Transfer Credit/Military Credit

Accepted applicants who have attended any college or university may be granted advanced standing according to the following policies:

1. Transfer credit may be accepted from degree-granting institutions that are fully accredited at the collegiate level by their appropriate regional accrediting agency. The regional accrediting agencies are: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Colleges and Schools, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Western Association of Colleges and Schools. Provisions may be considered when an institution appeals the policy. However, should the quality of the educational program of the institution attended appear to be mediocre or unsatisfactory, the Director of Admissions has the prerogative not to accept all or any part of previously earned credits.

2. The amount of academic credit accepted in transfer may not exceed the normal amount of credit that could have been earned at Georgia Southern University during that time.

3. All degree requirements for a transferable academic associate’s degree must be completed at a transferable regionally accredited institution. Georgia Southern will not accept credit in transfer from any non-accredited college.

4. Credit will be allowed for completed college courses which are parallel in nature. Below college level (remedial or learning support) courses cannot be accepted in transfer.

5. The Academic Unit responsible for the course will make judgments concerning satisfying requirements for areas A1-E of the Core Curriculum.

6. Transfer students who have a transferable academic associate’s degree are granted core curriculum credit as follows:
   a. A University System transfer will get credit for completion of core areas A1-F, health and kinesiology, provided they have not changed their intended major from the transferring school. If they change majors, they will have to complete area F at Georgia Southern University (Academic Affairs Handbook, University System of Georgia, 2.04.04).
   b. Non-system transfers who have completed a program with 60 credit hours or more will be given credit for core areas A1-E, health and kinesiology (46 credit hours). Area F courses will be evaluated by the major advisor for use in the student’s program of study.

7. Credits accepted in transfer by Georgia Southern University may not necessarily apply as credit hours toward graduation. Final determination, with exception of areas A1-E of the core curriculum, will be made by the appropriate academic advisor and are subject to the regulations of the school and department granting the degree and major.

8. Transfers who have earned 30 or more credit hours are exempt from First-Year Seminar (FYE 1220). Transfer students with fewer than 30 credit hours may seek a waiver of the First-Year Seminar (FYE 1220) requirement through their academic advisors if they meet either of the following criteria:
   a. they were full-time college students for two semesters at a previous institution; or
   b. they earned credit hours for a two- or three-hour FYE course at a previous institution that has similar learning outcomes to First-Year Seminar (FYE 1220).

9. A maximum of 30 credit hours of correspondence (including Advanced Placement, CLEP, DANTES, Military Credit, Extension, etc.) or a maximum of 24 credit hours of International Baccalaureate credits may be accepted for transfer within the following guidelines:
   a. A minimum grade of “C” is required for courses completed by extension or correspondence.
   b. A maximum of 14 semester hours of credit for military service experience may be awarded upon receipt of AARTS or DD 214 or DD295 or JST or any other official documentation in the Registrar’s Office:
      • Fourteen credit hours including up to four credit hours for physical education activity courses may be awarded for correspondence courses as recommended by the American Council on Education (A.C.E.).
      • Two credit hours will be allowed for Physical Conditioning and Marksmanship for active service less than one year and four credit hours for physical education activity courses may be allowed for one year or more active service.
   c. Military experience credit should be appropriate to the degree programs offered at Georgia Southern University.
   d. Any credit hour awarded for participation in the DANTES program will be awarded and administered in the same manner as CLEP.