

Transfer Credit

We understand that one of your concerns is how credits from your prior institution(s) will transfer to Salem State University. After a student has been accepted into the university, it is at that stage that they will have an official transfer credit evaluation.

Prior to acceptance we encourage prospective students to use two tools available on our website to predict if their credits will transfer in.

- [Academic Flowsheets](#): a flowsheet is a tool for you to use to view your plan of study at Salem State University. The left side of the flowsheet generally contains all core requirements while the right side lists the requirements and support courses for your major (and a minor if required and a foreign language if required) and the minimum number of free electives required for your particular major. Please note that the flowsheet is for the current academic year and is subject to change.
- [Transfer Equivalency Viewer](#): the Transfer Equivalency Viewer is a database which allows you to see which courses from your current institution have been evaluated by Salem State University in the past and how/if they transfer in. If a course is not listed in the database, it would only be assessed by Transfer Services after the student has been accepted.

If you would like to meet with an admissions counselor to discuss possible transfer credit, please call **978.542.6046** to make an appointment. We also welcome you to join us for one of our many [information sessions](#).

General Policies

- Courses that are comparable to Salem State courses generally transfer. Transfer credit is based on factors including but not limited to accreditation, comparability of courses, faculty credentials, and other requirements.
- In general, C- is the minimum grade required to transfer a course.
- A total of 68 credits may be transferred from two-year institutions.
- Please note you must successfully complete at least 30 credit hours at Salem State in order to receive your bachelor's degree from us.

Program-to-program

- Articulation agreements outline how a specific academic program at a specific institution transfers into a particular major at Salem State.
- Please note that equivalencies and agreements are advisory only and are subject to change. So, it is important that you speak regularly with the transfer counselor at your institution so you can understand the transfer process.
- [Become familiar with MassTransfer policies](#) if you are transferring from a Massachusetts public institution.

Advanced Placement (AP) and College Level Examination Program (CLEP)

- You can earn course credit through AP credit (score of 3 or higher required); CLEP general and subject examinations; challenge exams; and ACTPEP exams. [Contact academic advising](#) for a list of acceptable AP, CLEP and challenge exams.

Transfer Credit Evaluations

After a student has been accepted, it is at this stage transfer services will start to working on the Transfer Credit Evaluation. If the courses have been previously evaluated by Salem State and are in our

equivalency database, the credit will post onto the student's Navigator account soon after acceptance. If the courses are not in the database, transfer services will facilitate the process of our faculty reviewing the courses to assign equivalency. If a course is listed as "No Rule," it means it is currently under faculty review.

Questions

[Contact admissions](#) if you:

- Are planning to apply to Salem State as a transfer student
- Have applied as a transfer student but have not yet been admitted

[Visit transfer services](#) if you are:

- A newly admitted transfer student who has questions about transfer credit evaluations
- A returning (matriculated) Salem State student who has taken or plans to take coursework at another institution