

Transfer of Credit

Advising and Counseling

Students who plan to complete a bachelor's degree should begin planning for transfer as early as possible. Transfer students are encouraged to meet with an advisor or counselor the first semester they enroll at ACC, particularly if they are undecided on a major or have not selected a transfer institution. Faculty advisors are also available for students with declared majors.

Students should also discuss with an advisor or counselor whether it would be beneficial to complete an associate degree before transferring. Data from four-year institutions indicate students have a higher success rate based on the number of transfer credits. Statistically, students with 60 or more transfer credits from ACC have a higher GPA at their transfer institution than those who transfer with fewer hours.

Articulation agreements

ACC has articulation agreements with over 40 universities to assist student transfers. Articulation agreements formalize the process of developing and maintaining transfer options for students who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree. They provide students with access to, and linkages with, bachelor's degree-granting institutions that accept all courses identified in the agreement, in transfer toward a four-year degree. These agreements often include the minimum GPA requirements for admission, minimum number of credit hours that will transfer, and transferable courses for specific degrees or majors. Students can view articulation agreements and other transfer resources at www.austincc.edu/articulation. Online resources include:

- Course-by-course equivalency guides for how ACC courses transfer to various four-year institutions
- Transfer and 2+2 guides for ACC courses and specific majors and degrees at four-year institutions
- A list of those colleges and universities with which ACC has developed articulation agreements
- Information on the core curriculum requirements at various Texas colleges and universities
- Transfer admission, scholarship, and contact information
- Links to other transfer resources available on the Internet

Transferring Courses to Other Colleges

Many ACC courses transfer to other colleges and universities. Because a course transfers, however, does not mean it will apply toward a student's chosen major or degree at the transfer institution. Students should consult an advisor or counselor at the transfer institution about the applicability of specific courses for their intended major.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board rules state that no institution of higher education shall be required to accept in transfer, or apply toward a degree program, more than 66 semester credit hours of lower-division academic credit. Institutions of higher education, however may choose to accept additional credit hours.

Transfer Course Equivalency

Course equivalency guides show a list of equivalent courses that transfer from ACC to various colleges and universities. Some equivalency guides are specific to ACC courses, while others show equivalencies to Texas Common Course Numbers (TCCN). Visit www.austincc.edu/articulation to view course equivalency guides or contact an ACC advisor or counselor for assistance.

Be aware that even though a course transfers to a specific institution from ACC, ACC does not always consider the course equivalent if the same course is transferred to ACC. This is especially true for private institutions and when semester credit hours differ.

Resolution of Transfer Disputes

ACC works closely with other colleges and universities to provide a smooth transfer experience for ACC students. The college follows the guidelines established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the resolution of transfer disputes as prescribed by Coordinating Board Rules and Regulations, Chapter 4, Subchapter B, Section 4.27. The associate vice president of academic transfer and general and developmental education accepts the initial contact from a receiving institution when a student transferring from ACC is denied transfer of course credits.