

Art Institute Nationally Accredited Schools Transfer Credit Policy- June 2015

The Policy:

Transfer Credit

Contact the office of The Dean of Academic Affairs for all matters related to Transfer Credit and Program Change.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT BETWEEN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOLS

Associate's Degree Graduates to Bachelor's Degree Programs: A serious attempt will be made to ensure that all associate's degree credits earned by graduates of an Art Institutes school will transfer to the corresponding bachelor's degree program within the system. Such graduates will attain upper division status. However, differing state and accrediting regulations may require additional courses at the associate's degree level. If the associate's degree transferred by the graduate has been updated with the addition of new competencies, the Dean of Academic Affairs has the discretionary authority to add a course(s) at the associate's degree level.

Associate's degree credits earned by graduates of an Art Institutes school for which there is no corresponding bachelor's degree program, will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for applicability to the new program of study. Only those courses and credits required for graduation in the new program of study will be accepted. All conditions in the following associate's degree credits to associate's degree credits to associate's/bachelor's degree program procedure apply.

Allowable Total Transfer of Credit

Students must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total program credits required for graduation in residency. Therefore, students may only be granted a maximum of 75 percent of the total program credits required for graduation through transfer credit earned at an outside institution, including other Art Institutes campuses. Due to regulatory considerations, at some Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above.

Transcripts

Official Transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institutes School prior to the class start. Transcripts submitted after the student's first quarter of attendance at The Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit, at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Associate's Degree Credits to Associate's/Bachelor's Degree Program:

Associate's degree credits, with a grade of "C" or better, from an Art Institutes school, earned by students who do not hold an associate's degree, will transfer to the same program at the associate's degree or bachelor's degree level. Differing state and accrediting regulations may require additional courses at the associate's degree level.

If the associate degree transferred by the student has been updated with the addition of new competencies, the Dean of Academic Affairs has the discretionary authority to add a course(s) at the associate's degree level and/or bachelor's degree level.

Transcripts

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institute School prior to the class start. Transcripts submitted after the student's first quarter of attendance at an Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit, at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs.

Course Descriptions

The official descriptions of the courses submitted for transfer credit must be comparable to the coursework at an Art Institutes school. Official course descriptions from the sending college or a college catalog will be used to determine comparability and must be received prior to the class start.

Level of Transfer Credits

Only college-level credits (100 level course or equivalent) taken at an accredited institution of higher education will be considered for transfer. No remedial courses will be considered.

Grades of Transfer Credits

Only courses with earned graded of "C" (2.0) or better will be considered for transfer Credit.

Course Prerequisites and Sequence of Courses

Course Prerequisites and course sequences are to be observed to assure appropriate student skill development.

Proficiency Credit

Official documents (CLEP or AP scores) related to transfer or proficiency credit must be received by an Art Institutes school prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of program credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

Class Proficiency Test

Requests for testing out of specific classes approved by the Institute must be made through the Department Director prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of program credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

Portfolio Review

Requests for portfolio review, and/or relevant work experience documented by appropriate samples of work outcomes, references, and verification of employment must be received prior to the class start.

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LIMITATION TO ONLINE EDUCATION QUOTIENT (*Not applicable to students enrolled at The Art Institute of Pittsburgh*): Based on government and accreditation standards related to consortium agreements, students are limited in the total number of credits that can be earned in an online delivery mode. Students are required to complete more than 50% of their program credits in residence at the Art Institute School into which they have enrolled and from which they hope to graduate. Once the threshold of 50 percent program credits has been exceeded, the student must be transferred to The Art Institute of Pittsburgh – Online Division for the completion of the program. Transfer between Art Institute campuses does not guarantee that all credits earned will transfer to the same program at the receiving campus, including The Art Institute of Pittsburgh – Online Division.

TRANSFER OF DEGREES AND COURSE CREDIT FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BEFORE MATRICULATION AT AN ART INSTUTES SCHOOL

Transcripts

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institutes school prior to the class start. Transcripts submitted after the student's first quarter of attendance at an Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit, at the discretion of the Dean of Academic Affairs

Course Descriptions

The official descriptions of the courses submitted for transfer credit must be comparable to the coursework at an Art Institutes school. Official course descriptions from the sending college or a college catalog will be used to determine comparability and must be received prior to the class start.

Level of Transfer Credits

Only college-level credits (100 level course or equivalent) taken at an accredited institution of higher education will be considered for transfer. No remedial courses will be considered.

Grades of Transfer Credits

Courses with earned graded of “C” (2.0) or better will be considered for transfer credit.

Course Prerequisites and Sequence of Courses

Course prerequisites and course sequences are to be observed to assure appropriate student skill development.

Proficiency Credit from External Sources

Official documents (CLEP or AP scores) related to transfer or proficiency credit must be received by an Art Institutes school prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of program credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

- *Advanced Placement.* Some foundation courses can be obtained through College Board’s AP Studio examinations. Students who take the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and score three or higher on the AP exam or four or higher on the IB exam for those courses while in secondary school may receive proficiency credit. This score applies to all subjects. All materials must be received from the Scholastic College Board organization and evaluated prior to the end of the schedule adjustment period (add/drop) of the student’s first quarter of attendance.
- *College Level Examination Program (CLEP).* Complete the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and earn a score of 50 or higher on computer-based CLEP examinations equivalent to University courses prior to the end of the scheduled adjustment period (add/drop) of the student’s first quarter of attendance.
- *Articulation Agreement Credit.* Successfully complete programs included in articulation agreements that have been established between the University and their high schools.

- *Military Experience Credits.* Complete training, employment, or other educational experience in the military as measured through DANTES, DSST examinations, or as shown on an American Council on Education (ACE) transcript.

The Art Institute of * recognizes and uses the ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services to determine the value of learning acquired in military service. We award credit for appropriate learning acquired in military service at levels consistent with ACE Guide recommendations when applicable to a Service member’s program. In addition, we utilize Joint Services Transcript in our processing of prior learning experiences for possible transfer credit.***

- *Internal Proficiency Testing for Credit.* Requests for testing out of specific courses approved by the Institute must be made through the Department Director prior to the class start.
- *Experiential Learning.* Students may request advanced standing for experiential learning. Students will present relevant work or life experiences for review by the Dean of Academic Affairs or designee. The Dean of Academic Affairs or designee will have the necessary forms for the student to complete. Documentation such as portfolios, writing samples, publications, verification of employment, and references represents a sampling of what may be requested by the Department Chair from the student in order for the advanced standing review to be completed.
- *Portfolio Review for Credit.* Requests for portfolio review, and/or relevant work experience documented by appropriate samples of work outcomes, references, and verification of employment must be received prior to the class start.

Class Proficiency Test

Requests for testing out of specific classes approved by the Institute must be made through the department Director prior to the class start.

No more than 25 percent credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

Allowable Total Transfer of Credit

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Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above.

TRANSFER CREDIT AFTER MATRICULATION (CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENTRY TO THE INSTITUTIONAL) AT AN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOL

NOTE: Transfer credit after matriculation must be completed prior to the student's final term of study.

Concurrent Enrollment: Requests for transfer of credit from accredited institutions of higher education, for a course taken concurrently with an Art Institutes school full-time schedule, after a student's matriculation at an Art Institutes school may be made to the Dean of Academic Affairs. Transfer Credit may be awarded if all other criteria for transfer of credit are met, and if the institution permits concurrent enrollment.

Approval Needed

Requests for concurrent enrollment in a course at another college or university while the student is on full-time status at an Art Institutes school (according to the US Department of Education's definition of the term) must be approved by the General Education Director, the Department Director, or the Dean of Academic Affairs prior to enrollment in the course.

Full-time Status

The student must be enrolled full-time at an Art Institutes school at all times during the concurrent enrollment at another college or university.

One Course Limit

Only one course per quarter in concurrent enrollment will be accepted.

Grading

The concurrent enrollment course must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. The student's record at The Art Institute will reflect a "TR" grade. The grade will not be factored into the GPA or the CGPA.

Completion Deadline

Credit will be awarded for the course when documentation is produced that the course was successfully completed.

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Transcripts

Official Transcripts must be sent to the Dean of Academic Affairs upon successful completion of the concurrent enrollment course.

Transfer Credit Upon Re-Entry to the Institution: Requests for transfer of credit from accredited institutions of higher education, for a course taken while a student was not in attendance at an Art Institutes school, but after a student's initial matriculation at the school may be made to the Dean of Academic Affairs. Transfer Credit may be awarded if all other criteria for transfer of credit are met.

Grading:

The course(s) must be passed with a grade of "C" or better. The student's record at an Art Institutes school will reflect a "TR" grade. The grade will not be factored into the GPA or the CGPA.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM WITHIN AN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOL

A student petitioning to transfer from one program to another within The Art Institute must obtain approval from the Department Director of the department from which the student is transferring. The student's coursework and earned credits will be reviewed for applicability to the new program. Only those credits required for graduation in the new program will be transferred to the new program and counted toward graduation. Only one change of program is allowed per student.

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

[School Name] is licensed by [Insert Licensing Agency Name] to confer the [insert degree name Bachelor of Science, Associate of Science, etc.] and accredited by the [Insert Accrediting Agency Name], an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. However, the fact that a school is licensed and accredited is not necessarily an indication that credits earned at that school will be accepted by another school. In the U. S. higher education system, transferability of credit is determined by the receiving institution taking into account such factors as course content, grades, accreditation and licensing.

The mission of [School Name] is to help you to prepare for entry-level employment in your chosen field of study. Accordingly, this program is designed to lead directly to employment. Course credits will likely not transfer to other schools, and degrees will likely not be accepted by another school's graduate degree program.

Additionally, programs offered by one school within The Art Institutes system may be similar to but not identical to programs offered at another school within the system. This is due to differences imposed by state law, use of different instructional models, and local employer needs. Therefore, if you decide to transfer to another school within The Art Institutes system, not all of the credits you earn at [School Name] may be transferable into that school's program.

If you are considering transferring to either another Art Institutes or an unaffiliated school, it is your responsibility to determine whether that school will accept your Art Institute credits. We encourage you to make this determination as early as possible. [School Name] does not imply, promise, or guarantee transferability of its credits to any other institution.

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TRANSFERRING TO ANOTHER ART INSTITUTE

Students wishing to transfer from one Art Institutes school to another may do so only if they are in good standing at the sending school. Any student dismissed for academic progress cannot transfer to another Art Institute school until he or she has been reinstated at the sending school and is deemed to be making satisfactory academic progress.