

MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS Section 307

SUBJECT: CREDIT TRANSFER POLICY

PURPOSE: To establish criteria for acceptance of academic credits

A. Introduction

The purpose of this policy is to establish uniform criteria to be applied by colleges in determining acceptance of academic credits transferred from other institutions or programs. This policy also provides guidance on the transfer of general education block credits for students previously awarded a bachelor's degree or graduate credential.

B. Transfer credits generally

The colleges will accept academic credits by transfer from institutions or programs of post-secondary education accredited by organizations that are recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the U.S. Department of Education, or, for international institutions, by their country's Ministry of Education, based upon the equivalency of course content to program requirements and the equivalency of academic credit hours. Courses satisfying these criteria are accepted provided that grades of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or above have been awarded by the issuing institution.

C. Transfer of credits from earned bachelor's degree or graduate credential

For students who previously earned a bachelor's degree or graduate credential from institutions or programs of post-secondary education accredited by organizations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and/or the U.S. Department of Education, or for international institutions, by their country's Ministry of Education, the colleges will award transfer credit for the general education block required for the student's MCCS academic program, thereby meeting any and all general education requirements. Such students may be required to take specific/essential or higher level natural and physical science, English, mathematics, and social science courses required by the MCCS program of study.

D. Exceptions

Exceptions to the transfer policies in Sections B and C are available only with the written approval of the Academic Dean of the college.

E. Transfer Credit and GPA

Transfer credit is not calculated in a student's grade point average.

REFERENCES: 20-A M.R.S.A. §12706(1) and (15)

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