



## Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policies

Thomas Edison State University has one of the most flexible transfer credit policies in the country and will accept credit in transfer for courses completed at colleges and universities accredited by the six regional accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

- Students may apply up to 80 credits earned at regionally accredited community colleges a toward a Thomas Edison State University bachelor's degree
- Students may apply up to 120 credits earned at regionally accredited four-year institutions toward a Thomas Edison State University bachelor's degree

For students who have studied at more than one institution, the University can accept those credits, provided the institutions are regionally accredited. In addition, the University offers a host of ways to earn credit for knowledge obtained in non-collegiate settings.

Examples include:

- Courses and examinations approved through the National College Credit Recommendation Service (National CCRS) and the American Council on Education (ACE) College Credit Recommendation Service. The limit of National CCRS and ACE credits from a single source is 90 credits for a bachelor's degree and 45 credits for an associate degree.
- Military service schools as recommended by the American Council on Education. [Learn more.](#)
- Licenses, certifications and programs of study approved by Thomas Edison State University's Graduate or Undergraduate Council. [Learn more.](#)
- Credit recommendations from a required course-by-course international credit evaluation completed by one of the following agencies: Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. (ACEI); Center for Applied Research, Evaluations & Education, Inc.; Educational Credential Evaluators, Inc. (ECE); World Educational Services, Inc. (WES); SDR Educational Consultants; SpanTran Evaluation Services; and Transcript Research. [Learn more.](#)
- Thomas Edison State University may accept in direct transfer college-level credits earned at institutions accredited by national accreditation associations that have developed formal articulation agreements with Thomas Edison State University. Articulation agreements are posted at [www.tesu.edu/current-students/NJ-Articulation-Process.cfm](http://www.tesu.edu/current-students/NJ-Articulation-Process.cfm) as required by the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008.

- College-level skills and knowledge acquired outside the classroom or through courses from non-accredited institutions or institutions not reviewed by one of the aforementioned organizations may be validated through a variety of methods or testing options and/or through the Center for the Assessment of Learning at Thomas Edison State University.

If your credits were earned on a quarter system, the following conversion applies:

- 2 quarter hours = 1.33 semester hours
- 3 quarter hours = 2 semester hours
- 4 quarter hours = 2.66 semester hours
- 5 quarter hours = 3.33 semester hours

### ***Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement***

Thomas Edison State University is covered by, and will strive to adhere to, the tenants of the Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement adopted by New Jersey President's Council on Sept. 22, 2008. This agreement provides a statewide transfer agreement process to determine the transferability of courses to participating New Jersey colleges and universities. Participating institutions are listed at [www.njtransfer.org](http://www.njtransfer.org).

The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education has a policy which guarantees admission to a state college to a graduate with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from any New Jersey county or community college or Thomas Edison State University. This policy applies to Thomas Edison State University students who have completed an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree and transfer to another New Jersey state college to complete a bachelor's degree. Students must meet the degree requirements of the specific program in which they enroll; these requirements are determined by the respective state colleges.

This policy also applies to students who have completed an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science degree at a New Jersey county/community college and transfer to Thomas Edison State University to complete a bachelor's degree.

Acceptability for admission and acceptance of credits for nongraduates shall be at the discretion of the state college. The policy of the Commission on Higher Education includes the following:

- **Graduates with Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.**  
Graduates shall be guaranteed admission to a state college, although not necessarily to the college of their first choice. While admission to a state college is guaranteed, admission to a specific curriculum shall be determined by the college based upon the criteria which it imposes upon its own students.
- **Non-graduates of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science programs.**  
Normally students are encouraged to complete the associate degree prior to transfer. However, state colleges may admit non-graduates under the same conditions which they impose upon

any transfer student. Acceptability for admission and acceptance of credits shall be at the discretion of the state college.

- In accordance with the Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement 300- and 400-level (upper division level) at four-year institutions have no course equivalents at the community colleges. Therefore, community college courses will not be applied to upper division course requirements.

Students who wish more specific information concerning the transfer of credit should contact the University at [registrar@tesu.edu](mailto:registrar@tesu.edu); Attention: Director of Transfer Evaluations. A copy of the full policy is filed in the Office of the Registrar and is available to students.

### **[View New Jersey Statewide Transfer and Articulation Agreement Appeals Process](#)**

*Note: Graduates and non-graduates of Associate in Applied Science programs. State colleges may admit graduates or non-graduates of applied science programs and decide on the transferability of credits at their discretion.*

### **Policy on D Grades in Transfer**

Students may transfer in or apply Thomas Edison State University course grades of D to their non area of study requirements as long as their overall grade point average is at least a 2.0, or higher as determined by the School in which they are enrolled, with the following exceptions:

- All area of study courses must be graded C or better in order to apply to area of study requirements
- All required composition courses must be graded C or better
- No course in which a student earned a D- grade will be accepted in transfer

### **Minimum Grade Point Average for Graduation**

All undergraduate students at Thomas Edison State University are required to maintain an overall minimum average of C in their Thomas Edison State University courses in order to graduate. All area of study courses must be graded C or better in order to apply to area of study requirements for undergraduate students at Thomas Edison State University.

All undergraduate students at Thomas Edison State University are required to maintain a minimum average of C in all the credits applied to their degree (Thomas Edison State University and transfer credits) in order to graduate. All undergraduate students at Thomas Edison State University can only utilize a grade of C or better in the area of English composition in order to graduate.

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