Understanding Your Transfer Credit Report

The Transfer Credit Report explains how undergraduate credits earned at other institutions will be transferred to the Ohio State University. Use this document to understand your transfer credit report.

Attention new students!

There are important steps regarding your transfer credit that you may need to complete prior to orientation. Failure to do so may result in an inability to create an effective schedule at orientation. See “Recommendations for your Major” for more information.

View and print your Transfer Credit Report at www.buckeyelink.osu.edu

Questions?

If you have questions or need more information, please contact:

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Helpful Links:

buckeyelink.osu.edu
Transferology.com
undergrad.osu.edu
veterans.osu.edu
registrar.osu.edu
ohiohighered.org

Transfer Student Responsibilities:

1. Look at your Transfer Credit Report and identify any General credit and/or Deferred credit. Some students may have multiple courses with General or Deferred credit; some may have none.
2. Check the “Recommendations for Your Major” section below to see what General and/or Deferred credit needs to be further evaluated before orientation.
3. If you do need credit further evaluated, contact the appropriate Transfer Credit Coordinator (listed on http://registrar.osu.edu/transfer_credit/tcc_list.asp). Unless otherwise specified by the department, please provide the following materials whether you are sending a fax, mailing information, or meeting with a Transfer Credit Coordinator:
   A. a copy of your Transfer Credit Report
   B. an unofficial copy of your transcript
   C. a course syllabus and other information that is sufficient to determine the content and level of the course
4. All other transfer credit issues can be discussed with an academic advisor at a later date—either at your orientation session, or after you begin attending classes at OSU.

Recommendations For Your Major:

If your intended major is in one of the following colleges or schools, we recommend you seek further evaluation of any General or Deferred credit in the subjects indicated before your orientation session. Programs that require evaluation of courses prior to orientation are noted with an asterisk.

School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
   Anatomy
   Biology
   Chemistry
   Math
   Physics
   Physiology
   Statistics

Knowlton School of Architecture
   Math
   Physics

College of the Arts and Sciences
   (Biological Sciences, Humanities, Mathematical and Physical Sciences, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and School of Communication)
   The college office will apply your General and Special credit to a Degree Audit Report, which you will receive before orientation.

College of Engineering*
   Biology
   Chemistry
   Computer Science and Engineering
   Introductory Engineering courses
   Mechanical Engineering
   English
   Math
   Physics

College of Engineering and Environmental Sciences
   Biology
   Chemistry
   Math
   Physics

College of Education and Human Ecology
   Biology
   Chemistry
   Computer Science and Engineering
   Math
   Statistics

School of Natural Resources
   Biology
   Chemistry
   Math
   Zoology

All other programs not listed
   Math
   Science courses

Math and Science Majors*
   Math and Science courses

Fisher College of Business*
   Accounting
   Business
   Computer Science and Engineering
   Economics
   Math
   Statistics
Frequently Asked Questions

Why didn’t I receive direct equivalents?
Determining equivalents often requires departmental expertise, and the Transfer Credit Center is limited in which equivalents we can initially award. In these cases, general, special and technical credits are often awarded. More information on this can be found in the “Description of Transfer Credit Types” section.

Transferability vs. Applicability
The transfer credit report lists credits that are transferable to OSU. Please see an advisor to determine how these transfer credits can be applied to your OSU program of study.

How do quarter hours transfer into OSU?
As OSU is on the semester system, transfer credit must be awarded in semester units. For domestic schools, quarter hours are multiplied by 2/3 to convert to semesters. If you attended a school with a non-traditional credit hour system, the maximum number of hours you should expect to receive per year is 32 semester hours.

Do grades transfer?
No, grades and GPA from previous institutions do not transfer to OSU. However we do keep track of the grades received, designated as “K” grades on the transfer credit report.

Why don’t I see my AP exams on the transfer credit report?
Test scores (from AP, CLEP, DSST, or INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE exams) are processed by the Testing Center, and will appear on a separate section of your student record. Please contact the Testing Center for further information.

What credit is transferable?
There are many exceptions to what transfers to OSU, but generally we look for undergraduate courses that:
- Come from a Regionally accredited school
- Are passed with a “C-” or better
- Are non-remedial

To view some of our pre-established transfer equivalencies, please visit www.transferology.com.

My school isn’t listed on Transferology—can my courses still transfer?
Absolutely. We only list some of our equivalencies on Transferology. Courses meeting the transfer criteria above will be awarded credit in most cases.

There is a mistake on my transfer credit report.
Please contact the Transfer Credit Center if you find errors on your transfer credit report. Clerical errors and misinterpretations of coursework can be corrected by our offices, but issues regarding course content and equivalencies must often be directed to the appropriate department or an academic advisor.

ESUE-TransferCreditCenter@osu.edu

How do I contact an academic advisor?
Most students will meet with an advisor for the first time at orientation. If you need to speak with one before then, please visit http://advising.osu.edu/welcome.shtml

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