

TRANSFER OF CREDIT POLICY

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The sections below describe the various conditions under which credits might be transferred into or out of The Art Institutes. Please contact the Academic Affairs Office for all matters related to Transfer Credit and Program Change.

TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDIT TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS

In the U.S. higher education system, transferability of credit is determined by the receiving institution taking into account such factors as course content, grades, accreditation and licensing. For this reason this institution does not imply, promise, or guarantee that credits earned will be accepted by another college or university. If the credits or degree, diploma, or certificate that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. Students considering transferring to another college or university are responsible for determining whether that school will accept this institution's credits. Students are encouraged to initiate discussions with the potential transfer school as early as possible.

TRANSFERRING FROM ONE ART INSTITUTE TO ANOTHER ART INSTITUTE

Students who wish to transfer from one Art Institute to another may do so only if they are in satisfactory academic standing at the sending institution. Any student dismissed for violating the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy may not transfer to another Art Institute until he or she has appealed academic dismissal and been reinstated at the sending institution. When the sending institution is closed, the Academic Affairs Office at the receiving institution will review all academic dismissals and determine if reinstatement is appropriate. Please refer to the Student Academic Progress Policy – Transfer from another Art Institute for additional information.

All attempted and earned credits that are relevant to the degree plan at the receiving institution will be factored into a student's overall grade point average at the new institution. All earned credits are eligible to be evaluated for transfer to the program of study at the receiving institution. If a student transfers from an Art Institute after completing four quarters of study, the student is classified as a fifth quarter student at the new Art Institute.

Based on the evaluation of learning that has taken place, every reasonable effort will be made to transfer previously taken courses to the new program of study when an equivalency exists. When appropriate, students will also have the ability to demonstrate proficiency in a course through Prior Learning Assessment.

Once transfer credit is awarded, a student has the right to appeal the decision to the Academic Affairs Office. The student must submit a letter of appeal that clearly states which courses he/she was expecting to transfer with supporting justification provided.

For Institutions with 25% Residency Requirement

At least 25% of the credit hours required for the undergraduate degree must be earned through instruction delivered at the institution awarding the degree.

At least one-third of the credit hours required for the graduate degree must be earned through instruction delivered at the institution awarding the degree.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT BETWEEN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOLS

Associate's Degree Graduates to Bachelor's Degree Programs: Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that all credits earned by associate's degree graduates of an Art Institutes school will transfer to the corresponding bachelor's degree program within the system. However,

differing state and accrediting regulations may require additional courses at the associate's degree level. If the associate's degree completed by the graduate has been updated with the addition of new competencies, the Academic Affairs Office has the discretionary authority to add a course(s) at the associate's degree level.

Such graduates of the related associate degree program will attain upper division status in the bachelor's degree.

Associate's degree credits earned by graduates of an Art Institutes school for which there is no corresponding bachelor's degree program will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for applicability to the new program of study. Only those courses and credits required for graduation in the new program of study will be accepted. Under some conditions, all general education courses in the associate degree may be brought forward into the Bachelor's degree program; because this may vary by state, the student attempting to transfer credits is advised to consult with the receiving institution on the policies regarding general education coursework. All conditions in the following associate's degree credits to associate's/bachelor's degree program procedure apply.

Diploma Graduates to Associate's/Bachelor's Programs: Every reasonable effort will be made to ensure that all credits earned by diploma program graduates of an Art Institutes school will transfer to the corresponding Associate/Bachelor's degree program within the system. If the diploma program completed by the graduate has been updated with the addition of new competencies, the Academic Affairs Office has the discretionary authority to require retaking the course(s) at the associate's degree level.

Such graduates of the related diploma program will attain lower division status in the associate's degree program.

Diploma program credits earned by graduates of an Art Institutes school for which there is no corresponding Associate's/Bachelor's degree program will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for applicability to the new program of study. Only those courses and credits required for graduation in the new program of study will be accepted. All the following conditions in the following diploma program credits to associate's/bachelor's degree program procedure apply.

Allowable Total Transfer of Credit

Students must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total program credits required for graduation in residency at the new location. Therefore, students may only be granted a maximum of 75 percent of the total program credits required for graduation through transfer credit earned at an outside institution, including other Art Institutes campuses, or from proficiency examinations, or from alternative sources of credit. Due to regulatory considerations, at some Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above. See the campus registrar for the minimum percentages for your campus.

Transcripts

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institutes School prior to the class start for the purposes of determining transfer of credit opportunities and for scheduling. Transcripts received after the student's first quarter of attendance at The Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit at the discretion of the Academic Affairs Office.

Diploma Program Credits to Associate's/Bachelor's Degree Program:

Diploma program credits, with a grade of "C" or better from an Art Institutes school, earned by students not awarded an diploma, will be considered for transfer to the same program at the

associate's degree or bachelor's degree level. Differing state and accrediting regulations may require additional courses at the associate's degree level.

Associate's Degree Credits to Associate's/Bachelor's Degree Program:

Associate's degree credits, with a grade of "C" or better from an Art Institutes school, earned by students not awarded an associate's degree, will be considered for transfer to the same program at the associate's degree or bachelor's degree level. Differing state and accrediting regulations may require additional courses at the associate's degree level.

Transcripts

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institute School prior to the class start for the purposes of determining transfer of credit opportunities and for scheduling. Transcripts received after the student's first quarter of attendance at an Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit at the discretion of the Academic Affairs Office.

Course Descriptions

The official descriptions of the courses submitted for consideration for transfer must be comparable to the coursework at an Art Institutes school. Official course descriptions from the college where the credit was earned or a college catalog will be used to determine comparability, and must be received prior to the class start for the purposes of determining transfer of credit opportunities and for scheduling.

Level of Transfer Credits

Only college-level credits (100 level course or equivalent and above) taken at an accredited institution of higher education will be considered for transfer. No remedial or developmental courses will be considered for transfer. If the student has passed only the transitional classes at an Ai school but not earned the respective college-level credit, then the receiving institution should re-test the student for placement purposes.

Grades of Transfer Credits

Only courses with an earned grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher will be considered for transfer credit. Transfers between schools from within the same OPEID code (Office of Postsecondary Education Identifier), will transfer all comparable courses (including all attempts) to the new school.

Course Prerequisites and Sequence of Courses

Course prerequisites and course sequences will be observed when preparing schedules, to assure appropriate student skill development.

Internal Proficiency Testing for Credit

Requests for testing out of specific courses approved by the Institute must be made through the Department Director prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of a program's required credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

Portfolio Review for Credit

Requests for portfolio review, and/or relevant work experience documented by appropriate samples of work outcomes, references, and verification of employment must be received prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of a program's required credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

Total Allowable Transfer of Credit

Students must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total program credits required for graduation in residency at the Art Institute receiving credits from alternative sources, including another Art Institute. Therefore, students may only be granted a maximum of 75 percent of the total program credits required for graduation through transfer credit earned at an outside institution, including other Art Institutes campuses, proficiency testing and/or portfolio or work experience review. Due to state and regulatory considerations at some Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above.

LIMITATION TO ONLINE EDUCATION QUOTIENT: Based on government and accreditation standards related to consortium agreements, students are limited in the total number of credits that can be earned in an online delivery mode. Students are required to complete more than 50% of their program credits in residence at the Art Institute School into which they have enrolled and from which they hope to graduate. Transfer between Art Institute campuses does not guarantee that all credits earned will transfer to the same program at the receiving campus.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT FROM OUTSIDE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BEFORE MATRICULATION AT AN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOL

Transcripts

Official transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office of the admitting Art Institute School prior to the class start for the purposes of determining transfer of credit opportunities and for scheduling. Transcripts received after the student's first quarter of attendance at an Art Institutes school may be considered for transfer credit at the discretion of the Academic Affairs Office.

Course Descriptions

The official descriptions of the courses submitted for consideration for transfer must be comparable to the coursework at an Art Institutes school. Official course descriptions from the college where the credit was earned or a college catalog will be used to determine comparability, and must be received prior to the class start for the purposes of determining transfer of credit opportunities and for scheduling.

Level of Transfer Credits

Only college-level credits (100 level course or equivalent and above) taken at an accredited institution of higher education will be considered for transfer. No remedial or developmental courses will be considered for transfer.

Grades of Transfer Credits

Only courses with an earned grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher will be considered for transfer credit.

Course Prerequisites and Sequence of Courses

Course prerequisites and course sequences will be observed when preparing schedules, to assure appropriate student skill development.

Proficiency Credit from External Sources

Official documents related to CLEP or AP scores or similar means to demonstrate proficiency for credit must be received by an Art Institutes school prior to the class start. No more than 25 percent of a program's required credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

- *Advanced Placement.* Some foundation courses can be obtained through College Board's AP Studio examinations. Students who take the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and score three or higher on the AP exam or four or higher on the IB exam for those courses while in secondary school may receive proficiency credit. This score applies to all subjects. All materials must be received from the Scholastic College Board organization and evaluated prior to the end of the schedule adjustment period (add/drop) of the student's first quarter of attendance.
- *College Level Examination Program (CLEP).* Complete the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and earn a score of 50 or higher on computer-based CLEP examinations equivalent to University courses prior to the end of the scheduled adjustment period (add/drop) of the student's first quarter of attendance.
- *Articulation Agreement Credit.* Successfully complete programs included in articulation agreements that have been established between the University and their high schools.
- *Military Experience Credits.* Complete training, employment, or other educational experience in the military as measured through DANTES, DSST examinations, or as shown on the Joint Service Transcript, the Community College of the Air Force Transcript or as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE).
- *Internal Proficiency Testing for Credit.* Requests for testing out of specific courses approved by the Institute must be made through the Department Director prior to the class start.
- *Experiential Learning.* Students may request advanced standing for experiential learning. Students will present relevant work or life experiences for review by the Academic Affairs Office or designee. The Academic Affairs Office or designee will have the necessary forms for the student to complete. Documentation such as portfolios, writing samples, publications, verification of employment, and references represents a sampling of what may be requested by the Department Chair from the student in order for the advanced standing review to be completed.
- *Portfolio Review for Credit.* Requests for portfolio review, and/or relevant work experience documented by appropriate samples of work outcomes, references, and verification of employment must be received prior to the class start.

Class Proficiency Test

Requests for testing out of specific classes approved by the Institute must be made through the department Director prior to the class start.

No more than 25 percent credits will be considered for any type of proficiency credit.

University Transcripts with Credit/No Credit Course Grades

Accredited colleges and universities where courses are offered for credit/no credit and no allowable grade is earned in major courses according to existing regulations will be converted to a grade by the registrar's office. Credit grades will be converted to a "C" and no credit grades will be converted to an "F".

Total Allowable Transfer of Credit

Students must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total program credits required for graduation in residency at the Art Institute receiving credits from alternative sources, including another Art

Institute. Therefore, students may only be granted a maximum of 75 percent of the total program credits required for graduation through transfer credit earned at an outside institution, including other Art Institutes campuses, proficiency testing and/or portfolio or work experience review. Due to state and regulatory considerations at some Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT AFTER MATRICULATION (CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT OR RE-ENTRY TO THE INSTITUTION) AT AN ART INSTITUTES SCHOOL

NOTE: Transfer credit after matriculation must be completed prior to the student's final term of study.

Concurrent Enrollment: Requests for transfer of credit from accredited institutions of higher education, for a course taken concurrently with an Art Institutes school student's full-time schedule (at the student's own expense), and after a student's matriculation at an Art Institutes school, may be made to the Academic Affairs Office. Transfer Credit may be awarded if all other criteria for transfer of credit are met, and if the secondary institution permits concurrent enrollment.

Approval Needed

Requests for concurrent enrollment in a course at another college or university while the student is at full-time status at an Art Institutes school (according to the US Department of Education's definition of the term) must be approved by the General Education Director, the Department Director, or the Academic Affairs Office prior to enrollment in the course.

Full-time Status

The student must be enrolled full-time at an Art Institute's school at all times during the concurrent enrollment at another college or university.

One Course Limit

Only one course per quarter in concurrent enrollment is permitted.

Grading

The concurrent enrollment course must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher. The student's record at The Art Institute will reflect a "TR" grade. The grade will not be factored into the GPA or the CGPA.

Completion Deadline

Credit will be awarded for the course when official documentation is provided by the secondary institution that the course was successfully completed, as defined above. Official Transcripts must be sent to the Academic Affairs Office upon successful completion of the concurrent enrollment course.

Total Allowable Transfer of Credit

Students must earn a minimum of 25 percent of the total program credits required for graduation in residency at the Art Institute receiving credits from alternative sources, including another Art Institute. Therefore, students may only be granted a maximum of 75 percent of the total program credits required for graduation through transfer credit earned at an outside institution, including other Art Institutes campuses, proficiency testing and/or portfolio or work experience review. Due to state and regulatory considerations at some Art Institutes schools, the minimum percentage of total program credits that must be earned in residency may vary from the standard above.

Transcripts

Official Transcripts must be sent to the Academic Affairs Office upon successful completion of the concurrent enrollment course.

Transfer Credit Upon Re-Entry to the Institution: Requests for transfer of credit from accredited institutions of higher education for a course taken while a student was not in attendance at an Art Institutes school, but after a student's initial matriculation at the school, may be made to the Academic Affairs Office. Transfer Credit may be awarded if all other criteria for transfer of credit are met.

Grading

The concurrent enrollment course must be passed with a grade of "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or higher. The student's record at The Art Institute will reflect a "TR" grade. The grade will not be factored into the GPA or the CGPA.

CHANGE OF PROGRAM WITHIN AN ART INSTITUTE'S SCHOOL

A student petitioning to change from one program to another within The Art Institute must obtain approval from the Department Director of the department from which the student is changing. The student's coursework and earned credits will be reviewed for applicability to the new program. Only those credits required for graduation in the new program will be transferred to the new program and counted toward graduation. Only one change of program is allowed per student.

COURSE SUBSTITUTION POLICY

Students are expected to complete the program requirements outlined in the Catalog which is in effect at the time of enrollment. Students who wish to request a course substitution should submit a Course Substitution Form to the Program Chair or designee for consideration at their Campus, which includes details as to why the request for a course substitution is needed. The Program Chair will subsequently forward the request and recommendation to Academic Affairs for approval. Students should submit all requests within the timeline indicated in the Transfer of Credit section of the catalog. Course substitutions not recommended by the Program Chair, may be appealed to Academic Affairs or designee. The decision of Academic Affairs is final.

COLLEGE BOUND

College Bound is a year round program offered at The Art Institute of Dallas. The program allows high school juniors and seniors to take college-level foundational course work relating to fashion, design, and media arts. Courses typically on campus on Saturday mornings for 11 weeks. A summer intensive program is also offered on campus. Online classes are 5 ½ weeks long and participation requires students to meet technology and software.

Students who successfully complete a course receive a Certificate of Completion and are able to invite their friends and family to an online showcase highlighting their portfolio of work and achievement. Students also have the opportunity, upon enrollment with The Art Institute of Dallas to request proficiency credit for the equivalent course. Completion of each course can prepare students to request up 3 or 4 proficiency credits toward their degree program, depending on their enrollment location and program selection.

While College Bound courses are offered as non-credit, it is the exact college level course you would take otherwise, taught by a credentialed The Art Institute of Dallas faculty member. College Bound is challenging and rigorous but can help prepare students to begin their creative arts education ahead of their peers.

ADVANCED STANDING, TRANSFER, PROFICIENCY CREDIT, AND EXEMPTION FROM COURSEWORK

Applicants may be eligible to receive advanced standing credit in the following ways:

- Take the College Board Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) courses and score 3 or higher on the AP exam or 4 or higher on the IB exam for those courses while in secondary school.
- Successfully complete programs included in articulation agreements that have been established between The Art Institute of Atlanta or the branch campus and their high schools.
- Earn college credit at other accredited postsecondary institutions.
- Complete the requirements of a transfer agreement established between The Art Institute and the prior postsecondary institution.
- Complete College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams covering material equivalent to The Art Institute courses and earn a score of 50 or higher on those examinations.
- Complete training, employment, or other educational experience in the military as measured through DANTES, DSST examinations, or as shown on an American Council on Education (ACE) transcript.
- Present evidence of experience obtained in the workplace or through other means, as demonstrated through a portfolio of their work and additional supporting documentation

GRADUATE TRANSFER CREDITS

Students applying to Miami International University of Art & Design's graduate programs may, in some circumstances, be eligible to receive advanced standing credit. Depending on the program, no more than 18 credits can be awarded. Advanced standing credits are adjudicated on a case by case basis as determined by the Department of the relevant program. Equivalent courses must have been successfully completed at an accredited institution and a grade of B or better must have been earned for the course. Courses at the thesis project level are not transferable. Any requests for advanced standing must be accompanied by an official graduate transcript, a portfolio, research papers, or other documentation where relevant.