

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer Credit

Concordia University Chicago understands the importance of being able to apply classes taken in the past to the programs currently being pursued. Unless otherwise stipulated in an MOU, the University allows up to 90 semester credits to be transferred in from other regionally accredited institutions. To find out if your classes are transferable, please read the qualifications below:

For Undergraduate Programs:

- In order to keep programs and coursework relevant and current, Concordia University Chicago's College of Health, Science & Technology has implemented a "6-Year Rule," which allows a student to utilize completed prerequisite course credits towards subsequent coursework for up to six years after a course is successfully completed. Courses falling outside of the 6-year timeframe must be repeated unless successfully appealed to the Assistant Dean of the College of Health, Science & Technology. If the expired course no longer exists in the program's current curriculum, the student must take the designated replacement course to satisfy the prerequisite requirement. The 6-Year Rule applies to all College of Health, Science & Technology coursework and programs of study. Transfer credits from courses taken externally are subject to the same rules based on the date the credits were posted to a student's transcript. Courses under other Colleges (Business, Education, and Theology, Arts & Humanities) are not subject to the 6-year rule.
- A grade of C or higher must be earned for the class that is to be transferred in if the class is to be accepted as a prerequisite to another course.
- Courses that are transferred in must be equivalent to your program's required classes. For example, you cannot transfer a biology course into the Sports Management program, because that program does not require any biology classes.

Any currently enrolled student wishing to earn transfer credit must first consult with the Academic Advising office regarding the transferability of courses to initiate the review process, which may require departmental input. The University reserves the right to determine the number and type of transfer credits accepted toward a student's degree. No more than 90 semester hours of transfer credit from a regionally accredited institution will be counted toward graduation. One-half of all credits toward a major must be completed at CUC. Courses with a grade of F are not transferable.

AP/CLEP Credit

The University normally will grant credit for above-average scores on the Advanced Placement (AP) examination of The College Board. Test scores of 3 or better in any of several subject areas will receive college credit. CUC's code number for this test is 1140.

The University grants credit for the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). In general, a minimum score of 50 is required to receive credit. Students wishing to transfer CLEP credit for a CUC course must consult with their Academic Advisor for CLEP/CUC course equivalencies.

Since AP and CLEP credit are considered transfer credit, the University reserves the right to determine the number and type of AP and/or CLEP credits that can be accepted toward a student's degree.

International Baccalaureate Credit

Concordia University Chicago accepts individual course credit for Higher Level International Baccalaureate (IB) courses for test scores of five (5) or above. No credit will be considered for Standard Courses. For each course presented and accepted, transfer credit will be posted and applied to the student's degree program where appropriate.

Since IB credit is considered transfer credit, the University reserves the right to determine the number and type of IB credits that can be accepted toward a student's degree.

Credit by Exam

Degree-seeking students may accelerate or enrich their programs by earning course credit by examination and expanding their electives. A maximum of 12 semester hours of credit may be earned by examination. Departments will designate courses for which credit may be earned by examination. After successful completion of an examination (a grade of C or better), the student may choose to receive credit (P) or credit with a grade (A, B, or C). A credit of P will count toward the 18-hour maximum Pass/Fail credit allowed in a student's program.

Students should consult the individual departments for the most recent list of courses for which credit by examination is offered. Examinations will be arranged and administered through the department chairperson. Courses and contact persons are listed for each option. Consult Division chairs for additional courses available for credit by examination.

Courses	Contact Person
Calculus I	Program Chair
Fundamentals of General Chemistry	Program Chair
General Chemistry I or II	Program Chair
General Physics I	Program Chair
Human Biology	Program Chair
Intermediate Spanish I or II	Program Chair
Math Concepts II	Program Chair

Application forms for course credit by examinations are available in the Office of the Registrar. Fee: \$150 to take; \$150 to post on transcript.

Credit for Prior Learning

Prior-level learning and subsequent credit can be acquired in both the traditional classroom as well as non-traditional settings. Credit for prior learning may be presented in the form of ACE (American Council on Education) evaluated training/certifications, military training and/or Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) essays. Credit for Prior Learning will be awarded for transfer credit on the student's record.

Each College within the University has a policy addressing the procedures and credit awards that may be granted for prior learning. Students wishing to pursue credit for prior learning are required to contact the CPL coordinator. Students with educational experiences from service in the Army, Navy or Marines are encouraged to submit a Joint Services Transcript which will be posted as transfer credit. (Credit from the Community College of the Air Force will be accepted as transfer credit.) Fee: \$250/topic.

Honors Program

The Honors Program offers academically successful students the opportunity to broaden and enrich their undergraduate education at

CUC. Students with superior high school achievements are invited to apply to the Program, as are students whose success at CUC identifies them as candidates for enhanced educational experiences. For specific information on the application process, please contact the Office of Undergraduate Admission (new students) or the Honors Program Director (current students).

Placement Examinations

All entering students who wish to enroll in a mathematics course at Concordia University Chicago are required to take the mathematics placement exam before they will be permitted to enroll in a mathematics or physics course. Typically, this includes all incoming freshmen without Advanced Placement Calculus credit and transfer students who have not yet completed the mathematics requirements for their program. The placement exam is offered during the [Jump Start Orientation Program](https://cuchicago.edu/experience/orientation/) (<https://cuchicago.edu/experience/orientation/>) and during the [Weeks of Welcome](https://cuchicago.edu/experience/orientation/weeks-of-welcome/) (<https://cuchicago.edu/experience/orientation/weeks-of-welcome/>) prior to the start of classes.

Placement examinations are normally scheduled during Weeks of Welcome for all new students. Placement tests in music theory and instrumental proficiency can be taken by contacting the appropriate department. All entering students who need to take a mathematics course to graduate are required to take the Mathematics and Computer Science Department's placement exam before they will be permitted to enroll in a mathematics or physics course.

This typically will be incoming freshmen without AP credit and transfer students who have not yet completed the mathematics requirements for their program. The exam is offered during Jump Start and Orientation Week.

Off-Campus Courses

A student with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better at Concordia University Chicago may take courses simultaneously at other colleges and universities in the Chicago area as part of an academic load by permission of the Registrar. Two consortium arrangements exist: one with Dominican University (7900 Division St., River Forest), another with the Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area ([see](https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/) course descriptions (<https://catalog.cuchicago.edu/undergraduate/course-descriptions/>) **for biology and chemistry**). Permission for academic overloads off-campus will be granted on the same basis as on-campus overloads.

Washington Semester Program

Concordia University Chicago is a member of the Lutheran College Washington Consortium, sponsored by a group of 13 Lutheran colleges and universities. The consortium offers a full semester of combined coursework and internship experiences designed to introduce students to the range of governmental activities in Washington, with an emphasis on ethical dimensions of public service. The core course is titled "Ethical Issues in Public Affairs." The division chair of the program also places students in internships ranging from executive and congressional offices to various public and private agencies.

While there is no prerequisite coursework for participation in this program, students are encouraged to take POS-1100 American Government and Politics prior to enrollment in the Washington Semester. An important aspect of the program is its relevance for students with many different career goals. As the Consortium's literature announces, "It's not just about politics."

Students register at Concordia University Chicago for the Washington Consortium Semester and pay the tuition and general fees to the University. Expenses for travel, meals and lodging are paid directly by the students. Total cost is comparable to a full-time semester as a resident student on the main campus. Financial aid applies as if the student were in residence and the Washington Consortium Semester courses and internships are accepted for full credit toward graduation from Concordia University Chicago. For information on the Washington Consortium Semester see the division chair for the Political Science Department.

Simultaneous Enrollment

As a member of the Concordia University System, Concordia University Chicago has the opportunity to offer its students the chance to study at one of its sister Concordia institutions around the United States.

Locations include:

- Ann Arbor, MI
- Austin, TX
- Irvine, CA
- Mequon, WI
- Seward, NE
- St. Paul, MN

CUC Agreements

Concordia University Chicago has a number of partnerships with area institutions to assist students in reaching their academic and career goals. Currently, an agreement exists with Rush Hospital's Generalist Entry Master's (GEM) in Nursing.

International Study

Concordia University Chicago students may elect to study abroad for a semester, year or summer. The Academic Advising & Study Abroad office provides information on programs at universities all over the world. Students should consult with an Academic Advisor in order to apply for international study. Students wishing to study abroad should check with specific programs for exact deadlines.

Students who choose to enroll in courses at any institutions other than those with which Concordia University Chicago has established agreements will be required to withdraw, for the period abroad and transfer credits back to Concordia University Chicago without a grade in accordance with the policy for transfer credits. Additionally, an international transcript from a non-consortium school or approved partnership will also need to be evaluated by an approved third party credential evaluator at the cost of the student. For more information, contact the Academic Advising & Study Abroad office.

Code	Title	Hours
SAP-0007	Study Abroad: AIFS	1-24
SAP-0009	Study Abroad: Westfield House	1-24
SAP-0014	International Study Abroad	1-15
SAP-0015	Estice Study Abroad-France	1-16