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Policy Title: Acceptance of Transfer Credit
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POLICY:

Georgia Perimeter College will review college credits for transfer from regionally-accredited institutions.

PROCEDURE:

I. Transfer of credits earned at other University System of Georgia (USG) institutions

A. Credit may be given for equivalent lower division collegiate courses with passing grades unless otherwise noted. Georgia Perimeter College follows the USG change of major and transfer rules as expressed in sections 2.4.8 and 2.4.9 of the USG Academic Affairs Handbook.

B. Transferred credits must be “C” or better in ENGL 1101 and 1102 and MATH 1101, 1111, and 1113. For credits to transfer in Area A, students must have earned grades of “C” or better in GPC Area A courses.

C. Students completing an area of the core curriculum at other University System of Georgia institutions will receive full credit for that area upon transfer to Georgia Perimeter College (GPC) within the same major. In area A, students will receive credit for courses taken whether or not they complete the area. Students who successfully complete a course in another USG institution’s Areas A-E will receive full credit for the course upon transferring to GPC as long as the course is within the sending institution’s or GPC’s Area hour limitations and the student does not change from a non-science program of study to a science program of study.

D. Students who switch from a non-science program of study to a science program of study must meet the Area A2 and Area D requirements for science programs even if they have already completed the Area A2 and Area D requirements for non-science programs.

E. Students who have successfully completed a course in a USG institution’s Area F will receive full credit for the course upon transferring to GPC as long as the students retain the same program of study.
F. Students who transfer after having completed the US Perspectives/Global Learning/Critical Thinking (US/GL/CT) requirements of the sending USG institution are not required to complete the US/GL/CT requirements at GPC. Students who transfer after completing Areas A-E but without completing the US/GL/CT requirements of the sending institution must complete GPC’s US/GL/CT requirements.

G.D. For students who took USG courses under the quarter system, quarter hour credits are equated to semester hour credits by applying the formula, 1 quarter hour equals 0.67 semester hour.

II. Transfer credits earned at non-USG institutions

A. Credit may be given for equivalent lower division collegiate courses with passing grades unless otherwise noted. Credit will only be given for courses that are evaluated as being equivalent to courses offered at GPC.

B. For credits to transfer in Area A, students must have earned grades of “C” or better in GPC Area A courses.

C. Quarter hour credits are equated to semester hour credits by applying the formula, 1 quarter hour equals 0.67 semester hour.

E-D. The credit hours for courses accepted for transfer from a sending institution will never exceed the number of credit hours assigned to an equivalent course at GPC. If the credit hours from the sending institution are less than the credit hours assigned to an equivalent course at GPC, the hours transferred will be less. For example, a course at a sending institution offered for 4 semester hours that has an equivalent course at GPC that is 3 semester hours will be transferred in as 3 semester hours. Conversely, a course at a sending institution offered for 3 semester hours that has an equivalent course at GPC that is 4 semester hours will be transferred in as 3 semester hours.

F. A maximum of eight semester hours of courses not offered at GPC and not included in Item C may be accepted. This applies to those courses in the University System of Georgia core curriculum that are not offered at GPC but would otherwise be accepted as transfer credit. These courses will be designated with course numbers of 199X or 299X.

E.G. Georgia Perimeter College will only review 190 level and above courses from SACS accredited Technical College System of Georgia institutions for transfer. Georgia Perimeter College follows the USG guidelines for acceptance of credit from Technical College System of Georgia SACS-COC accredited schools as expressed in section 2.17 of the USG Academic Affairs Handbook.

HF. Transfer credit from a college or university outside the United States may be reviewed
only when the transcript is accompanied by a professional evaluation from a professional
credential evaluation agency approved by Georgia Perimeter College.

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