

New College of Florida

Transfer Credit Policy

New College of Florida considers the quality of course work as validated by regional accreditation, the level and depth of study, applicability of the courses to the programs offered, and comparable nature and content. The College awards transfer credit for undergraduate courses completed at colleges and universities accredited by one of the six regional accrediting agencies.

All college-level, credit-bearing courses completed with a grade of "C" or higher (or the equivalent) will be evaluated by the Office of the Registrar, on behalf of the New College of Florida faculty, on a course-by-course basis.

All credits are converted into unit credits if they are not already so designated. The number of equivalent unit credits earned at the transfer institution is recorded, grades are not, except in cases where matriculated students at New College complete an off-campus study experience. A unit credit is equivalent to four (4) semester credits.

Undergraduate students may receive a maximum of 60 semester credits (equivalent to 15 units) in transfer from all sources of credit, regardless of when the hours are earned. A maximum of 25% (7.75 units or 31 semester credits) of the credits required for a Bachelor of Arts degree may be awarded for credit-by-exam (such as AP, IB, AICE, CLEP, DSST, DLPT, and Excelsior) identified in the Articulation Coordinating Committee Credit-by-Exam Guidelines as approved by the Florida Board of Governors.

In no case may transfer credit be awarded for more than three (3) contracts and one Independent Study Project (ISP). Every New College student must complete at least four (4) contracts and two ISPs through instruction at New College in order to be eligible to graduate. No contracts will be awarded for transfer credit earned through courses taken after a student matriculates at the College.

Transfer credit will only be awarded for courses documented on an official transcript from the accredited college or university that issued the original credit. Students are required to submit final official transcripts from all institutions attended. Credit awarded for satisfactory performance on credit-by-exams will only be awarded with receipt of official test scores sent to the College from the credit-by-exam source, either as a paper test score report or through approved electronic submission.

Transfer credit will not be awarded more than once for the same course, whether by course or examination. Credit-by-exam will not automatically exempt a student from introductory courses at New College. New College's unique, intensive honors curriculum does not use common prerequisites and common course numbering.

No transfer credit toward graduation is awarded for developmental, remedial, Continuing Education Units (CEUs), vocational, or other pre-collegiate level coursework designed to prepare the student for collegiate study. A portfolio assessment or some other documentation may be required to evaluate and determine if transfer credit will be awarded for experiential learning, internships, and practicum courses.

Courses in the arts and sciences and supporting fields are generally accepted for transfer credit. Credit for courses in the health studies field may also be considered for transfer. Once transfer credit has been granted, it will not be removed or waived by a request from the student.

Students who already hold a Florida College System or Florida State University System Associate of Arts (A.A.) degree, or a bachelor's or advanced degree from a regionally accredited college or university automatically fulfill the College's Liberal Arts Curriculum (general education) course requirements.

Language credit, including Sign Language, will transfer only if the language has been satisfactorily completed through at least the second semester level of the first-year sequence. Mathematics courses below the level of Calculus are not typically accepted for transfer with the exception of Trigonometry, Precalculus, and Statistics.

Students who attended non-regionally accredited institutions of higher education may request that their courses be evaluated for transfer credit. Credit will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis and students will be expected to provide course descriptions and syllabi to assist in evaluating the courses. Transfer credits accepted from non-regionally accredited institutions must represent college-level content relevant to the area of study and degree the student is pursuing at New College.

New College grants transfer credit for armed service education and training according to the recommendations of the American Council on Education (ACE).

Transfer credit is awarded for courses completed at colleges and universities outside of the United States that are accredited or approved by the Ministry of Education (or other appropriate governmental agency) of the country in which they are located. The award of credit decisions are based on the official evaluation report provided directly from a National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) member organization.

Students will be given transfer credit toward units required for graduation at New College, but only for the number of credits earned at the other institution. In such cases, the student may need to take an additional course to fulfill unit credit requirements.

Occasional Study at another Institution (semester or summer)

Courses taken by a student at another institution after matriculation at New College are accepted by New College under the following conditions:

1. The student has successfully petitioned for preliminary approval of the credit prior to taking the courses.
2. The other institution has regional accreditation (confirmation is needed from the New College registrar).
3. An appropriate final course grade of "C" or higher is earned.

Matriculated students who plan to study off-campus and through the cross-registration program are required to receive approval.

The petition for preliminary approval requires the consent of the student's advisor and relevant faculty for AOC credit. Upon completion of the courses, the student must have the official transcript sent to the Office of the Registrar.

Online college courses are also considered for transfer credit when completed prior to the initial term of enrollment, pursuant to Florida Statute 6.020 – College Credit for Online Courses Completed Prior to Initial Enrollment.