

Transfer Credit From an Associate's College

ACA-56



About This Policy

Effective Dates:

03-04-2008

Last Updated:

xx-xx-2020

Responsible University Administrator:

University Faculty Council

Policy Contact:

Carolyn Gentle-Genitty, Ph.D.

Assistant Vice President for University Academic Policy, Director of University Transfer Office

caentleq@iu.edu

Scope

All Indiana University campuses, schools, and departments.

Policy Statement

- A. Indiana University accepts transfer credits only from two-year Associate's Colleges [jump to definition] that are regionally accredited and retains sole discretion to make course transferability determinations.
- B. Except as described below, no more than cumulative 64 semester credit hours earned from any Associate's College(s) may be applied to any Indiana University baccalaureate degree at any campus and no new articulation agreements with Associate's Colleges may exceed this limit.
 1. Additional credit hours may be transferred in; however, decisions as to applicability to a degree will be made based on articulation standards.
 2. Individual schools or campuses can choose to further limit the number of credits from an Associate's College applicable to their baccalaureate degrees.
 3. Articulation agreements for more than 64 credit hours that were in effect on or before March 3, 2008 from date of last signature will be honored for any student who has already transferred to Indiana University, or any student who was enrolled in an Associate's College prior to March 3, 2008 and who receives [received?] an articulated associate's degree. Except as provided in Paragraph 4 below, the university will not enter into new articulation agreements that seek approval for

acceptance for transfer of more than 64 credits.

4. Exceptions can be made for articulated associate's degree programs that require more than 64 credit hours for a graduate to sit for a professional licensing exam for professional certification or to satisfy the requirements of accrediting organizations. Some examples are the Nursing A.S.N, Respiratory Therapy AS and the Dental Hygiene AS. The campus chief academic officer may grant such exceptions or, in the case of university-wide agreements, exceptions may be granted through agreement among affected campus chief academic officers. Should these chief academic officers not reach agreement, the office of the Executive Vice President for University Academic Affairs shall convene the relevant academic officers to reach a resolution.
- C. Credits earned at Associate's Colleges and transferred for IU credit may not be recorded as equivalent to IU course credits at advanced (300/400) levels, or applied to degree requirements normally fulfilled only by advanced level course credits.
 - D. Typically, lower level coursework at any regionally accredited, two-year undergraduate institution (100/200-level or like-numbered courses) cannot transfer as upper level coursework (300/400 level); however, disciplinary faculty or degree-granting departments may—in cases *other than* that of credit earned at Associate's Colleges—use their own judgment in assigning transfer credit.

Reason for Policy

The faculty of Indiana University have principal responsibility for the integrity of the baccalaureate degrees that they confer, and students who intend to transfer to pursue a baccalaureate degree at Indiana University should be encouraged to matriculate at Indiana University once they have completed work on an Associate Degree at a regionally accredited two-year Associate's College and should be informed of the appropriate level of Indiana University credit for transfer from such Colleges.

Definitions

[Definitions from Carnegie Classifications: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](#)

Associate's College: Includes institutions where the highest degree conferred is at the associate's degree or, or where bachelor's degrees account for less than 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees. (Also known as community colleges, junior colleges). Vincennes University is classified as a "4-Year, Primarily Associate's" college, and will be considered as an Associate's College except in areas for which it has authorized baccalaureate degrees.

Baccalaureate Colleges, Master's Colleges, or Universities/Doctoral-granting

Universities: Institutions are included in these categories if bachelor's degrees accounted for at least 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees, and may also include specific numbers of Master's level or PhD level students. All Indiana University campuses meet or exceed the Carnegie Classification of "Baccalaureate Colleges."

History

ACA-56 (Transfer of Credit Completed at the 100 and 200 Level) and ACA-82 (Transfer Credit From an Associate's College Applied to an Indiana University Baccalaureate Degree) were

*consolidated into ACA-56 by action of the **University Faculty Council on xxx, 2020.***

ACA-56 (Transfer of Credit Completed at the 100 and 200 Level) was originally approved by University Faculty Council, March 27, 2011 and revised and approved by University Faculty Council, March 23, 2016.

ACA-82 (Transfer Credit From an Associate's College Applied to an Indiana University Baccalaureate Degree) was originally approved by Action of the University Faculty Council on March 4, 2008).

Previous Versions:

[Effective Dates: 03/27/2011 - 02/23/2016](#)

Immediately Previous Versions will be added.