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, Northwest 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 of Georgia transfer will get credit for completion of core areas A1-F, provided they have not changed their intended major from the transferring school. A student who changes majors will have to complete Area F at Georgia Southern University (Academic Affairs Handbook, University System of Georgia, 2.04.04).
   b. Students who do not hold an associates degree from a USG institution will be granted transfer credit for core courses on a course-by-course basis.

7. Credits accepted in transfer by Georgia Southern University may not necessarily apply as credit hours toward graduation. Final determination will be made by the appropriate Department and College.

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).

Credit Awarded by Military Service

SACSCOC Principle 9.4 states, “At least 25 percent of the credit hours required for an undergraduate degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree.” Beyond this requirement, there is no limit on the amount of semester credit hours that can be awarded for military service/experience. Joint Service Transcript (JST), DD-214, or transcripts from the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF), Coast Guard Institute (CGI), and other appropriate transcripts will be reviewed for possible credit based on recommendations by the American Council on Education (ACE) and course approvals by the Deans at Georgia Southern University.