

Bulletin Update for Policies & Procedures- Masters Policies GSC 11.7.19

Transfer Courses

Some graduate coursework completed at other universities may be transferred into degree programs at Indiana University. All coursework transferred must be from an accredited college or university. No transfer credit will be given for a course with a grade lower than B. Courses graded P (Pass) may not ordinarily be transferred into education graduate programs. Courses graded S (Satisfactory) may be transferred only if a letter is received from the course instructor stating that the student's performance in the course was at or above a grade of B.

All transferred courses must be relevant to the student's electronic Plan of Studies (e-POS). They must be approved by a program advisor and by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies. An official transcript is required for coursework to be transferred. A course description or syllabus may be required in order to judge the appropriateness of coursework to be transferred.

The amount of hours that can be transferred in are dependent on the overall hours of the degree:

15 hours for a 60 hour degree

12 hours for a 48 hour degree

10 hours for a 41 hour degree

9 hours for a 36 hour degree

7 hours for a 30 hour degree

At least half of the overall degree hours must be earned on the Bloomington campus.

~~Master's degree students must complete a minimum of 27 credit hours of coursework at Indiana University. Beyond this, graduate coursework may be transferred from other universities. Of the 27 credit hours required at Indiana University, a minimum of 18 credit hours must be earned through the campus awarding the degree.~~

Proposal Template

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Title: Bulletin Update for Policies & Procedures- Masters Policies- Transfer Hours

GSC presenter: Matthew Boots

This proposal is for a...

- program change new program policy change new policy

Include responses to each question, as relevant:

1. What are you proposing and why? (If proposing a change, then the description and rationale should be relevant to the change(s) only.)

The current Bulletin entry for MSED transfer hour seems to be based on all MSED degrees being 36 hours. Because of this assumption no limit on transfer work is given, only that 27 hours must be taken at IU. Because degrees range from 30-60 hours this creates a number of problem including seemingly to approve a student transferring in more than 50% of their coursework. In practice we have been limiting students to only 9 hours but this new policy would instead allow a MSED student to transfer in approximately 25% of their hours depending on overall hours in the degree.

2. How will this impact enrollment?
3. How will this impact students' time to degree?

Students in higher hour programs could reduce their degree time if they are able to transfer in extra hours.

4. How will this impact specific student populations and/or DEI issues?

This goal of this policy update is to provide students with a clearer policy that takes into account the number of hours they actually have to take.

5. How will this impact School of Education resources, including faculty loads?
6. How will this be effectively sustained over time?

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7. What was the departmental vote tally for this proposal? (e.g., “12 in favor, 2 opposed, 3 abstained”)