

Registrar: Credit Transfers

Course Equivalencies

Transfer credit equivalencies are frequently revised and are **to be used as a guide only and do not guarantee** that a specific course will transfer to Pacific. Formal evaluations of transfer work are made only from official transcripts by the Registrar's Office. Please refer to a current Pacific catalog when considering specific course requirements or prerequisites.

Pacific operates on a semester basis; transfer courses accepted from a quarter system institution will be calculated at 2/3 of a semester hour. Pacific accepts graded courses of "C-" or better. Transfer grades are NOT calculated into the Pacific GPA.

Transfer courses which may be acceptable but not equivalent to a specific Pacific course are identified by:

- "2TR" [lower division] in place of an actual course number, e.g., "HIST2TR"
- "3TR" [upper division] in place of an actual course number, e.g., "ARTST3TR"
- The prefix "GE" stands for General Education and is used when no specific department prefix applies, e.g. "GE2TR,GE3TR"

There is no limit to the total number of transfer credits Pacific may accept; however degree-seeking students must meet Pacific's residency requirement, which is:

- Students must complete at least 6 credits from Pacific University in upper division courses in their major and 6 credits from Pacific University in upper division courses for any minor. Individual departments may require a greater number of credits be completed at Pacific University. For these requirements, consult the list of requirements for each major or minor.
- Students must also complete thirty of the last forty hours counted towards their degree at Pacific University.

Transfer Students

Pacific accepts the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer (AAOT) degree as meeting junior standing and satisfying University Core requirements with the provision that a student must meet Pacific's Foreign Language and Cornerstone Core requirements. Pacific also accepts the Washington State equivalent of the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree (DTA) with the same provisions. Questions about applying transfer courses to a specific major may be referred to a Department Chair for evaluation.

Students seeking credit from international institutions must provide an official credential evaluation in English from a Pacific-approved credential evaluation service.

Official transfer equivalency reports are based on official transfer transcripts and generated through the Registrar's Office at the time a student is admitted. Please contact the [Admissions Office](#) for further information.

Current Pacific Students

We recommend that you discuss transfer coursework with your advisor, a Department Chair, and/or the Registrar's Office before you take the course(s). We can help you find out what will transfer and how it might apply.

If the transfer course is for a Core requirement or for general credit towards the total required for graduation, the Registrar's Office can make the determination. If the course is specifically for a major or minor requirement, the Department Chair may need to be consulted.

Other Types Of Credit

ADVANCED PLACEMENT

Pacific University awards four credits toward graduation for a score of 4 or 5 on the Advanced Placement (AP) test in any field. Credit is posted to the records of admitted students after deposits have been submitted and official AP scores have been received by the Registrar. Actual placement in Pacific courses depends on the student's preparation and is arranged through the appropriate department.

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

Pacific University recognizes the International Baccalaureate program as providing college-level work. Students completing the IB Diploma with a score of 30 or higher receive several benefits, including the IB Achievement Scholarship, sophomore standing and priority housing. Eight semester transfer credits also are awarded for each higher-level examination passed with a score of 5 or higher and 4 credits are awarded for standard-level examinations passed with 5 or higher. The maximum awarded through the IB is 32 credits.

Pacific does NOT accept vocational, remedial or developmental course credit.