

## **Transfer Students**

- Under 12 attempted college semester credits
  - Official documentation of High School Graduation or Equivalency
  - Minimum High School Grade Point Average (2.3) or valid official ACT (19) or equivalent SAT Scores
  - Required high school course requirements

### **Units Course**

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra
- 1 Geometry or other advanced math
- 1 Additional unit of advanced math
- 3 Natural/Physical Sciences, including at least one unit with a laboratory in either biology, chemistry, or physics
- 1 United States History
- 1 Social Studies from world history, world geography, ancient history, modern history, or European history
- 2 Foreign language (same for both units)
- 1 Visual or Performing Arts

- More than 12 attempted college semester credits
  - Must provide official transcripts of credit from all institutions of higher education attended
  - Must meet the grade point average requirements based on the number of attempted college-level credits below:

### **Attempted GPA Credits**

12 - 29	1.4
29.1 - 45.0	1.7
45.1 - 59.9	1.9
60 +	2.0

Transfer applicants who do not meet the standards outlined above and who have not been enrolled in any institution of higher education for a minimum of three years may be admitted through individual review by the Vice Provost for Enrollment or his/her designee.

## **Tennessee Transfer Pathway Policy**

A student who completes a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) at a Tennessee community college is guaranteed that ETSU will accept those courses taken in fulfillment of the TTP.

Other courses that have no direct ETSU equivalent will be transferred as either lower division or upper division general elective credit and may, as appropriate, be applied as elective credit toward the student's degree.

### **Transfer of Undergraduate Credit**

- A. ETSU will review for possible credits earned from all institutions of higher education previously attended.
  1. Consideration for transfer of courses will be given to the appropriateness and applicability of the credit earned to the courses offered at ETSU.
  2. Credit earned from institutions of higher education accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (or corresponding agencies for other states and regions of the United States) will be evaluated for direct application toward a degree.
  3. Credit earned at institutions outside of the United States that are recognized by the corresponding country's Ministry of Education or similar agency will be evaluated for direct application toward a degree.
  4. Credit earned through non-regionally accredited institutions or non-accredited international institutions of higher education will be reviewed for possible transfer credit on a case-by-case basis at the request of the student. In order to have the credit considered, the student must file a petition with the appropriate academic department. Credit will be recorded on a student's record only after the appropriate academic department(s) and the dean have reviewed the course(s) and determined it to be equivalent in content to an ETSU course(s) and approval is issued by the Vice Provost for Enrollment Services.
  5. The Office of Admissions will evaluate credit for university-wide use based on historical precedent, course descriptions and titles, current articulated program information, and/or review by the appropriate ETSU college dean and faculty.
  6. Credit earned in remedial or developmental courses is not transferable for college-level credit.
  7. A student who completes a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) at a Tennessee community college is guaranteed that ETSU will accept those courses taken in fulfillment of the TTP.
  8. Courses that have no direct ETSU equivalent will be transferred as either lower division or upper division general elective credit and may, as appropriate, be applied as elective credit toward the student's degree.
- B. Prior Learning Credit ([Non-Traditional Credit](#))
  1. When awarding credit for prior learning the university will use generally accepted principals and best practices, and recognized guides to ensure appropriate awarding procedures are followed.
    - a. Procedures for awarding credits based on prior learning have been developed in accordance with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges principles and policies related to the transfer of credit and the Recommended Standards in Prior Learning

Assessment Policy and Practice of Tennessee Public Colleges and Universities (August 7, 2012).

2. ETSU will review for possible credit evidence of prior learning as provided through standardized exam scores, training provided by non-collegiate institutions, or experiential learning. Possible sources of prior learning assessment include:
    - a. Service in the armed forces
    - b. Dantes - Subject Standardized Tests
    - c. Advanced Placement Exams (AP)
    - d. ACT/SAT credit for first-year English - Requests for this credit should be directed to [GenEdReview@etsu.edu](mailto:GenEdReview@etsu.edu).
    - e. International Baccalaureate Exams
    - f. College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
    - g. Cambridge exams
  3. Departmental course challenge exams may be available for undergraduate courses, for which a fee is charged. To be eligible, admitted or enrolled students with satisfactory academic standing, as determined by the appropriate academic department, may request a comprehensive challenge examination. Students may not take the challenge exam in a course previously taken for credit. A grade of "P" for pass (satisfactory performance) or "F" for fail (unsatisfactory performance) is determined by the academic department and entered into official records.
  4. ETSU may award credit for experiential learning for applicants to approved degree programs on well-documented activities and experiences at the appropriate educational level and evaluated based on clearly developed outcomes for the courses or program for which credit is awarded.
- C. When awarding credit to students who are veterans or military service members the university will reference the Joint Services Transcript (JST), DD-214, and/or transcripts from the Army/American Council on Education Registry Transcript System (AARTS), Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) and Coast guard Institute (CGI). The university will use the American Council on Education (ACE) for awarding credit for military experience, educations, and/or training obtained during military experience.
1. If military experience, education and/or training are equivalent to a course offered by ETSU the credit will be applied for the equivalent course. Otherwise, appropriate course credit will be granted for elective credit.
  2. Should credit not be captured through ACE recommendations, veterans and service members have the opportunity for prior learning assessment through other means. (refer to 1. above)
  3. Military veterans and service members have the opportunity to request that excessive credits applied to transcripts which may affect their financial aid eligibility be removed from the transcript.

Prior learning credit awarded by another Tennessee public institution will be recognized by ETSU.