



WELLESLEY COLLEGE TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES

Keep in mind the following guidelines regarding transfer credits and courses at Wellesley College when considering what courses to take outside of Wellesley.

Courses taken away from Wellesley must be liberal arts courses and similar, but not necessarily identical, to Wellesley Courses. All courses must be approved in advanced or transfer credit is not guaranteed.

Courses for which credit can not be transferred:

- Mathematics subjects prior to Calculus (Pre calculus, College Algebra, Trigonometry)
- Business (Management, Finance) – except for one Accounting course
- Communications, including Speech
- Computer Science courses that cover microcomputer applications or non-programming topics
- Criminal Justice (to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis)
- Journalism
- Freshman Seminars (syllabus required for evaluation)
- Physical Education or Dance, Music lessons, and non-academic Studio Art
- Distance or online learning
- Individual Study or self-paced courses
- Internships, practica, workshops, how-to courses or experiential learning; Lab-only courses
- Courses which are not classified as liberal arts and sciences, and are not offered at Wellesley
- Courses graded pass/fail, unless you submit a letter from the professor who taught the course, stating that you would have earned a grade of 'C' or higher
- Courses with a grade of C- or below, except for students who participated in a 12-College Exchange program or attended Spelman, Mills or MIT as an exchange or cross-registered student.

Other reasons why you might not receive credit for a course:

- Wintersession courses at other institutions (except MIT) are not accepted for credit.
- Two semesters of foreign language courses at either the introductory or intermediate levels must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher to receive credit for either course (except for courses in Greek, Latin, Russian and languages not taught at Wellesley College).
- The Economics & Biology departments do not accept transfer credit from community colleges; department chair approval is needed for community college courses in Chemistry.
- An updated *official* transcript – listing all your completed work – must be received by the Wellesley College Registrar's Office.

Additional considerations:

- One (1) unit of Wellesley College work typically equals 4 semester-hours or 6 quarter-hours. That means that if you attended an institution where you took 5 courses each semester worth 3 credits each, each course could transfer as .8 or .75 units of Wellesley College work, depending on the total number of credit hours needed for the degree.
- Students may transfer in a maximum of 16 units, only 4 units of which may be earned in summer sessions, only 8 units of which may be earned during the academic year.
- Grades from other institutions do not appear on your transcript and are not included in your GPA
- Distribution requirements (except for writing) must be fulfilled by taking or transferring in one (1) whole unit of coursework.

If you have questions about earning transfer credit for any course, feel free to contact your Class Dean or the Registrar's Office.