

Office of Admissions and Financial Aid

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Transfer Credit Policy

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid evaluates transfer credit on behalf of the New College of Florida faculty.

Transfer credit is assigned toward New College of Florida's semester contract, Independent Study Project, and unit requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Credit is considered only for college courses with grades of "C" or better, taken prior to the student's initial enrollment at New College, and documented by official transcript from the accredited, postsecondary degree-granting college or university that issued the original credit. Course work taken on a noncredit basis will not be considered. *Credit by examination is not considered for transfer, except when applied to fulfillment of a Florida College System Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree.*

Courses in the arts and sciences and supporting fields may be accepted toward transfer credit. Acceptable courses typically fall into the following fields:

Anthropology Geography Philosophy
Art Geology Physics

Art History History Political Science
Biology Humanities Psychology
Botany Journalism Religion

Chemistry Languages¹ Social Sciences

Computer Science Literature Sociology
Economics Mathematics² Theater

Engineering Music Visual/Performing Arts

English Natural Sciences

Limited transfer credit may be assigned for course work in Business and Speech. Otherwise, courses in the following fields typically are not transferable:

Business Physical Education

Education Social Work
Health Speech

Nursing

Once transfer credit has been granted, that transfer credit will not be removed or waived by a request from the student.

For Florida College System A.A. transfers—for a student who has earned the A.A. degree from a member school of the Florida College System (formerly the Florida public community college system), New College acknowledges fulfillment of the College's Liberal Arts Curriculum (general education) course requirements, and would assign the following maximum transfer credit:

3 semester contracts

1 Independent Study Project

15 Units (equivalent to 60 semester credit hours)

For all other transfers—transfer credit is based on 16 or more transferable semester hours, in the following increments:

16-19 transferable semester hours 4 units 1 semester contract

20-35 transferable semester hours 5 units 1 semester contract and 1 ISP 36-51 transferable semester hours 9 units 2 semester contracts and 1 ISP 52 or more transferable semester hours 13 units 3 semester contracts and 1 ISP

In no case may transfer credit be given for more than 3 contracts and 1 ISP. Every New College student must complete at least four contracts and two ISPs in residence at New College in order to graduate.

¹Language credit (including Sign Language) transfers only if the language has been studied through at least the second semester level of the first-year sequence.

Adhermatics courses below the level of Calculus are not typically accepted for transfer with the exception of Trigonometry, Precalculus, and Statistics.





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NCF Transfer FAQs

What do I need to do for my Area of Concentration?

You should always expect to complete the majority of work in your field of study with faculty at New College. For permission to file your concentration, you'll need the approval of the professors in your field for the quality and amount of work you've done in that subject with them. (To file for a special program concentration, you'll need the endorsement of at least two faculty, and subsequent review by the faculty of the three academic Divisions.) You can read the guidelines for concentrations under the different academic divisions at ncf.edu/majors.

How do I find out about course placement?

Save your course syllabi—course placement is decided by faculty, not by the registrar. Professors in some fields, like mathematics, sciences, and foreign languages, may use placement exams. Particularly for any course related to your field of study, remember to save the syllabus. If you enroll at New College, you'll bring your syllabi to your faculty advisor and other professors to discuss your academic background. This will give them a better idea of what you've already studied, and help them know what questions to ask, so that they can better advise you for course placement. (You can read NCF course descriptions at www.ncf.edu/course-offerings.)

Faculty do this so that they can be comfortable that you're ready for more advanced level study with them, instead of assuming that two courses with the same name cover the same topics, or that two students with similar records have the same retention and understanding of the material.

What courses do I need to graduate?

Instead of a formula for graduation, New College offers a wide range of options. Each concentration provides guidelines for graduation for courses, types of courses, and projects or other experiences that the professors expect of their students. However, your professors may give you the flexibility to make many of your own choices. In addition, much of your work is done through individual arrangements with your professors, on topics you'd like to pursue. These tutorials, Independent Reading Projects, and Independent Study Projects will count toward your academic program.

How long will it take me to graduate?

You're welcome to request a rough estimate of transfer credit prior to a decision. Please contact our transfer coordinator, Ann Quinn (aquinn@ncf.edu or 941-487-4748).

The formal assignment of transfer credit is done for enrolling students, on the basis of the final college transcript.

Transfer credit is assigned in time toward the degree. All students need the equivalent of at least 7 semester contracts and 3 January Independent Study Projects toward their graduation requirements. For example, if the Office of the Registrar accepts 36 hours of transferable course work, this would be assigned 2 semester contracts and 1 Independent Study Project (leaving a minimum of 5 semester contracts and 2 Independent Study Projects to complete). Most transfers will complete an additional semester because of the senior thesis requirement, and/or to take additional courses. Note for students with scholarship funding: most scholarships assigned by New College are for 8 semesters minus any semesters of transfer credit assigned.

How will my credits transfer?

For more information, please review New College's transfer credit policy.

The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid can arrange an unofficial projection of transfer credit. For official award of transfer credit to an enrolling student, New College of Florida needs a final official transcript from each previous institution. (Grade reports and unofficial transcripts are not acceptable for this purpose.) All previous institutions should send final official transcripts directly to the New College of Florida Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Transfer credit for an enrolling student will be awarded in time toward the New College degree. The maximum credit possible for a student who enters New College of Florida with a Florida College System Associate in Arts (AA) degree is 3 semester contracts, 1 Independent Study Project, and 15 units (60 semester credit hour equivalents). The maximum credit possible for other transfer students is 3 semester contracts, 1 Independent Study Project, and 13 units (52 semester credit hour equivalents).

Transfer credit is not assigned for exam results, except when the exam credit has been applied toward an earned Florida College System AA. However, exam results (e.g., AP, IB, AICE, and CLEP) may sometimes be used toward fulfillment of the Liberal Arts Curriculum general education requirements.