Limits on Graduate Transfer Work

Policy Statement

A student may transfer from other regionally-accredited or professional graduate schools up to 12 hours of course work that has been accepted by his/her Master’s or Specialist degree program without transferring in all graduate course work taken at that institution. Up to 15 hours of coursework may be transferred into graduate degree programs requiring 45 or more hours and up to 18 hours for graduate degree programs requiring more than 54 hours. Only the transferred work for the degree program will be used to calculate the overall grade point average. Any programs covered by an articulation agreement between Eastern Kentucky University and other colleges or universities are excluded from the 12-hour transfer limit.

Official copies of transcripts must be submitted and evaluated before any transfer credit can be accepted. Certain courses submitted for transfer may not be considered equivalent to specified program requirements even though course titles are the same. Official requests for transfer of credits must be recommended by the student’s advisor, the department chair, the college dean, and approved by the Office of Graduate Education and Research. Students who would like to enroll in courses at another institution while enrolled at EKU and expect to transfer credits to meet program requirements at EKU should obtain official approval prior to registration for the courses at the other institution. Official transcripts of approved transfer credits must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Education and Research within 60 days after the course has been completed. Transfer credits taken during the final semester of a program will delay graduation and certification approval until official transcripts have been received in the Graduate School Office. If transfer work is taken during the semester in which a student is to graduate with a degree, the official graduate school transcript must be received in EKU's Office of Graduate Education and Research within two (2) weeks of the end of the semester.

Credits earned at other institutions may be transferred only when grade points of “B” (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or above has been earned. The credit-producing experience must be taught by a graduate faculty member with scholarly competence in the subject matter area to be considered for transfer. Graduate credit for “special workshop courses” may be considered for transfer only when it can be clearly documented that the course in question meets Eastern Kentucky University’s graduate instructional standards and is clearly distinguishable from undergraduate work and from continuing education activities. Students on academic probation cannot take a course from another institution for the purpose of transferring the credit to their program.

Entities Affected by the Policy

- Graduate School
- Office of the Registrar
- SOTO
- Colleges
- Departments
- Graduate Students

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