

EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT

An evaluation of transferable credits for applicants to both Monroe Park Campus and MCV Campus programs is made by the Transfer Center (or appropriate program) after the accepted applicant’s final official transcript has been received by the Office of Admissions and the applicant has accepted an offer of admission. See the University undergraduate transfer credit policy (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/admission-university/transfer-admission-guidelines/) and Additional sources of academic credit (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/admission-university/additional-sources-of-credit/) for transferable credit information.

Accepted transfer credit contributes to hours earned and toward fulfillment of degree requirements at VCU. The grades of accepted transfer courses are recorded as TR on the student’s VCU transcript, and hours attempted and quality points earned are not recorded. Accepted transfer credits are not included in the transfer student’s overall GPA at VCU. The GPA for fulfillment of VCU degree requirements is computed only from courses taken at VCU. The grades and quality points of transfer courses are evaluated in the computation determining graduation honors (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/ugrad/ugrad-graduation-app/). Accepted quarter-hour credits recorded on the VCU transcript are converted to semester-hour credits at a conversion rate of two-thirds.

Credits earned at other institutions carrying a grade of D are not accepted for transfer.

Courses taken on the pass/fail or pass/no pass systems or courses taken for grades of satisfactory or unsatisfactory that receive earned credits and a satisfactory grade (or comparable passing grade) from the transfer institution receive equivalent semester credit. Transfer credits graded as pass/fail will not be included in the computation for determination of academic honors at VCU.

Degree candidates must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 45 credit semester hours required for their bachelor’s degree program at this institution.

Attainment of the college/school or department minimum GPA and any other standard requirements is required of all students, including, in the case of the School of the Arts, a portfolio evaluation for visual arts applicants and an audition for performing arts applicants. Applicants to degree programs that are competitive are not guaranteed admission but will be evaluated on the same basis as currently enrolled VCU students.

Students who have earned the A.A., A.F.A., A.S. or A.A.&S. degree or the Uniform Certificate of General Studies from a VCCS institution or Richard Bland College should refer to the articulation agreement information (http://bulletin.vcu.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-study/admission-university/transfer-admission-guidelines/) in this bulletin.

Students from VCCS institutions, Richard Bland College or other two-year institutions who have not completed the college parallel A.A., A.F.A., A.S. or A.A.&S. degree will have the exact designation of their status determined after an evaluation of acceptable credits. This evaluation is determined by the equivalencies shown in the Transfer Course Equivalents (https://transfer.vcu.edu/transferring-credits/transfer-course-equivalents/) for the Virginia Community College System and Richard Bland College courses that may be accepted, including not more than 50 percent in the major field of study. However, the applicant should realize that more than two additional years may be necessary to complete the degree requirements in certain curricula.

Credits earned in occupational or technical programs will be judged on their own merits to determine their applicability toward VCU degree requirements.

Transfer credit appeal process

VCU recognizes the right of students to appeal the decision not to accept credit for transfer. The Transfer Credit Appeals Committee will meet at least once per semester to consider student appeals. For information about the appeals process, contact the VCU Transfer Center.