



General Transfer Student Advising Information

- In general, UNCA accepts all academic courses completed with a grade of C or higher from regionally accredited institutions. Courses of a technical nature, and those taken within an applied science curriculum do not transfer.
- Courses taken as pass/fail (graded S/U or P/F) are not automatically accepted unless it can be determined that the student would have received a C or better if the course had been assigned a standard letter grade.
- Transfer credit is not awarded for independent study, seminars or special topics. Students can appeal for credit if the courses could be used to fulfill ILS or major requirements.
- Transfer credit is NOT awarded for internships, practicums and field work. There are no exceptions to this policy.
- All students must complete 30 semester hours from 300- and 400-level courses. Courses must be completed at the 300-400 level to be included within the required 30 hours, so courses from 2-year schools cannot be counted as part of the 30 semester hours, even if the courses are used to fulfill upper-level requirements.
- Students transferring from a 2-year institution must complete a minimum of 60 semester hours at UNCA. Students transferring with credit from more than one institution must complete at least 60 semester hours from 4-year institutions.
- Students transferring from a 4-year institution must complete their last 30 semester hours at UNCA.
- Students must complete at least 1/2 of their major requirements at UNCA.
- Students seeking a second degree or post-baccalaureate certificate of major must complete at least 2/3 of their major requirements at UNCA.

Topical Clusters

A Topical Cluster is a set of courses that investigates a topic from the perspective of multiple disciplines and divisions.

- Students must complete at least 3 courses (a minimum of 9 semester hours) from one Topical Cluster. Their choices must include one 3-hour ILS Natural Science (ILSN) course; one 3-hour ILS Social Science (ILSA) course; and 3 hours in ILS Arts (ILSA)-designated courses or a 3-hour elective. The elective course cannot have the same prefix as the courses used for the ILSN and ILSS requirements.
- Each Cluster will be available for at least a three-year period, but not all Cluster courses will be offered each semester. After three years, the same Cluster may or may not be offered again. As a general rule, students should complete their Cluster requirements by the end of their Junior year.
- Many courses satisfying Cluster requirements are section specific, meaning students must select the appropriate course section and instructor as listed within the Cluster in order for the course to fulfill the Cluster requirement.
- Students completing the 44-hour core requirements as outlined in the NC Community College Transfer Articulation Agreement are not required to complete a topical Cluster.
- Transferred courses equated to courses in a Cluster may be used to fulfill that Cluster requirement. Students must complete the remaining requirements within the same Cluster.

Intensives

- Students transferring the equivalent of LANG 120 will receive credit for one Information Literacy Intensive.
- Students transferring in two Math courses or one Math course and one Computer Science course totaling at least 6 semester hours will receive credit for the Quantitative Intensive requirement.
- Students must petition to have other transferred courses count as Intensive requirements. A course syllabus must accompany the petition.

Tuition Surcharge

Students entering the University of North Carolina system as degree-seeking students are charged an additional 25 percent for tuition if they attempt more than 140 semester hours while completing degree requirements. Students seeking a double major or second baccalaureate degree are allowed to attempt 110 percent of degree requirements before the surcharge is imposed. All transferred hours are considered attempted hours with the following exceptions: AP and CLEP credit, and hours completed at a UNC system school during summer terms. Students who exceed the attempted credit hour limits within the equivalent of four academic years of regular term enrollment, or within five academic years of regular term enrollment in a degree program officially designated by the Board of Governors as a five-year program, are not subject to the surcharge.