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Transfer Credit Policy

Students must complete the last 25 percent of the credits required for their degree at Berkeley College.

Acceptance of Transfer Credits from a Previous Institution: Berkeley College will typically accept transfer credits from regionally or nationally accredited post-secondary institutions for courses in which the student earned a minimum grade of C and that are applicable to the student's program at Berkeley and not more than 10 years old. Any credits that are more than 10 years old will be reviewed by the appropriate School Dean. The Dean will consider the academic requirements of the particular discipline and current industry standards when making a determination as to which credits will be accepted. Students may receive 90 quarter credit hours if they have an Associate's degree that articulates with a Berkeley College Bachelor's degree.

Nursing, surgical technology, and some science courses require a minimum grade of C+ to be considered for transfer and will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis based on the recommendation of the Department Chairperson.

Incoming students must apply for any desired transfer credit, and will be informed of a determination, prior to enrollment. Acceptance of transfer credits is within the sole discretion of the College and should not be assumed.

Credit from Articulation Agreements: Through a series of articulation agreements, Berkeley College has agreed to accept credits from certain other institutions of higher education. A current list of such institutions may be found at BerkeleyCollege.edu/files_bc/Articulation_Agreements.pdf. This list is updated periodically. Each individual agreement covers specific courses and credits. Credit for such courses will appear as CR on the student's Berkeley College transcript and will not be included in the GPA calculation.

New Jersey Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement: Berkeley College has implemented the New Jersey Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement, which provides for a seamless transition from Associate to Baccalaureate degree programs and supports the successful acquisition of Baccalaureate degrees by transfer students. An A.A. or A.S. degree from a New Jersey community college will be fully transferable as 90 credits to be counted towards the degree requirements of a New Jersey Baccalaureate degree, with the 90 credits to be granted as either course-by-course equivalencies between courses in the student's A.A. or A.S. degree and those at Berkeley College or as general elective credits.

Appeals: Berkeley College has established an **appeal process** through which transfer students can appeal a decision that they believe is not consistent with this Agreement. Questions regarding the appeals process can be forwarded to the Registrar Department.

Foreign Transcripts: Foreign transcripts will be evaluated considering the relative strength of the foreign curriculum, applicability to the Berkeley College program in which the student seeks to enroll, and other factors. Prior to enrolling, students are advised of the number of transfer credits that will be applied. Transfer credits appear as CR on the student's Berkeley College transcript and are not included in the GPA calculation. Transferability of credit is recorded on a student's Berkeley College transcript upon receipt of an official transcript from the previous institution.

Applicability of Credits to Programs: To the extent that Berkeley College's different Baccalaureate degrees have varying requirements concerning elective credits, students

are advised to consult with the Academic Advisement Department at their intended location to determine the applicability of their transferred credits towards their intended program of study at Berkeley College.

Transferring Berkeley Credits to Another Institution: Issues concerning the acceptance of transfer credits are determined solely by the institution to which a student transfers and are outside of Berkeley's control. Berkeley College's undergraduate programs currently operate on a calendar consisting of four 12-week "quarters." Many other institutions may operate on a different calendar, which may feature two or three "semesters" of 15 weeks or longer. Although Berkeley is regionally accredited, an institution that operates on a semester-based calendar may choose not to grant semester credit (or to grant reduced credit) for individual Berkeley courses, due to the difference in length between quarters and semesters or if the courses do not otherwise satisfy requirements of the transfer student's intended program of study. For example, a typical Berkeley College course carrying four "quarter credits" might be assigned a value of only 2.67 "semester credits" even if it were deemed relevant to the student's program at the semester-based institution to which the student transfers. Students should keep these important principles in mind when deciding whether to transfer from Berkeley College to another institution.