

## Transfer Credit

The Transfer Credit Center facilitates the evaluation of credit for new students who have earned college credit or successfully completed Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or certain other standard exams; it also provides information and assistance to transfer advisors and prospective students. Students and advisors work together to decide how courses fit into a student's individual program, while the center provides course equivalencies, credit reports and articulation tables. At present we have nearly 220,000 course evaluations from colleges and universities across the nation in our database.

Your official college transcript(s) will be evaluated after you have been admitted to Maryland; final determination of course transferability and applicability will be made by your academic department. We evaluate transfer credit based on the following criteria:

- Credit should have been earned at a regionally accredited institution.
- Only courses with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better will transfer, although we will accept grades of "D" (1.0) from Maryland public institutions. Certain restrictions may apply.
- No more than 60 community college credits-or a combination of 90 from both 2- and 4-year institutions-are applicable to a degree here. An exception may be made in programs requiring more than 120 credits for graduation. (In any case, your final 30 credits must be earned at the University of Maryland, College Park to earn a Maryland diploma.)
- Professional, technical/vocational, internship/externship and remedial courses will not transfer.
- Some military credit earned at the Defense Language Institute, the National Cryptologic School, and the Community College of the Air Force is transferable; military credit earned at non-regionally accredited institutions (including military "A" and "B" schools) will not transfer.
- Only credit transfers to Maryland, not the grade point average (GPA). However, GPA at previous institutions may be used in evaluating your application for any Limited Enrollment Programs.
- Credit is not awarded for nontraditional or extracurricular learning even if another college or university previously granted credit for such work.
- Courses taken outside the United States of America will be evaluated for credit award by our Office of International Education Services. You may need to provide translated documents to assist departments in course evaluation.
- Courses taken on the quarter system will receive the standard .67 credit per credit-hour of study (i.e., a 3 credit course at a quarter school will merit 2 credits here).
- Credit for pass-fail or "satisfactory" grades will be awarded if you can demonstrate that you earned a "C" or better.

If you have earned college credit in the U.S. and submitted official transcripts, you may access your [transfer credit evaluation online](#) 10 business days after you receive your letter of admission. Please note that this is a preliminary and ongoing evaluation; every effort will be made to provide a comprehensive evaluation before you register for classes at Orientation. Your academic department and college make final decisions about course transferability and applicability towards your degree.

Students who submit official AP or IB or other exam score reports should expect to access their preliminary transfer credit report at the same site.

So that your record may be updated, be sure to submit a final official transcript which includes grades for any course work that may have been in progress at the time of your original application.