COURSES FROM OTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS

Transfer Credit Policy – Undergraduate
Transfer students bring a range of learning experiences into their studies at Cardinal Stritch University. The University’s transfer policy recognizes the value of these experiences and awards credit as appropriate to the subject matter and educational goals of the student.

Cardinal Stritch University will accept up to 90 credits in transfer, depending on the requirements of the degree/program (see current Cardinal Stritch University Undergraduate Catalog, www.stritch.edu/catalogs). The decision to accept transfer credits is made by the specific major departments and the Registrar. Transfer courses do not automatically fulfill core or major requirements of Stritch. Once credits are accepted in transfer at the University, the credits will be applied to any college based on the college’s major/program requirements.

The following general guidelines apply to all courses taken at other colleges or universities:
• Credits will not be accepted for any course with an earned grade lower than a “C-.” This includes “CD,” “Pass/Fail” or “Credit/No Credit.” It should be noted that some major academic departments have higher minimum grades required for courses to fulfill a specific requirement.
• Credits will not be accepted for orientation, study skills, pre-college or remedial courses.
• Only credits from regionally accredited schools will be considered for direct transfer. Credits from nationally accredited schools will be assessed per the policy described for extra-institutional learning in the various colleges.
• Credits transfer; grades do not.
• Only grades earned at Cardinal Stritch University will be used to determine a grade point average.
• Proficiency exams and Life Experience/Portfolio awards given at other colleges and universities will not be honored at Stritch.

Department approval is required for equivalency to Stritch courses—usually by the department chair. General electives do not require departmental approval.

• A maximum of 32 semester hours of technical credit may be transferred in and applied to bachelor’s programs; for associate programs, the limit is 16 semester hours of technical credits. Students will not be permitted to transfer in technical credits after matriculating at Stritch.

Residency Policy - Undergraduate
Cardinal Stritch University, like most universities, seeks to maximize the number of credits students earn here. This ensures that students absorb as much of the University’s philosophy as possible by interacting with a large number of faculty and staff, thus creating a distinctive Stritch identity for the student. It is a University requirement that the last 30 credits earned for a bachelor’s degree and the last 15 credits for an associate degree be earned at Stritch (residency requirement.) Developmental courses are not included in this number.

All students must have a minimum of 12 credits in courses taken at Stritch in the undergraduate major. Each college has residency requirements for the major that may be above and beyond what is articulated for the University. Program residency requirements are published in each college’s program materials. The institution must make available the courses that students need to complete their degree requirements once they have begun a specific program of study. If a student were about to graduate and the University were forced to cancel a required course, permission could be given to take the course elsewhere. Under ordinary circumstances, once students have matriculated, they may not take courses at other institutions. Students need explicit permission to take courses at another school and transfer the credits to Stritch.
Permission to take courses at another school is granted by the Registrar in consultation with the appropriate department and their academic advisor on the basis of need, but will not be granted because of convenience or tuition. If the course is one required in the student's major sequence, the permission of the department chair is also required. Normally, courses in the student’s major are to be taken at Stritch.

**Transfer Credit and Residency Policy - Graduate**

Up to nine credits may be accepted from another regionally accredited school toward a master's degree earned at Cardinal Stritch University. Each college has residency requirements for the major that may be above and beyond what is articulated for the University. Program residency requirements are published in the each college's program materials (see current Cardinal Stritch University Graduate Catalog, www.stritch.edu/catalogs). Once credits are accepted in transfer at the University, the credits will be applied to any college based on the college's major/program requirements (subject to further restrictions by individual departments). These credits may include credits which have already been applied toward completion of another graduate degree program. No coursework may be applied toward a degree if it is more than seven years old at the time of graduation. Students must provide Cardinal Stritch University official transcripts substantiating transfer coursework. All coursework must have a letter grade ("A" to "F" or equivalent) to be considered. Only graduate coursework with an equivalent grade of "B-" and above will qualify for transfer to graduate degree programs at Stritch.

Undergraduate courses recognized as meeting graduate prerequisite requirements must have a grade of "C" or better. Undergraduate courses used to meet post-baccalaureate certification requirements must have a grade of "C-" or above. (Subject to further restrictions by individual Colleges; see current Cardinal Stritch University Graduate Catalog, www.stritch.edu/catalogs).

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