

# Transfer Credit Policies

UAS reserves the right to reject work of doubtful quality, to require an examination before credit is allowed, or to determine applicability to GERs and program requirements.

Transfer credit equivalents vary among semester, unit and quarter universities. UAS converts quarter credits to semester credits automatically. The standard formula for quarter hour conversion is: # quarter hours x 0.667 = # semester hours. Example: 5 quarter hours x 0.667 = 3.34 semester hours.

Courses equated to UAS courses that are short 1.00 credits or less will meet UAS course requirements without requiring a petition (3.34 will meet 4.00 requirement); remaining credit can be made up in electives. If more than 1.00 credit short for a course requirement, students may need to take additional credits to make up the difference.

UAS also awards credit with appropriate scores from the following:

- Advanced Placement (AP) Credit through College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Placement only for ACT or SAT I (English only)
- College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests
- UAS Credit by Examination

The following regulations apply to the transfer of credits:

1. UAS will perform an official evaluation of transfer credits only after a student has been admitted to an undergraduate degree or certificate program.
2. UAS will transfer only college level credit from one of the following regionally accredited institutions:
  - a. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
  - b. Higher Learning Commission
  - c. New England Association of Colleges and Schools
  - d. Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges
  - e. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
  - f. Western Association of Schools and Colleges
3. Beginning Fall 2013 college level (100 level or above) credits earned with grades of 1.70 (C-) or higher at other regionally accredited institutions normally will be accepted for transfer. Grades of D- or higher will be transferred from other University of Alaska campuses.
4. Transfer students having earned a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have completed the equivalent of the UAS general education requirements (GERs) when officially accepted to any bachelors, associate of arts, or associate of science degree program at UAS. Some majors require specific GERs within their degree which must be completed. (Beginning fall 2018 - not retroactive)

- a. Transfer students having earned an associate of arts, or associate of science degree from a regionally accredited institution will be considered to have completed the equivalent of the UAS general education requirements (GERs).
  - b. Any transfer student who has not earned a bachelor's degree but has completed the general education requirements at any regionally accredited four-year institution will be considered to have completed the UAS general education requirements. Some majors require specific GERs within their degree which must be completed. *The student is responsible for providing an official statement and documentation certifying the completion of general education requirements at the previous institution.* (Beginning fall 2018 - not retroactive)
5. A minimum of 34 semester credit hours are required for the GERs in both the AA and the Bachelor's degrees. Students transferring degree programs from the University of Alaska Anchorage or the University of Alaska Fairbanks should consult the University of Alaska General Education Transfer Guide for comparison of courses that will fulfill the GERs at UAS
  6. Transfer courses retain the course level of upper or lower division credit established at the original college or university. Graduate-level coursework can only apply to undergraduate degree programs under special circumstances with prior approval.
  7. College credit is not awarded for completion of the General Education Development (GED) tests.
  8. Transfer credits are not included in a student's UAS GPA computation, except to determine eligibility for graduation with honors. All grades from all schools attended will be used when determining eligibility for graduation with institutional honors.
  9. Life/work experience is not accepted for evaluation as academic credit; however, the student has the option of [credit by exam](#).
  10. Credits may be awarded for Military Experience (MOS) according to the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations. Please contact the Registrar's Office for specific details regarding official transcripts/documents required. Copies of military personnel records can be requested from:  
National Personnel Records Center  
9700 Page Blvd  
St. Louis, MO 63132
  11. Students who have attended foreign institutions must provide an official statement of educational equivalency (official transcript evaluation in English). See International Admission Requirements for more information.

## Transfer within Southeast Campuses

Students admitted to one of the UAS campuses (Juneau, Ketchikan or Sitka) may transfer to another UAS campus to attain their degree without reapplying for admission. However, admissions requirements for the new program must be met in full. **Formal notification of the transfer must be submitted to the Admissions Office by completing a Change of Major form.**

## Transfer within the UA System

In order to serve students who transfer between UAS, UAA and UAF, the three main UA institutions have identified common transferable general education requirements for their baccalaureate degrees. These include:

<b>Category</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
Written Communication Skills	6
Oral Communication Skills	3
Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science	15
Quantitative Skills/Natural Sciences	10
<b>Minimum</b>	<b>34</b>

#### Transfer within the UA System

Credit for coursework successfully completed at one University of Alaska (UA) institution toward fulfillment of the general education requirements at that institution shall transfer toward fulfillment of the same categories at all other UA institutions. This applies even if there is no directly matching coursework at the institution to which the student transfers. Courses taken at other UA campuses (other than Ketchikan and Sitka) do not count toward residency credit for a UAS degree.

NOTE: Students who are admitted to UAS may enroll in courses at any of the other UA campuses without applying for admission to the other campuses.

For more information on transfer credit policies, please contact the Registrar's office at (907)796-6100.