

Credits & Grades

<u>Overview</u> <u>Credit by Examination</u> Transfer

Cross-Level

The regulations published in the Undergraduate Catalog are a digest of the rules of the institution. Changes may be made in the regulations at any time to promote the best interests of the university and its students. Students are responsible for knowing the published regulations, policies, and standards of the university and of their college or school.

Transfer Credit Evaluation of Transfer Credits

When a transfer student enrolls at the university, all transfer course work is evaluated and accepted work is recorded as part of the student's permanent academic record.

The dean of the college or school to which the applicant is admitted determines which transfer credits will apply to the degree program. Students ordinarily receive no transfer credit for courses designed specifically for technical and vocational career programs. The status of a student's transfer credits will be re-evaluated whenever the student changes his or her degree program.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 must be earned on all course work applied toward a bachelor's degree, including a student's accepted transfer and resident credits. To graduate, students also must have a minimum 2.00 GPA on all college course work attempted, as well as on all course work taken in residence at the University of Mississippi, subject to exclusions or other university policies. In calculating the transfer GPA, two courses, up to 7 credit hours, with failing grades (i.e., F grade, no pass grade, grade in which the student earned no quality points, etc.) can be excluded (i.e., forgiven) from the transfer GPA calculation for admission, progression, and graduation.

The limit on the acceptance of credit from a junior or community college is one-half the total requirements for graduation in a given curriculum.

Transfer of Nontraditional Credits

Transfer of credits earned in a nontraditional manner, such as credit by examination or for military experience, is determined on the same basis and by the same criteria as if the student had sought such credit originally at the University of Mississippi and without regard to the amount of credit awarded by the institution from which the student is transferring. In any case, the University of Mississippi does not transfer or award credit on the basis of ACT scores or the Achievement Tests of the College Board.

Courses Taken by a University of Mississippi Student at Another Institution

University of Mississippi students may take courses at other institutions. In order to guarantee that the credit will transfer and apply to the student degree program, the student must obtain written approval from his or her academic dean before enrolling in the course at another institution. Prior approval protects students by determining if and how credits earned elsewhere may satisfy degree requirements. Students who do not receive prior approval risk not being awarded transfer credit if the courses do not equate to UM courses, do not satisfy degree requirements, are not accredited with regional and/or professional accrediting bodies, or other UM rule conflicts.

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