Transfer Credit

A graduate student may transfer graduate credit from a regionally accredited institution. Additionally, graduate credit from the American Council of Education (ACE) for National Board Certification may be accepted for elective credit in a Master’s or Education Specialist’s program of study. A maximum of six (6) transferred semester hours may apply toward a Master’s or Education Specialist’s degree provided the following conditions are met.

- The institution offers the graduate degree program for which the student has been admitted at Georgia Southern University. (Not required for transfer of ACE transcript.)
- An official transcript is sent directly to the College of Graduate Studies from the institution at which the graduate work was taken.
- The credit was earned no more than 7 years prior to the date of completion of the Georgia Southern University graduate degree.
- The student’s advisor or major professor has to approve the transfer credit as a part of the student’s approved program of study.
- A student pursuing a graduate degree at Georgia Southern University who plans to take graduate courses at another institution as a transient student must complete a Graduate Student Transient Permission Form, which must be approved by the advisor or major professor and the College of Graduate Studies prior to enrolling in the transient courses. This procedure insures that courses taken as a transient student at another institution will constitute a part of the planned program of study. Students who take courses without prior approval are doing so with the possibility that the course may not count in the degree program.
- A degree candidate may not graduate at the end of a semester in which he/she is enrolled as a transient student at another institution.
- No grade lower than a “B” in a course earned at another institution may be accepted in transfer toward a graduate degree at Georgia Southern University.

1 Each College of Education program involved in a University System of Georgia (USG) franchise program will allow for additional graduate course credits to be received from other USG institutions involved in the respective franchise. The maximum number of transfer credits allowed will be identified by the specific program, ranging from 9 to 27 credits, and will be published in program materials.