Univ. of Delaware - Matriculated Students – Transfer Credit from International/Study Abroad

Complete the steps below if you are:

- a matriculated UD undergraduate (fr/soph/jr/sr)
- who would like to transfer credit from non-UD study abroad or an international institution
- or who has been accepted to participate in a UD exchange program
- Note: If you are currently an ELI AT/CAP student, an incoming transfer student, or newly admitted student, follow these separate instructions (for coursework from a U.S. institution or an international institution).

Important information:

- The student (not a family member) must complete all transfer credit paperwork.
- Complete this process before going abroad, or your courses may not transfer after the program.
- Cost for transferring credit = $75 per term, per institution. This is billed after credits post to your record.
- Financial aid: If you plan to study outside UD for a full semester (Leave of Absence) you will not be eligible for institutional aid during the leave. Students can apply for Federal Aid through a consortium agreement. In addition, students must transfer back the equivalent of at least 12 UD credits per semester in order to regain eligibility for institutional scholarships and grants when they return to the University. Complete the TIPA form (Step 1 below) to confirm how credits at the non-UD institution will transfer to UD (i.e., # of credit there = # of UD credits). We also recommend that you make an appointment with Student Financial Services to discuss your plans and the potential impact that a Leave of Absence may have on your UD financial package (302-831-2126).
- If you are going abroad for a full semester, email your Assistant Dean and ask that they submit a Leave of Absence (LoA) form.

Procedure for Study Outside the U.S.

**Step 1** – Complete a web form to confirm if UD accepts transfer credit from this institution
**Step 2** – Send course descriptions to UD departments
**Step 3** – Print/complete/sign a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE) form
**Step 4** – Send your TCE form and course approvals to your Asst. Dean for review/signature
**Step 5** – Review next steps and UD policies
**Step 6** – Ask the institution to send an official final transcript to the Registrar’s Office
**Step 7** – Review what will happen after your transcript arrives at UD

Questions or concerns? Contact the Registrar’s Office at transfercredit@udel.edu. Additional information can be found in the Undergraduate Programs section of the Catalog.

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STEP 1 – Complete an online **Transfer Institution / Program Approval (TIPA) web form.**

- Within 2 weeks of receiving your web form, our office will email you to confirm if UD accepts credits from this institution, and how credits would transfer.

- Note that our office does not endorse the program, but only confirms if UD will accept transfer credit.

- Not all international institutions nor study abroad programs are eligible for transfer.
  - Institutions must be degree-granting and regionally accredited/recognized.
  - Courses must be at the college level and align with UD’s curriculum. Credit must be issued on an official institutional transcript (in English, or with a certified, literal translation).

STEP 2 – Departmental Course Review (this process takes time – don’t wait until the last minute):

- Choose the courses you may want to take, and find course descriptions or official syllabi (web link, PDF, printed copy). Course descriptions should include:
  - Course #, title, number of credits (or whatever the school uses to identify the course)
  - A thorough description of topics or areas covered (as many details as possible)
  - If science lab/lectures are separated, provide information for both courses

- Email each course to a **UD transfer credit department contact** (send History courses to the HIST dept., Math courses to MATH, etc.). In your email, include: 1) Your name & UDID 2) Institution 3) Term taking the course 4) Course #/title/credits/description.
- The departmental contact will evaluate the course, determine if there is a UD equivalent, and email you, copying transfercredit@udel.edu. If you have not heard their decision in 1-2 weeks, follow-up with them directly.
- **Friendly tip:** we recommend that you have more courses evaluated than you plan to take. If your first choice classes are full, it is helpful to have prior approval for several alternates.

### STEP 3 – Print, complete and sign a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE) Form.
- Enter the external course info on the left-hand side of the form, and the UD equivalents on the right-hand side (these are the courses confirmed by departments in Step 2).
- If requesting transfer cr. from multiple institutions, or in multiple terms, complete a separate TCE form for each.

### STEP 4 – Assistant Dean Review:
- Email a PDF or JPG of the following to the Assistant Dean of the College of your major for review/signature:
  - Completed/signed TCE form
  - Emails of department approvals (sent from the department contact)
- If you are going abroad for a full semester, email your Assistant Dean and ask that they submit a Leave of Absence (LoA) form for you.
- **Friendly tip:** Meet with your academic advisor to confirm how transfer credits will count toward your degree.

### STEP 5 – Review Policy Info & Deliver Final Paperwork.
- If you will be using financial aid, make a copy of your signed TCE to deliver to SFS.
- **Both credit and grade scales may differ** at international institutions. We will do our best to confirm this before you participate (so that you know how many credits will transfer, and the min. grade that you need to earn).
- Courses must be taken for a letter grade (not pass/fail). The min. grade accepted for credit is a UD “C” (2.0).
- Grades for transfer courses are not part of your UD GPA, and do not appear on your external UD transcript.
- If a study abroad provider requires other forms that need UD signatures, or if you need a letter for your visa application, see details in Step 5 on the website for whom to contact.

### STEP 6 – Official Transcript:
- We require an official final transcript, issued by the institution (or their U.S. school of record).
- Paper transcripts should be sent to this address:
  Registrar - Transfer Credit / University of Delaware / 210 S. College Avenue / Newark, DE 19716 / U.S.A.
- Electronic transcripts should be password protected, emailed from the institution directly to transfercredit@udel.edu. Electronic transcripts forwarded from the student will not be accepted.
- If the original transcript is not in English, also provide a certified literal English translation.
- If the institution sends the paper transcript directly to you, do NOT open it. Bring the original sealed envelope to the Registrar’s Office. Transcripts must be in original sealed envelopes.

### STEP 7 – Posting Credit:
- 1-2 weeks after we receive your official transcript, we will post credits that were approved on your TCE form.
- **Cost** for transferring credit = **$75 per term, per institution.** This charge will post to your UD student account.
- Check UDSIS to confirm that credits posted correctly (go to the Grades & Transcripts tile, then run the Transfer Credit Report). If there is an issue, contact transfercredit@udel.edu.
- If you took different courses on the program (that were not reviewed/approved on your original TCE), complete an additional TCE form (Steps 2-5) to seek departmental and Asst. Dean approval.