

Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy Changes

Current Policy:

The following rules govern the evaluation of transfer credit:

- Credit is usually granted for a course from a college or university accredited by one of the following accrediting bodies if the description of that course matches that of a similar course offered by Lehman College: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Higher Education; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools/Commission on Colleges; Western Association of Schools and Colleges—Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges; and Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.
- Credit for a course at a postsecondary institution not accredited by one of the above-mentioned accrediting bodies, whose description matches that of a similar course offered by Lehman College, is usually granted after a student has completed a minimum of 30 Lehman College credits with a 2.0 cumulative index. The maximum number of credits allowed from such nonaccredited institutions is 32.
- Courses passed outside the City University system with a grade of D (below 70 percent) will not be credited by Lehman College. They will be included, however, in the cumulative index to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission.
- ~~▪ In accordance with the policy of the Board of Trustees, holders of associate's degrees from the City University are granted 60 earned community college credits on transfer to a senior college, provided that they have not earned senior college credits prior to attending the community college.~~
- ~~▪ Holders of A.A., A.S., and A.A.S. degrees earned outside the City University may be granted up to 60 earned community college credits upon transfer, provided that they have not earned senior college credits prior to attending the community college. A.A.S. degree students' eligibility for admission is based on the index in liberal arts courses.~~
- ~~▪ All community college transfer students who transfer without the associate's degree may be granted up to 60 earned community college credits upon transfer, provided that they have not earned senior college credits prior to attending the community college.~~
- ~~No transfer student may be granted more than 90 credits toward the degree.~~ Students must satisfy the requirement that 30 credits as well as one-half the credits in the major and half in the minor or half the credits in an interdisciplinary program be completed in residence at Lehman. (See the definition of credits in residence in the section on "Degree Requirements" in this Bulletin, under the heading "Credit Requirements.")

Proposed Policy:

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- Courses passed outside the City University system with a grade of D (below 70 percent) will not be credited by Lehman College. They will be included, however, in the cumulative index to determine an applicant's eligibility for admission.
- The maximum total number of credits that may be transferred towards the degree at Lehman College is 90. There is a 70-credit limit on the number of credits that may be transferred from two-year institutions. Students must satisfy the requirement that 30 credits as well as one-half the credits in the major and half in the minor or half the credits in an interdisciplinary program be completed in residence at Lehman. (See the definition of credits in residence in the section on "Degree Requirements" in this Bulletin, under the heading "Credit Requirements.")

Rationale: As the student population is comprised of nearly 70% transfer students, transfer policies have not evolved to keep pace with the needs of transfer students and transfer practices of neighboring institutions and CUNY peers. Adjusting the transfer credit policy will allow us to admit associate degree holders without any loss of credits. This change in policy will allow students to maximize their financial aid and improve time to completion. For potential transfer students an adjusted transfer credit policy will make us competitive with other Senior Colleges, SUNY Colleges in the region, and our private school competition.

Lehman's current policy limiting the number of transfer credits from a community college to 60 is no longer relevant for a variety of reasons listed below:

- 1.) Many of Lehman's primary feeder community college's programs require >60 credits to graduate. Students attempting to complete these degrees and attempt to complete their Baccalaureate degree will lose credits in transfer and be forced to take an excess of 120 credits in order to graduate. This will cause students both a delay in graduation and potentially a financial hardship.
- 2.) Many CUNY, SUNY, and Private schools in the region have transfer credit policies which make transferring to those schools more desirable, especially for high performing students.

Feeder Community Colleges with programs containing >60 credits:

Hostos Community College –

A.A.S. Nursing, 71.5 credits

A.A.S. Radiologic Technology, 64.5 credits

A.A.S. Dental Hygiene, 70 credits

Borough of Manhattan Community College –

A.A.S. Nursing, 65 credits

Bronx Community College –

A.A.S. Medical Lab Technician, 66 credits

A.A.S. Nursing, 67 credits

A.A.S. Medical Laboratory Technician, 66 credits

LaGuardia Community College –

A.A.S. Occupational Therapy Assistant, 63 credits

A.A.S. Physical Therapy Assistant, 68 credits

A.A.S. Radiological Technology, 68 credits

A.A.S. Registered Nurse, 68 credits

A.A.S. Veterinary Technology, 65 credits

Rockland Community College –

All programs, 64-67 credits.

Westchester Community College –

All programs, 63 credits

Nassau Community College –

All programs, 60-70 credits

Note: In all CUNY A.A.S. degree programs students are completing nearly all lower-level General Education requirements.

CUNY Community College Transfer Credit Policy:

School	Policy
City College	CUNY Associate Degree holders are guaranteed a minimum of 60 credits upon transfer. The maximum number of transfer credits is 90.
Hunter College	Maximum of 70 credits from Community College
Baruch College	Maximum of 70 credits from Community College
Queens College	Up to 75 credits accepted in transfer from Community College
John Jay College	Maximum of 68 credits from Community College
College of Staten Island	Up to 90 credits accepted in transfer from all colleges. No limit on Community College.

Private School/SUNY Community College Transfer Policy:

School	Policy
Iona College	Maximum of 64 credits from Community College
Pace University	Maximum of 68 credits from Community College
College of Mount Saint Vincent	Maximum of 65 credits from Community College
Mercy College	Maximum of 75 credits from Community College
SUNY Purchase	Maximum of 75 credits from Community College
SUNY Stony Brook	Maximum of 75 credits from Community College
Marymount Manhattan College	Maximum of 90 credits accepted in transfer no limit on Community College credits
College of New Rochelle	Maximum of 75 credits from Community College