TRANSFER CREDIT AND EVALUATION

The Records and Admissions Office reviews all credit recorded on the transfer institution's transcripts and makes the initial determination of course transferability. Transfer of credit involves several considerations including, but not limited to: educational quality, comparability of content and level, and appropriateness and applicability of the transfer learning experience.

Accreditation

A&M-Central Texas considers academic, collegiate-level transfer credit from institutions accredited by the following six accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education: Middle States Commission on Higher Education, New England Commission of Higher Education, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), and Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Transfer credit earned at institutions accredited by other agencies recognized the U.S Department of Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) may also be considered, provided the accreditor and accreditation standards aligns with SACSCOC minimum requirements.

Transferable Credit

All transferable credit is matched to an equivalent A&M-Central Texas course prefix and number. Course equivalents are assigned through an evaluation process that ensures transfer course descriptions and/or learning outcomes are consistent with, and comparable to, expected student learning outcomes. When the transfer course does not align with expected learning outcomes (unmatched course), transferable coursework is recorded as an elective within the appropriate academic discipline. Such courses may be applied to the student's degree with advisor approval.

Courses transfer on the same level the original course was taught with the corresponding grades and number of hours earned at the other institution (quarter hours will be converted to semester hours). If the course is determined to be transferable, then the grade earned is also transferable. Grades of D and F are transferable. A minimum grade of D is required to satisfy degree requirements, except for academic programs that specify a higher minimum grade.

Admission and Transfer GPA

To determine admissibility, the transfer GPA calculation includes all attempted transferable hours. When a course is repeated, only the best effort is computed in the transfer GPA calculation. Remedial/developmental grades are nontransferable and are not used for admission purposes. Workforce education (also known as occupational, vocational, or technical) courses are not designed for transfer into university curricula and, with only a few exceptions, are nontransferable to A&M-Central Texas.

Military credit course recommendations, can satisfy degree requirements, but are not considered when determining admission eligibility. Credit-by-examination (PLA) may be used for admissions purposes, in accordance with Undergraduate Admissions Standards. All accepted transfer coursework is articulated and posted to the student's academic transcript. International applicants must provide official transcripts and submit a course-by-course transcript evaluation from an evaluation service recognized by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or the Association of International Credentials Evaluators (AICE).

Texas Common Course Numbering System

As outlined in Texas Education Code § 61.832, the Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) facilitates the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public institutions. Common courses are included in the Academic Course Guide Manual, published by the THECB. The purpose of the system is to assist students who are transferring between participating institutions. If you have questions regarding transferability of courses, please contact Recruitment & Enrollment Services at (254) 519-5438.

If A&M-Central Texas does not accept lower-division academic course credit earned by a student at another public institution of higher education in Texas, A&M-Central Texas will give written notice to the student and the other institution that the transfer of course credit is denied. The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve any dispute regarding the transfer of the course credit in accordance with THECB guidelines. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student and the institution from which the credit was earned, the student may file a Transfer Dispute Resolution form (CB-TDR) with A&M-Central Texas. This must be submitted within 15 days of the date the student receives written notification of the denial of credit. A&M-Central Texas will forward a copy of the CB-TDR to the Commissioner of Higher Education, who will resolve the dispute. In this instance, the Commissioner gives written notice to the student and institutions involved.

Academic Fresh Start

Texas Senate Bill 1321 entitles residents of the state of Texas to seek admission to public institutions of higher education without consideration of courses taken ten or more years prior to enrollment. Under this bill, a student can request that all coursework taken ten or more years prior to the planned enrollment be ignored for admission purposes.

Applicants who elect to apply for admission under this law, and who are admitted as students, will not receive any course credit for courses undertaken ten or more years prior to enrollment. Either all credit hours from ten or more years prior to enrollment are ignored or all are counted for admission purposes. Applicants interested in seeking an Academic Fresh Start should contact Recruitment & Enrollment Services at the time of application and prior to an admission decision being made.

Please Note: Academic Fresh Start is tied to the admission process and may only be requested at the time of admission. Academic Fresh Start is irrevocable. Prerequisite courses ignored under Academic Fresh Start need to be retaken.