

## Transfer Credit Policy

Lock Haven University accepts credits from regionally accredited colleges and universities.

Regional accreditations include the following:

- [Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools](#)
- [Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#)
- [North Central Association of Colleges and Schools](#)
- [New England Association of Schools and Colleges](#)
- [Southern Association of Colleges and Schools](#)
- [Western Association of Schools and Colleges](#)

Credits from either non-accredited institutions or institutions not accredited by the above will be reviewed for possible acceptance upon receipt of a course syllabus and through the Transfer Credit Appeal process (see Transfer Credit Appeal at the end of this document). Courses from non-accredited institutions or institutions not accredited by the above that are included in an approved articulation agreement will transfer without pursuing an appeal.

Courses from non-US institutions must be evaluated by [World Education Services](#) (WES; phone 212-966-6311) with a copy of the evaluation sent to LHU for a review of possible credit transfer. Other reputable foreign credential evaluations will be accepted.

LHU complies with the [PASSHE Student Transfer Policy](#) and the [Pennsylvania statewide transfer and articulation requirements](#). Program-to-Program Articulation agreements can be found at [patrac.org](http://patrac.org).

### Evaluation

All courses presented for transfer will be reviewed by the Registrar's Office and posted to a student's academic record if they meet the criteria of being acceptable.

Credit for a specific course matching the goals, objectives, outcomes, and credit hours of an LHU course will be awarded. If there is no specific course at LHU but there is sufficient academic content in a course, elective credit will be awarded in either the discipline of the transfer course or for general education.

Only courses in which a grade of "D" (1.0) or higher is earned will be transferred. (See exception related to [PASSHE Student Transfer Policy](#) below.)

### Exclusions

- Courses which generally do not transfer include, but are not limited to, vocational courses, technical, and remedial/developmental courses.
- Courses graded on a pass/fail basis do not transfer (exception for courses that are part of an approved articulation agreement).
- Courses previously taken at LHU may not be repeated elsewhere and transferred back to LHU, unless student previously received a failing grade ("E").

### Calculations

Transfer grades are not included in the computation of LHU grade point averages. (See exception related to [PASSHE Visiting Student Policy](#) below.)

Transfer credits are used for total hours toward graduation requirements.

Credits for courses from institutions that operate on a quarter-hour system will be converted to semester hours by multiplying the quarter hours by .667.

### Limitations

There is no minimum or maximum number of credits which will transfer.

- For an undergraduate degree, at least 50% of a student's major credits must be taken from a State System university.
- For a graduate degree, at least 2/3 of the credits meeting program requirements must be taken from LHU.
- For an undergraduate degree, at least 30 semester hours of the student's last 60 semester hours must be taken from LHU.

There is no "age limit" on courses. However, if a department feels there has been significant content change, a student may be required to forfeit the transfer credit and complete the course.

### **Credit for Prior Learning**

LHU awards credit for CLEP, AP, IB, and DANTES based on the exam and the percentile/grade earned.

LHU awards credit for military experience using the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services as a guide.

Other non-transcripted prior learning credit may be awarded at the discretion of the academic department which would normally offer the content of the learning. This is typically done through the Credit by Exam process.

### **Transfer Credit Appeal**

Lock Haven University provides students with the opportunity to appeal how courses have transferred (or were not evaluated for transfer entirely).

1. Complete the Transfer Credit Appeal Form
2. Submit the Appeal Form and supporting documentation to the academic department that normally offers the course.
3. The academic department will review and forward the recommendation to the Registrar's Office.
4. If there is still a question about a course's transferability after the department makes a recommendation, the student may request a review by the dean of the college in which the discipline of the course is housed.

The following section, Exception..., would be removed if the minimum transfer grade of C or higher is changed to include C-, D+ and D.

### **Exception to the exclusion of transfer grades from computation of LHU grade point averages under the PASSHE Visiting Student Policy:**

1. This policy allows an undergraduate student to take advantage of courses available across the System, without loss of institutional residency, eligibility for honors or athletics, or credits toward graduation at the home institution.
2. Students participating under this arrangement will have both credits and grades accepted by LHU.
3. A *Visiting Student Approval Form* is available at the Registrar's Office and must be completed prior to participating under this arrangement.

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President's Signature: 