

# Transfer Credit Guidelines

Utah State University awards transfer credit for academic work *completed* at other academic institutions. Transfer and articulation are not based solely on the accreditation status of the transfer institution. **Acceptance of credit should *not* be confused with its application.** Transfer credit may or may not apply to the graduation requirements of Utah State University, regardless of the number of credits transferred.

In order to transfer credit to Utah State University, official transcripts of credit must be submitted to the Admissions Office. Submitted transcripts become the property of Utah State University, and will not be returned. Transcripts from all institutions previously attended are required.

## Guidelines for Transferable Credit

Courses taken at institutions that are accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations will be accepted as transfer credit by Utah State University.

Transfer credit earned at other regionally accredited collegiate institutions is normally accepted if the work is parallel in nature to programs offered at Utah State University.

The six regional accrediting associations are: (1) Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (MSA); (2) Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU); (3) North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Higher Learning Commission (NCA); (4) New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE); (5) Southern Association of Colleges and School, Commission on Colleges (SACS); and (6) Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-ACSCU).

Utah State University *may* award credit for academic work completed at institutions that are not regionally accredited if the courses:

1. articulate to University Studies or General Education requirements at USU,
2. correspond to recognized standards published by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) and the American Council on Education (ACE), or
3. are approved by the department and college in which the subject matter is taught at Utah State University.

Utah State university does *not* accept transfer credit from nonregional-accredited institutions in those cases where USU lacks an academic unit to evaluate such transfer credit.

Subcollege-level courses which are developmental, remedial, or preparatory are *not transferable*.

Vocational-technical courses are generally *not transferable*. Exceptions may be made by individual departments if the coursework is pertinent to the student's major.

Religion courses are generally *not transferable*. These courses will be evaluated based on the particular orientation of the course. In order to be considered, courses on religion must be listed on an official transcript from a regionally accredited institution.

Credit may be transferred from recognized international universities. Transcripts or documented evidence (translated into English) must be presented, indicating successful completion of coursework. Courses must be consistent in level, duration, and content with courses offered at American universities. For further information about the

transferability of international credit, contact the Office of International Students and Scholars, Taggart Student Center 313, (435) 797-1124.

Credit may be granted to students currently enrolled at USU who have served in the armed forces. Applications for credit must be made by using a Military Credit Evaluation Form, which can be found at: <http://www.usu.edu/registrar/forms/pdf/MilCredEval2007.pdf>

Credit may be earned by taking general examinations or select subject examinations through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). CLEP examinations taken at another institution are subject to reevaluation prior to awarding credit at USU. For further information about taking CLEP examinations, contact Testing Services, University Inn 115, (435) 797-1004. Questions about CLEP credit acceptance should be directed to the Registrar's Office, Taggart Student Center 246, (435) 797-1081.

Students may earn credit by taking Advanced Placement (AP) examinations while they are in high school. Prior to the awarding of credit, AP examination scores are subject to evaluation by Utah State University, to ensure credit is granted in accordance with USU policies.

For further information about transfer credit evaluation and articulation, visit the Transfer website at: [www.usu.edu/ats/transfer/](http://www.usu.edu/ats/transfer/)

## Institutional Transfer Articulation Agreements

Students who transfer to Utah State University from one of the institutions listed below will have their coursework evaluated as follows:

1. Students who transfer to USU and have an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree (or have completed the General Education requirements of one of the institutions listed below), will be deemed as having satisfied certain requirements, depending on their initial enrollment date at USU. Those who began attending USU prior to Fall 2000 are deemed as having satisfied all University Studies requirements. Those who began attending USU Fall 2000 and later will be deemed as having satisfied the General Education portion of the University Studies requirements, and will be required to complete the Depth Education requirements at USU.

A student who transfers without an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree will need a registrar's certification stating that he or she has completed the General Education requirements at the sending institution.

2. Students who transfer to Utah State University with less than an Associate degree (and have not completed the General Education requirements) or with an Associate of Applied Science degree will have their General Education courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take any additional courses necessary to satisfy the General Education requirements at Utah State University. However, if these students have taken equivalent General Education courses at the sending institution, these courses will be accepted toward satisfying General Education requirements at Utah State University.

Courses approved as fulfilling General Education requirements at a Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution will be acceptable to Utah State University as satisfying comparable General Education requirements. Coursework acceptability at other institutions will be determined by the student's major department at Utah State University.

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3. Coursework taken to fulfill requirements other than General Education will be reviewed by the appropriate department within Utah State University. Coursework acceptability will be determined by the student's major department at Utah State University.
4. Utah State University will require students to satisfy the Breadth American Institutions requirement if an equivalent course has not been completed. While the University generally accepts completed associate degrees as fulfillment of the General Education portion of University Studies Requirements at USU, advisors reserve the right to review the associate degree for certain general education categories, such as life sciences, physical sciences, etc. **If the transcript from the transfer school does not have the required areas covered to meet USU standards, students will be asked to take a class at USU to complete these areas.**

## Approved Institutions

### Utah

Brigham Young University  
College of Eastern Utah  
Dixie State College of Utah  
LDS Business College\*  
Salt Lake Community College  
Snow College  
Southern Utah University  
University of Utah  
Utah Valley State College  
Weber State University  
Westminster College

### Arizona

*Effective Fall Semester 2009, all Arizona institutions will be removed from this list.*

Arizona State University\*  
Arizona Western College\*  
Central Arizona College\*  
Cochise College\*  
Coconino Community College\*  
Dine College\*  
Eastern Arizona College\*  
Maricopa Community College District\*  
    Chandler-Gilbert Community College\*  
    Estrella Mountain Community College\*  
    Gateway Community College\*  
    Glendale Community College\*  
    Mesa Community College\*  
    Paradise Valley Community College\*  
    Phoenix College\*  
    Rio Salado College\*  
    Scottsdale Community College\*  
    South Mountain Community College\*  
Mohave Community College\*  
Northern Arizona University\*  
Northland Pioneer College\*  
Pima Community College\*  
University of Arizona\*  
Yavapai College\*

### California

*Effective Fall Semester 2009, all California institutions will be removed from this list.*

Allan Hancock College\*  
American River College\*  
Antelope Valley College\*  
Bakersfield College\*  
Barstow College\*  
Butte College\*  
Cabrillo College\*  
California Maritime Academy\*  
Canada College\*  
Cerritos College\*  
Cerro Coso Community College\*  
Chabot College\*  
Chaffey College\*  
Citrus College\*  
City College of San Francisco\*  
Coastline Community College\*  
College of Alameda\*  
College of Marin\*  
College of San Mateo\*  
College of the Canyons\*  
College of the Desert\*  
College of the Redwoods\*  
College of the Sequoias\*  
College of the Siskiyous\*  
Columbia College\*  
Compton College\*  
Contra Costa College\*  
Copper Mountain College\*  
Cosumnes River College\*  
Crafton Hills College\*  
Cuesta College\*  
Cuyamaca College\*  
Cypress College\*  
D-Q University\*  
De Anza College\*  
Diablo Valley College\*  
East Los Angeles College\*  
El Camino College\*  
Evergreen Valley College\*  
Feather River College\*  
Folsom Lake College\*  
Foothill College\*  
Fresno City College\*  
Fullerton College\*  
Gavilan College\*  
Glendale Community College\*  
Golden West College\*  
Grossmont College\*  
Hartnell College\*  
Imperial Valley College\*  
Irvine Valley College\*  
Kings River College\*  
Lake Tahoe Community College\*  
Laney College\*  
Las Positas Community College\*  
Lassen Community College\*  
Long Beach City College\*  
Los Angeles City College\*  
Los Angeles Harbor College\*  
Los Angeles Mission College\*  
Los Angeles Pierce College\*  
Los Angeles Southwest College\*  
Los Angeles Trade Technical College\*

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## California (continued)

Los Angeles Valley College\*  
Los Medanos College\*  
Marymount College\*  
Mendocino College\*  
Merced College\*  
Merritt College\*  
MiraCosta College\*  
Mission College\*  
Modesto Junior College\*  
Monterey Peninsula College\*  
Moorpark College\*  
Mount San Antonio College\*  
Mount San Jacinto College\*  
Napa Valley College\*  
Ohlone College\*  
Orange Coast College\*  
Oxnard College\*  
Palo Verde College\*  
Palomar College\*  
Pasadena City College\*  
Porterville College\*  
Rancho Santiago College\*  
Reedley College\*  
Rio Hondo College\*  
Riverside Community College\*  
Sacramento City College\*  
Saddleback College\*  
San Bernadino Valley College\*  
San Diego City College\*  
San Diego Mesa College\*  
San Diego Miramar College\*  
San Joaquin Delta College\*  
San Jose City College\*  
Santa Ana College\*  
Santa Barbara City College\*  
Santa Monica College\*  
Santa Rosa Junior College\*  
Santiago Canyon College\*  
Shasta College\*  
Sierra College\*  
Skyline College\*  
Solano Community College\*  
Southwestern College\*  
Taft College\*  
Ventura College\*  
Victor Valley College\*  
Vista Community College\*  
West Hills College\*  
West Los Angeles College\*  
West Valley College\*  
Yuba College\*

## Hawaii

Brigham Young University (Hawaii)\*

## Idaho

Boise State University\*  
Brigham Young University (Idaho)\*  
College of Southern Idaho\*  
Idaho State University\*

## Wyoming

Northwest College\*  
Western Wyoming Community College\*

\* While the University generally accepts completed associate degrees as fulfillment of the General Education portion of the University Studies Requirements at USU, advisors reserve the right to review the associate degree for certain general education categories, such as life sciences, physical sciences, etc. If the transcript from the transfer school does not have the required areas covered to meet USU standards, students will be asked to take a class at USU to complete these areas. Further information about transfer credit from institutions designated with an asterisk (\*) follows.

**Boise State University**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Creative Arts, Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**College of Southern Idaho**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Communications Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Creative Arts, Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Brigham Young University (Hawaii)**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Quantitative Literacy and Breadth Creative Arts requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Idaho State University**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Creative Arts, and Breadth Life Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Brigham Young University (Idaho)**—USU will require students who receive an Associate of Arts degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed. USU will require students who receive an Associate of Science degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Breadth Humanities requirement if an equivalent course has not been completed.

**LDS Business College**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Breadth Life Sciences and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Northwest College**—USU will require students who receive an Associate of Arts degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Communications Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed. USU will require students who receive an Associate of Science degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Communications Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Creative Arts, Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, Breadth Physical Sciences, and Breadth Social Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Western Wyoming Community College**—USU will require students who receive an Associate of Arts degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed. USU will require students who receive an Associate of Science degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Quantitative Literacy, Breadth Creative Arts, Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, Breadth Physical Sciences, and Breadth Social Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed.

**Arizona Institutions**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Breadth Creative Arts, Breadth Humanities, Breadth Life Sciences, and Breadth Physical Sciences requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed. Effective Fall Semester 2009, all Arizona institutions will be removed from this list.

**California Institutions**—USU will require students who receive an associate degree to satisfy any deficiencies in the Communications Literacy, Quantitative Literacy, and Breadth requirements if equivalent courses have not been completed. Effective Fall Semester 2009, all California institutions will be removed from this list.

**Note:** Students who transfer from an institution that is not listed above will have their General Education coursework evaluated by the student's major department at Utah State University.

For an institution to be considered for inclusion in the above articulation agreements, the institution's General Education requirements must be reviewed and approved by both the USU General Education Subcommittee and the Educational Policies Committee. Institution representatives should submit their requests, along with a copy of their institution's catalog, to: John Mortensen, Registrar's Office, Utah State University, 1600 Old Main Hill, Logan UT 84322-1600.

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## Course-by-Course Articulation Agreements

Utah State University maintains annual course-by-course articulation agreements with the following institutions:

Boise State University  
Brigham Young University  
Brigham Young University (Hawaii)  
Brigham Young University (Idaho)  
College of Eastern Utah  
College of Southern Idaho  
Dixie State College of Utah  
Idaho State University  
LDS Business College  
Northwest College  
Salt Lake Community College

Snow College  
Southern Utah University  
University of Utah  
Utah Valley State College  
Weber State University  
Western Wyoming Community College  
Westminster College

These course-by-course agreements show how courses taken at these institutions will be accepted and applied at Utah State University.

In addition to the course-by-course articulations, Utah State maintains University Studies articulation agreements with the same institutions as listed above. These agreements show how individual courses taken at these institutions will meet Utah State's University Studies requirements.