



ADMISSIONS POLICY

NUMBER/TITLE: AD-400, UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER CREDIT

Covered Individuals: All Undergraduate Students

Strategic Priority: SP 1.2.C

Covered Locations: All Locations

HLC: Criterion 4.A

Effective Date: 4/1/2023

Consultations: VPASA, VPETF, Registrar,
Director of FA, Faculty (AA Committee),
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POLICY STATEMENT

Upper Iowa may transfer up to 78 lower-division college semester credits from accredited institutions. Upper Iowa may transfer an additional 12-semester credits, identified by a four-year transfer institution as upper division credit, to a transfer maximum of 90-semester credits.

PURPOSE

To clearly define what undergraduate transfer credits are accepted at Upper Iowa University.

DEFINITIONS

Articulation Partnership Advantage Institution: Community colleges that have a formal articulation agreement with Upper Iowa University to delineate what courses will transfer.

Lower-Division Credit: Courses numbered 100 – 299 at Upper Iowa University or equivalent at other institutions.

Transfer credit: Credit given for prior learning at an approved institution.

Upper-Division Credit: Courses numbered 300 – 499 at Upper Iowa University or equivalent at other institutions.

POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

Upper Iowa University will also consider acceptance of coursework in transfer from:

- International institutions that are approved/registered by their country's Ministry of Education or other national educational governing body as reviewed and approved by Upper Iowa University.
- International institutions where transcripts for individual students are reviewed and evaluated by an approved foreign credential evaluator service and approved by Upper Iowa University.

Coursework completed at institutions that fail to meet any of the aforementioned criteria will not be accepted in transfer to Upper Iowa University.

Coursework completed with formal Upper Iowa University Articulation Partnership Advantage institutions will be transferred following articulation guidelines. Coursework from other accredited institutions will be transferred to meet particular degree requirements based on full-time faculty recommendations.

Grades earned in courses accepted for transfer will appear on the student's Upper Iowa University

transcript, and the credits earned will count toward the total number required for graduation. However, grade points earned at another institution are not transferred and are not figured into a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) maintained at Upper Iowa University but are included in calculating the major/endorsement GPA.

Upper Iowa University may transfer up to 78 lower-division college semester credits from accredited institutions. These 78-semester credits may include the following:

1. Up to nine-semester credits of activity courses, including transcribed intercollegiate athletics.
2. No credits from courses identified by Upper Iowa University as remedial or developmental level (except for articulated intensive English credits from partner institutions).
3. No more than 30 semester credits from one-year occupational diploma programs.

Upper Iowa University may transfer an additional 12 semester credits, identified by the four-year transfer institution as upper division credit, to a transfer maximum of 90 semester credits.

Up to 78 lower division semester credits and 12 upper division semester credits evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE) and semester credits earned through CLEP, DSST, Excelsior College, and ACT-PEP examinations will transfer to Upper Iowa University.

Transfer grades lower than a C- will not be accepted.

Upper Iowa University will accept AA or AS degrees with a liberal arts core as the fulfillment of the general education requirements for a baccalaureate program. Upper Iowa University will also accept associate degrees with a major in nursing from registered nurses (must have a current license) as the fulfillment of its general education requirements for the BSN program. Prerequisites are not waived.

Nursing 3 + 1 Program Agreements: RN to BSN program students who are transferring from an institution with an approved 3 + 1 pathway may transfer up to 90 lower-division semester credits towards the completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

CUSTODIAN

University Registrar

RELATED DOCUMENTS, FORMS, AND POLICIES

None.

HISTORY

New/Revision Number	Date of Action/Approval	Revision Change
AD-400	6/7/2023	Taken from the 2022-2023 catalog with one addition; PC approved.