Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines for the transfer of credits from another institution to the academic record of a student enrolled in a program within the College.

Policy Details

Courses taken at another institution for graduate credit, completed with a grade of B or better, and accepted by the student’s program in the College may be transferred into the student’s UTHSC degree program. The number of hours that may be transferred will be determined by the Program Chair or Director, but at least 50% of the credit hours for a master's or Ph.D. degree must be earned at UTHSC. Transferred courses must be listed on the Admission to Candidacy form and approved by the Program Chair or Director and the Faculty Committee. Students seeking to transfer more than one term’s courses from another institution must do so in writing to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

Credits transferred into the student’s graduate program will not affect the minimum residency requirements and normally will not be included in calculations of the student’s grade point average.

Policy Scope

Applies to all enrolled students.

Related Policies

Residency Requirements - Masters
Residency Requirements - Doctor of Philosophy
Definitions

Faculty Committee. The student’s faculty committee that was approved by the College.
Minimum residency requirement. The minimum terms or credits that a student must obtain to fulfill the degree requirements.
One term’s courses. The equivalent of a full-time student course load of nine credit hours in one academic term.
Program Chair. The listed chair of the student’s academic program.
Program Director. The listed director of the student’s academic program.

Procedures

1. Upon course completion, students taking a course at an institution other than UTHSC must request that an official transcript be sent from the institution where the course was taken to the CGHS.

2. Official transcripts must be received directly by the CGHS from the previous institution(s) and appropriately authenticated before the transfer of graduate credit form will be approved.

3. The course transfer form will be completed by CGHS and sent to the Registrar’s office for processing.

Document History

Approved October 25, 2005 by Graduate Studies Council
Administratively revised October 19, 2014 per Registrar requirement for transcripts be sent directly to the College
Administratively revised and approved August 25, 2015 by Graduate Studies Council to clarify approval of transfer courses and specify submission of course transfer form by the College instead of student.