

# Transfer Students

If you're considering a transfer to the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, it shows us that you're committed to a top notch undergraduate education. Our alumni have revolutionized personal technology, won Oscars, and served the president in the White House, just to name a few accomplishments. We hope to welcome you to campus soon to immerse you in Big Orange and help you develop Big Ideas that change the world.

## Who Qualifies as a Transfer Student?

A transfer applicant is a student who has earned college-level credit at a postsecondary institution following high school graduation (excludes dual enrollment, advanced placement, CLEP, and similar credit). High school graduates who earn summer credit prior to their first fall term of enrollment are still considered first-time freshmen.

## Transfer Admissions

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, has a competitive admission process for transfer students. Students will be reviewed holistically on factors such as high school and transfer GPA, and intended major field of study. Some majors have capacity limits which result in very few transfer admissions into those majors – even for well-qualified students.

Academic units play an important role in the holistic review of transfer students. You should be aware that many UT majors and/or colleges require additional coursework and enforce performance standards beyond what is required by other universities and colleges; this may include an intermediate level sequence of a foreign language, more advanced math and science requirements, and courses in non-U.S. history.

Special requirements by these colleges:

- [College of Architecture and Design](#)
- [Haslam College of Business](#)
- [College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences](#)
- [Tickle College of Engineering](#)
- [College of Nursing](#)

Grades earned at other colleges and universities are used only for admission, course placement, and other academic decisions. They are not included in the UT Knoxville GPA. All courses

attempted and grades earned, including repeated coursework, in college-level and non-remedial courses are considered in holistic review.

As a transfer applicant, you must have a minimum 2.00 grade point average (on a four-point scale) in college credit courses eligible for transfer credit. All the grades you earned in transferable courses (including Ds, Fs, and WFs) from every college you have attended will be calculated into UT's admissibility GPA. If a course is repeated, both grades are used.

*Academic colleges or departments may require greater than a 2.00 for acceptance into certain programs.*

After being admitted to UT, the official transfer credit evaluation is completed and posted online (MyUTK) within 1-2 weeks.

Any transfer applicant who has been academically suspended or dismissed by the last institution you attended will not be considered for admission, regardless of your hours earned and transferable GPA.

Information can be found on the [Transfer Student](#) website and in the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

## **Credits that Transfer**

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville will accept transfer credit of similar content from any two- or four-year accredited institutions, normally institutions with regional accreditation status in the United States. Credit for remedial occupational, technical, non-credit or career coursework, including coursework used for the Applied Science degree from career/Technical programs is not acceptable for transfer.

College level non-remedial courses without an exact equivalent to UT may also transfer with the designated LD (lower division) or UD (upper division) course credit. LD or UD courses used to meet specific curricular requirements must have the approval of the college in which the major is located. Students who transfer from colleges that do not have a course equivalency agreement will have their transcripts individually evaluated.

### **Transfer Credit Policy for Transfer Students Admitted Fall Semester 2013 and Forward:**

Transfer credit will be granted only for college level non-remedial courses in which a grade of "D-" or better was earned. Credit in which a grade of "F" was earned is not applicable and will not count toward a degree; however, the course, hours and grade are placed on the UT transcript and calculated in the transfer GPA. Many UT programs require a grade of "C" or higher in courses in the major and the student bears the

ultimate responsibility for educational planning, selecting courses, meeting program requirements, and adhering to policies and procedures.

*(The official grade point average for any UT student does not include transfer grades. Prior to graduating from UT, transfer students must have completed their last 30 semester hours of credit at UT and their last 60 semester hours of credit at a four-year college or university.)*

Learn more:

[UT Transfer Credit Policies](#)  
[Course Equivalency Tables](#)  
[Frequently Asked Questions](#)  
[Tennessee Transfer Pathway](#)  
[Tennessee Reverse Transfer](#)  
[AP, CLEP, IB, and Cambridge](#)  
[Undergraduate Catalog](#)

## **Universal Tracking (uTrack)**

Beginning fall 2015, transfer students who are full-time and degree-seeking will have their academic progress tracked with University Tracking (uTrack). [uTrack](#) is an academic monitoring system designed to help students stay on track for timely graduation. You and your advisor should review the [Undergraduate Catalog](#) to make sure you're completing milestones that facilitate transfer into specific majors.

## **Students Applying for Transfer with an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree**

Students who have completed an associate degree in Tennessee or a Tennessee Transfer Pathway will be given priority consideration. However, the admission process is still competitive and still holistic. Completion of an associate's degree or a pathway is not a guarantee of admission to UT or to a specific program. More information is available at: [www.tntransferpathway.org](http://www.tntransferpathway.org).

Transfer applicants who have earned AA or AS degrees from institutions in the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system will have fulfilled the general education requirement established by the faculty at UT. Transfer of general education courses from TBR universities or colleges is guaranteed upon completion of the AA or AS degree. The requirements of general education will be complete and accepted by UT in the transfer process without loss of credit. This policy began fall semester 2009 and applies to any student who completed their AA or AS Tennessee

Board of Regents degree in 2009 and entered UT fall semester 2009 or later. This policy does not apply to completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree.

## **Students Applying for Transfer Prior to Degree Completion**

Transfer applicants from institutions in the University of Tennessee system or Tennessee Board of Regents system who have not earned an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree but who have been certified by the institution from which they are transferring as having completed all the general education requirements of that institution will have completed general education requirements for UT. They will not be required to take any additional coursework to meet general education requirements at UT.

Similarly, transfer applicants from institutions in the University of Tennessee or TBR systems who have been certified by the institution from which they are transferring as having completed sub-section(s) of general education (e.g., Natural Sciences) at that institution will be credited for completing the same section (if it exists) at UT. The acceptance of certified general education completion does not imply that the student has met any other admission or degree requirements at UT.

Certification of general education completion must be provided by the institution at which the courses were taken. Certification must occur at the time the student transfers to UT. No retroactive certification will be accepted. Acceptance of certified completion of general education began at UT in fall 2011.

## **General Education Requirements**

Find out about the [general education requirements](#) at UTK.

## **American History Requirement**

Effective July 1, 1978 and afterwards, all students receiving a bachelor's degree must have completed one unit of American history on the high school level or 6 semester hours of collegiate American history as required by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 493253). HIUS 221-222 (History of the United States) can be used to remove a deficiency or fulfill the state law requiring American History. More information can be found on the website of the [Office of the University Registrar](#).

## International Requirements

If you have earned any college academic credits in a country outside of the United States, you must submit your official transcripts to an evaluation agency that's a member of the [NACES \(National Association of Credential Evaluation Services\)](#).

A detailed evaluation including a calculated college GPA is required for all college work completed in a country other than the US. We will only be able to process an application after receiving the necessary report from the evaluation company.

Companies offering these evaluation services include:

- [Academic Evaluation Services](#)
- [Educational Credential Evaluators](#)
- [Josef Silny & Associates Inc.](#)
- [World Education Services Inc. \(WES\)](#)

Applicants who have completed less than 30 transferable college credit hours may also be required to submit a general evaluation with a calculated GPA that interprets all secondary or high school work.

More information available at: <https://transfer.utk.edu/admissions/international/>

## How to Apply

Learn how to submit your application on our [transfer student page](#).