

Guidelines for evaluating transfer transcripts with 58 or more credits

Read the statements at the end of the ISU transcript that may be related to general education completion, general education needs, and successful petition results. Determine if the student meets the "58 credit" rule.

ISU Goals are met with an earned bachelor's degree or with an associate of arts or an associate of science or an associate of arts and sciences degree completed after January 1995.

58 Credit Rule: Students without a degree but with 58 or more academic credits are allowed evaluation flexibility for goals 4 - 12 (See handout next page).

Goal 1: Generally, a freshman composition course will be evaluated as equivalent to ISU's ENGL 101 but the second English composition course oftentimes must be petitioned through the English department. If determined to be equivalent, the grade must be a C- or better. If the course transfers in as less than 3 credits, no petition will be required for a credit waiver (per English department).

Goal 2: Must be an exact equivalent.
If the course transfers in as less than 3 credits, no petition is required (per Communication and Rhetorical Studies department).

Goal 3: Must be exact equivalent.

Goals 4 and 5: Eight (8) credits of any science will fulfill both goals, regardless of lab completion. If 4-7 credits in biology are transferred, then Goal 4 is fulfilled and Goal 5 course work is needed. Alternately, if 4-7 credits in physical sciences are transferred, then Goal 5 is fulfilled and Goal 4 course work is needed. A petition for a 1 credit waiver may be used when appropriate. Fewer than 3 credits of natural science will not satisfy either goal.

Goals 6 - 7 - 8: Transferred in course work from any of Goals 6, 7, and/or 8 disciplines will count toward the required number of credits to fulfill goals 6, 7, and 8. Courses related to Goal 6 must be appreciation type courses, not activity oriented. Examples of course that will not count for Goal 6 are: drawing or painting; music lesson, ensembles or theory; how-to-photography; theater lighting or acting. Courses that will not count for Goal 7 are writing courses that are not based in literature. Any course with a PHIL prefix will count toward the required goal credit.

Goals 9 - 10A - (10B) - 11 - 12: Foreign Language (10B) is not considered a Social Science. Any academic course work in the social sciences will count towards fulfilling Goals 9, 10A, 11, 12. BA in Arts and Sciences requires both Goal 10A AND 10B to be fulfilled specifically, along with an additional 9 credits from Goals 9, 11, and/or 12. BBA and BA in non-A and S degrees require those who fulfill Goal 10 B also to complete an additional nine credits from Goals 9, 11, 12. BS degrees require those who fulfill Goal 10B also to complete an additional six credits from Goals 9, 11, and/or 12.

Additional notes:

Out of country (non US) transfer course work grades are recorded as "S" for satisfactory.

There is no limit on the number of credits that can be transferred, but students may only count 70 credits from a 2 year school (they must earn at least 58 at a 4 year school).

Conversion from quarter hour to semester hour credits 5 = 3.3; 4 = 2.7; 3 = 2; 2 = 1.3; 1 = .7

Graduation requirements - Minimum of 128 credits (general education, major, electives)

58 from a 4 year school (maximum of 70 from a 2 year school)

36 upper division (300 and 400 level courses)

32 credits at ISU

32 of the last 50 credits must be taken at ISU (18 of the last 50 may be taken elsewhere with appropriate approval).

ISU General Education and Transfer Students

ISU General Education requirements have been met if the transfer student has: 1). A Baccalaureate degree, 2). An Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), or Associate of Arts and Sciences (AA&S) earned since January 1995. (An Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree will not satisfy general education requirements).

58 credit Rule - To complete a Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, BBA, and BAT/BAS), transfer students with 58 or more (without an AA/AS/AA&S degree) may complete general education requirements in the following manner:

Goals 1, 2, and 3

English Composition - English 101 and 102 (or transfer in the exact equivalent).
Speech - Comm 101 (or transfer in the exact equivalent).
Math - Math 123, 127, 130, 160, 170, 253/153 (or transfer in the exact equivalent).

Goals 4 and 5

Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences - any 8 credit hours in the Biological and/or Physical Sciences

Goals 6, 7, 8

Humanities Goals (Fine Arts, Literature, Philosophy)

And, Goals 9, 10A, 11, 12

Social Science Goals (US History, Culture, Economics or Political Science, Society)

And, Goal 10B

Foreign Language Goal (8 credits)

May be met according to the degree and college information below:

(BA) Bachelor of Arts in the College of Arts & Sciences

Goals 6, 7, and 8 may be met with a total of 9 credit hours in any Humanities course (excluding activity, performance, ensemble, and studio courses).

Goals 9, 11, and 12 may be met with a total of 9 credits from any Social Science course.

Goal 10A - must be met with a 3 credit course in a culture other than the United States.

Goal 10B - must be met with one year of a foreign language.

(BA) Bachelor of Arts in Other Colleges And (BBA) Bachelor of Business Administration

Goals 6, 7, and 8 may be met with a total of 9 credit hours in any Humanities course (excluding activity, performance, ensemble, and studio courses).

Goals 9, 10A, 11, and 12 may be met with a total of 12 credits from any Social Science course.

NOTE:

Those who choose to fulfill Goal 10B (one year of foreign language) must complete 9 credits from Goals 9, 11, or 12

(BS) Bachelor of Science in Any College And (BAT/BAS) Bachelor of Applied Technology/ Applied Science

Goals 6, 7, and 8 may be met with a total of 6 credit hours in any Humanities course (excluding activity, performance, ensemble, and studio courses).

Goals 9, 10A, 11, and 12 may be met with a total of 9 credits from any Social Science course.

NOTE:

Those who fulfill Goal 10B (one year of foreign language) must complete 6 credits from Goals 9, 11, or 12.

Upon ISU enrollment, courses needed to complete unfulfilled goals must be selected from the goal category options. Courses not initially evaluated as being equivalent to an ISU course, but the student or advisor believes them to be similar in content and purpose, may be petitioned to the appropriate department chair(s) to determine equivalency status. University Petitions are available at each college dean's office. A separate petition is required for each course.