

Transfer of Credit

PIU student records will indicate students earned previous education and training from other institutions. Students' records will indicate appropriate credit that has been granted for previous education according to the prescribed conditions. Receiving credit for previous education from other institutions may have an effect on the length of time in which the student will complete his/her program of study. Students' transcripts will indicate credits earned from other institutions.

Transfer of Credits from Accredited Institutions

Credit will be considered and granted to students transferring from an accredited institution only if:

- official transcripts are available that show the grade earned was a C or higher, AND
- the published course description from that institution is deemed equivalent in scope, content, academic level, and number of credits to a course offered at PIU/PIES, OR
- personal communication with a representative of the other institution makes it clear that the course from that institution is equivalent in scope, content, academic level, and number of credits to a course offered at PIU/PIES.

Courses which do not meet the equivalency requirements of PIU/PIES may be accepted for elective credit.

NOTE: Credit for required or elective courses will be considered and granted only when an official transcript from the previous institution is received and reviewed by the Registrar. Awarding transfer credits for courses taken before attending PIU will be considered upon the student's initial enrollment at PIU. Awarding transfer credits for courses taken after the initial enrollment will be considered when official transcripts are provided.

PIU does not guarantee that credit hours earned at any college or university over seven (7) years prior to the admission date of a student will transfer into a PIU program.

Transfer students are required to earn a minimum of 60 credit hours toward their Bachelor of Arts degree or diploma, a minimum of 36 credit hours toward their Associate of Arts degree, or Certificate in Biblical Studies at PIU, and a minimum of 30 credit hours toward the Master of Arts in Religion degree and 48 credit hours toward the Master of Arts in Biblical and Theological Studies degree.

Transfer of Credits from Non-Accredited Institutions

Partial (1/2) credit *may* be granted to students transferring from non-accredited institutions based on the following:

- official transcripts are available that show the grade earned was a C or higher
AND
- the published course description from that institution is deemed similar in scope, content, and academic level to a course offered at PIU/PIES.
OR

- personal communication with a representative of the credit-granting institution makes it clear that the course from that institution is similar in scope, content, and academic level to a course offered at PIU/PIES.

NOTE: Due to the nature of allowing only partial (1/2) credit as transfer credit, the student may only be granted transfer credit from non-accredited institutions for elective credit. Transfer credit in other areas from non-accredited institutions may be made on a case by case basis. Some students may receive credit in areas other than elective if a combination of classes is deemed equivalent in scope, content, academic level, and number of combined credits to a course offered at PIU/PIES. Decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Academic VP in consultation with the Registrar upon examination of official transcripts, catalog descriptions and/or syllabi from the course/s taken.

PIU/PIES reserves the right to limit the number of transfer credit allowed in order to retain the above-stated requirements of minimum credits that must be taken at PIU toward any degree, diploma, or certificate program (see “Transfer of Credits from Accredited Institutions” above).

Credits for Prior Learning

On a case-by-case basis, PIU will consider granting credits to students who have earned college-level credits through opportunities such as the College Level Examination Program or through DSST – formerly DANTES (Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support) Subject Standardized Tests. The number of credits accepted will be subject to PIU’s policy for the number of PIU credits that must be earned to receive a BA, AA, Diploma, or Certificate from PIU. All prior credit is evaluated, maintained, program is shortened accordingly, and student is notified of any credit granted. The Academic VP, in consultation with the Registrar and the Department Chairs, will determine the extent to which such credits will be accepted for required and/or elective courses.

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