

Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy

Howard University accepts academic courses from regionally accredited colleges and universities as transfer credits. For a new student entering Howard University, and upon receipt of the student's official transcript(s), transfer credits will be evaluated by using the following criteria.

College Credits:

- Transfer courses must be of comparable content, academic level, and scope to the curricular offerings at Howard University
- Credit hour(s) assignment to transfer courses will be *semester credit hours*. If the originating institution is other than the semester system, the appropriate conversion of credit hour (s) will take place by the Office of Enrollment Management.
- Students must have earned a grade of "C" or higher in academic courses in order for the courses to be transferred to Howard University.
- For transfer course credits that are discipline specific, the Office of Enrollment Management will request a review and assignment of the transfer credits by the specific discipline
- The maximum of 60 credit hours from an accredited institution can be transferred. (Note: Howard University requires that the last 30 credit hours for an undergraduate degree be taken at Howard University)
- Credit hours are transferable to Howard University, not grades. Therefore, grades for academic courses transferred will not be included in the overall GPA of a student
- All transcripts from international institutions must be evaluated by World Educational Services (WES)

Credit by Advanced Placement (AP) Examination:

New students entering Howard University may receive course credit for academic courses completed in secondary schools under the Advanced Placement Program administered by the College Board.

- AP score must be sent directly from the College Board to the Office of the Enrollment Management
- AP credit hours are awarded by Howard University according to Exam Credit Advanced Placement Chart (<https://www2.howard.edu/sites/default/files/APCredit.pdf>)
- A minimum exam score of 3 is required for each subject that a student wants to receive transfer credit for an AP examination. However, some departments may require a score of 4 or 5 to receive the transfer credit for an AP examination

Credit by International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination:

Howard University will evaluate and award course credits for an IB examination score, based on the following criteria.

- Submission of an IB certificate directly to the Office of Admissions
- Score of 4 or better on IB exam will result in awarding credits for the first level of the course
- Score of 5, 6, or 7 –award first and second levels of the course (e.g. Biology Higher Level score of 5, 6, or 7 and receive credit for BIOL 101 and 102)

Credit by Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examination:

Howard University will award transfer credits as follows for scores ranging from 1-3

- Unit 1 = 1 course in specified curriculum/discipline sequence
- Unit 2 = 2 courses specified curriculum/discipline sequence