Standard Operating Procedure – Transfer Credit

Responsibility: Associate Dean; College Coordinator

Time Frame: Prior to the end of the student’s first academic term or 60 (sixty) calendar days prior to the end of the students graduating term.

Definition: Under some circumstances, students may transfer graduate course work with a grade of “B” or higher from another institution. The University will not accept more than nine (9) semester hours of course work from another institution. Granting exceptions to the nine-hour maximum require the approval of the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and the Dean of the Graduate School. Furthermore, the Graduate School will not accept transfer credit hours for more than one-half of the credit hours for a graduate degree.

Departmental/College approval and submission, to the Graduate School, of all transfer credit petitions must occur no less than sixty days (60) prior to the end of the student’s graduation term.

Students may not request transfer credit for courses taken during the same term/semester they apply to graduate.

Procedures:

Step 1: When requesting Transfer Credit, students must provide their faculty advisor with a transcript and course syllabus with a detailed course description. The faculty advisor reviews the information to determine the validity of the requested transfer. The student is responsible for securing all necessary departmental signatures.

Step 2: If approved by the faculty advisor, the student submits a Graduate and Professional Student Petition to the College Office of Graduate Studies. The student must include all the paperwork reviewed by their academic advisor with the Petition.

Step 3: The College Office of Graduate Studies submits the request for Transfer Credit to the Graduate School (using IRIS) for posing to the student’s official transcript. Credits earned at another institution do not become part of the student’s grade point average at the University of Houston. (See attached Graduate and Professional Petition for required information.)

Additional Information:

1. Time Limitations—
   a. For master’s students, coursework more the five (5) years old at the time of the awarding of the master’s degree
   b. For doctoral students, coursework more than (10) years old at the time of the awarding of the doctoral degree
2. **Previously Earned Degrees**—
   a. Students may transfer credit from incomplete degrees pursued at another institution
   b. No transfer credit is awarded unless it is advanced course work
   c. Students in the College of Education with pre-grad programs (non-terminal master’s on-the-way-to a Ph.D.), may apply twelve (12) semester hours of pre-grad coursework to their Ph.D. degree.

3. **Residency**—
   a. Transfer Credit is directly related to the College residency requirement
   b. Transfer Credit cannot represent more than one-half of the course credit necessary for a graduate degree

*Summary Table:*

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1. if concurrently enrolled in both programs
2. applies to hours at the graduate or undergraduate level; exceptions are made for preapproved accelerated pathway dual degree programs (Bachelor/Master’s).
3. only applicable for colleges with such programs

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**Transfer Credit Check List:**

- Did you take this course as a graduate student?
- Did you use this course for an existing degree?
- Did you earn a grade of B or higher?
- Will this course be less than 5(master’s)/10(doctoral) year old when you graduate from UH?
- Provide transcript and syllabus to faculty for review.
- Is your official transcript in CollegeNet, with a recorded grade?
- Must submit more than 60 days prior to graduation