

TRANSFER CREDIT

Evaluation of Transfer Credit

Transfer of credit from another institution to Texas State involves the consideration of the transfer institution's accreditation, how the course work compares and applies to a Texas State degree program, and the grades and hours earned. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions provides, along with the admission notification letter (when applicable), a link to the office's Transfer Course Equivalency System (<https://tim.txstate.edu/transferguide>) page which enables students to view their evaluated transfer work online so they are aware of how each course was evaluated for transfer purposes. Other transfer student resources are available here (p. 1).

Regional Accreditation

Texas State will consider for transfer credit (subject to other provisions outlined below) course work completed at institutions which have been granted membership or candidacy status in a regional association of the Association of Colleges and Schools, excluding accrediting commissions for vocational or occupational training.

No Regional Accreditation

Course work from an institution which is neither regionally accredited nor a candidate for such accreditation will not be recognized for transfer purposes. Student appeals may be reviewed on an individual basis.

Bible College Accreditation

Courses from institutions accredited solely by ABHE (Association for Biblical Higher Education) are awarded transfer credit on a parallel course by course basis. Remedial courses are nontransferable. Religious courses of a doctrinal or denominational character (sacraments, Christian approaches to missions, etc.) are not transferable.

Credit from Abroad

Course work completed at foreign institutions will be evaluated on an individual basis. Foreign institutions must be officially recognized by their Ministry of Education for transfer credit to be considered.

Role of the Office of Undergraduate Admissions in Determining Transfer Credit

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions reviews each course taken at another college or university and makes the initial determination of whether or not a course is transferable. The course is evaluated for transfer credit by comparing the nature, content, and level of transfer credit and in consultation with appropriate academic units at Texas State. Courses transfer to Texas State on the same level and with the corresponding grades and number of hours as earned at the other institution. It is sometimes necessary for the transfer student to provide such materials as catalogs, course descriptions, syllabi, class assignments, or textbooks to assure proper evaluation. The holding of an associate degree from another institution has no effect on the transfer of credit or admission to Texas State.

Role of University College

The University College will review student requests for review of elective courses (ELNA, ELADV) for application to the general education core curriculum.

Role of College Dean and Program Chair/ Department Chair/School Director of Student's Major

The applicability of transferred credit toward a degree at Texas State will be the decision of the college dean and the chair/director of the student's major department/school/program. The applicability of transferred credit will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

Explanation of Evaluation Symbols. Admissions personnel assign evaluation symbols to all courses submitted.

1. Courses that have direct Texas State course equivalency will be equated to the Texas State course number and be reflected accordingly on the evaluated transcript record.
2. Courses that hold transfer credit value, but which do not have an exact Texas State course equivalency, will transfer as elective courses. Elective courses will be recorded as ELNA (for lower-level freshman and sophomore courses) and ELADV (for upper-level junior and senior courses). Courses transferred at the lower-level cannot be equated as upper-level courses. The college dean and the chair/director of the student's major department/school/program will determine how these elective courses apply toward the student's degree.
3. Courses evaluated as Vocational Education (VocEd) are not transferable and are not computed in the GPA for admission purposes. In cases where VocEd courses support a student's degree program, the student may request the chair/director of his/her major department/school/program to review the courses. If approved, the VocEd credit will be recorded on the student's official Texas State transcript for application to that degree program. Should the student's major change, the applicability of the VocEd credit toward the new major will be subject to review by the chair/director of the student's new major department/school/program.
4. Courses that hold no transfer value for either admission or degree purposes are evaluated as Non-Transferable (NOCRD). Generally, these are courses that are remedial, preparatory, or developmental in nature.
5. Physical fitness activity courses are evaluated as Activity (ACT). These are transferable for admission and degree purposes.

Course Equivalency Information

Course equivalency information may be obtained from the junior/community college counselor, the Texas State Office of Undergraduate Admissions or through CatsWeb on the Texas State web site (www.txstate.edu (<http://www.txstate.edu>)). Students are encouraged to plan all course selections at the junior/community college as far in advance as possible. Proper planning and use of the equivalency information will maximize the transfer of credit to Texas State.

Texas Junior/Community College Transfer Students

Prior to transferring from a Texas junior/community college, students should discuss their course selections and degree plans with their two-year college counselor or academic advisor.

Articulation Agreements and Transfer Planning Guides

Texas State has formal articulation agreements and/or transfer planning guides with Alvin Community College, Amarillo College, Austin Community College, Blinn College, Brazosport College Central Texas College, Cisco Jr. College, Coastal Bend College, Collin County Community College, Dallas County Community College District, El Paso Community College, Frank Philips College, Houston Community College, Kilgore College, Laredo Community College, Lone Star College, McLennan Community College, Midland College, Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista, Odessa College, Palo Alto College, Paris Jr. College, San Antonio College, San Jacinto College, South Plains College, South Texas College, Southwest Texas Junior College, St. Philips College, Tarrant Community College, Temple College, Western Texas College, Wharton Jr. College and Victoria College. Transfer planning guides have been developed for many programs in these community colleges and for many additional programs in other community colleges. Potential transfer students may access existing transfer planning guides at www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html (<http://www.admissions.txstate.edu/future/transfer/tpg.html>).