Transfer Credit Frequently Asked Questions

What Institutions does Syracuse University accept transfer credit from?
• Syracuse University accepts transfer credit from any accredited 2 or 4 year institution.

How do I know if the course I take elsewhere will transfer back into Syracuse University?
• Student must complete the Transfer Credit Petition PRIOR to registering for classes at another institution so they can ensure that courses will transfer back to Syracuse University and apply towards the student’s degree.

What signatures do I need on the petition?
• Your signature
• Any course petitioned to count as a major/minor requirements must first be signed by the Major/Minor Department Chairperson (see individual academic departments) and then returned to 323 Hall of Languages for final approval.
• If you would like the course to count for a Language, Math, or a Writing requirement, your petition must be reviewed and approved by the department and then returned to 323 Hall of Languages for final approval.

Do I need to attach anything to my petition?
• A course syllabus is required for evaluation and must be attached to your transfer credit petition. Transfer Credit petitions will not be reviewed without a course syllabus of the course.

Can transfer credit count towards the Liberal Arts core?
• Transfer credit must be equivalent to at least 3 semester credit hours and the course must be approved to count towards Liberal Arts Core requirements by the College.

Can I take Non-A&S courses elsewhere?
• Yes. A maximum of 24 non-A&S elective credits may count towards your degree program.

What grade do I need to receive in order to have the course count?
• You must earn at least a “C” or better in order for coursework to transfer. Courses may not be taken on a Pass/Fail/Audit basis.

Are there any GPA requirements for transfer credit?
• Yes. Transfer credit will only be applied to your Syracuse University academic record if your cumulative GPA at Syracuse University is at least a 2.0.
Is there a deadline for submitting a Transfer Credit Petition?

- No. However, we strongly suggest that you submit any transfer credit petitions for review in 323 Hall of Languages at least 2 weeks prior to registering for the course in order to allow ample amount of time for your petition to be reviewed. This way you can ensure that the transfer credit will count towards your degree.

Is there a maximum number of transfer credits that I can enroll in?

- During the summer, you may take up to 14 transfer credits, therefore we ask that you submit no more than 6 transfer credit petitions for review. If later you find that the course you had petitioned is not available, you may then submit another transfer credit petition for review.
- During a winter session, you may take no more than 3 transfer credits, therefore we ask that you submit no more than 3 transfer credit petitions for review. If later you find that the course you had petitioned is not available, you may then submit another transfer credit petition for review.

How will I know if my petition is approved?

- Please allow 5-7 business days for review and processing of your petition. Once your petition has been reviewed, you will receive notification about the petition decision in your Syracuse University syr.edu email account.

What do I do after I complete the courses I petitioned?

- Please have an official transcript sent to the following address:

  Advising and Academic Support  
  Syracuse University  
  College of Arts and Sciences  
  323 Hall of Languages  
  Syracuse, NY 13244-1170

  Once a transcript has been received and processed, you will receive an e-mail informing you that we have posted the credits onto your academic record.