sending institution shall be deemed to have completed all general education requirements. Transfer students must still take those courses listed as graduation requirements. Transfer applicants will be admitted unconditionally to Southwest Baptist University as transfer students if the following criteria have been met:

1. The applicant has earned a minimum of 12 hours of college-level work (excluding remedial courses) from a regionally accredited college or university **since** completion of high school or GED and
2. The applicant has achieved a 2.00 G.P.A. or higher on **all** college-level work.

NOTE: Transfer applicants who do not meet the criteria listed above will be considered for admission under the "Freshmen Admission" criteria. Applicants who have not successfully completed the equivalents of SBU's English and math requirements are required to take the ACT, SAT, or another approved placement exam before being placed in an English or math course.