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Using the Transfer Course Equivalency List

Use the TCEL to:

- Find what course credit you can expect from dual enrollment or transfer courses already completed
- Identify future transfer courses that fit your degree

This guide includes:

- Commonly used terms that are used when discussion transfer work
- 3 steps to utilizing the Transfer Course Equivalency List
- Frequently Asked Questions about transfer work

Getting Started: Terms to Know

Basic Course Vocabulary

Commonly Used Term	Definition	Example
Course	Class	'Geography' or 'GEOG 1030'; Students and advisors might refer to a course either way
Subject Code	The shortened code for the subject area	GEOG is the subject code for Geography courses
Course Number	The number associated with a certain course	'1030' is the course number for GEOG 1030
Course Abbreviation	The shortened title of the course based on its subject code and the course number	GEOG 1030 is the full course abbreviation

Transfer Work Vocabulary

Commonly Used Term	Definition	Example
Clemson Equivalent	The Clemson course that is equal to a course at another institution; this will usually be listed as a course abbreviation (GEOG 1030); if a transfer course from another institution has a 'Clemson equivalent', then a student can expect to see credit for the Clemson course on their transcript (once the transcript is received)	Tri-County Technical College's GEO 102 course is equivalent to Clemson's GEOG 1030
Transcript	A transcript is an official record of classes taken and grades earned. Any credit from another institution must be sent to Clemson via transcript. Transcripts can be requested by the student and typically cost between \$5 and \$25. Transcripts are usually sent electronically. A student's Clemson transcript will reflect what transcripts from other institutions have been processed.	
Transfer Course Equivalency List	The Transfer Course Equivalency List (TCEL) is a public database to help students confirm what transfer credit to expect when bringing outside courses to Clemson via transcript.	
Evaluation	In order to receive credit at Clemson for a non-Clemson course, the course must be evaluated. Courses on the TCEL have been evaluated and given an official Clemson equivalent. Courses not listed on the TCEL can still be evaluated by the equivalent department at Clemson to receive credit.	

Step 1: Select the college or university to view.

Course Equivalency Lookup

Choose your nation:

United States

Choose your college state:

Colorado

Choose your college city:

Select

Choose your college:

University of Denver (001371)

First, narrow your search for a college or university by state.

From the full list, select the institution at which you wish to view course equivalencies.

Step 2: Search by course or view full list of equivalencies.

Option A: Search by course.

Choose your courses:

Transfer Course	
ANTH 3225	▼
BIOL 1010	▼
MATH 2060	▼
Select	▼
Select	▼

Add Extra Row Get Selected Equivalencies Reset

If a course has been evaluated by Clemson, it will appear in the drop-down menu as an option to select. The subject code and numbers listed will be those at the other institution.

Don't see the course you are looking for? Consult with your advisor on next steps to have the course evaluated.



Option B: View all evaluated courses.

All Institution Equivalencies

Not sure what course you took or plan to take? View the full list of courses evaluated from this institution by selecting 'All Institutional Equivalencies.'

Step 3: Use the Clemson equivalent to make a plan with your advisor.

Regardless of which option you selected under Step 2 (Option A or B), you should be able to view both the course at the other institution and the Clemson course equivalency.

Option A

Choose your courses:

Transfer Course	Clemson Equivalent Course	Clemson Equivalent Course Title
ANTH 3225	ANTH 4999	Transfer Elective
BIOL 1010	BIOL 1040	General Biology II
MATH 2060	MATH 3110	Linear Algebra
Select		
Select		

Option B

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Transfer Course	Clemson Equivalent Course	Clemson Course Title
ABRD 9750	NCT 0001	Not College Transferable
AHUM 1010	AAH 2050	Art Hist & Theory I
AHUM 1416	ELEC 0001	Transfer Elective
AHUM 1516	MUSC 2100	Music in West World
AHUM 1716	REL 1010	Intro to Religion
ANTH 2010	ANTH 2999	Transfer Elective
ANTH 3225	ANTH 4999	Transfer Elective

The Clemson equivalent course will likely fall into one of the following categories:



A direct equivalent course

Example: Introduction to Religion is very similar at all institutions, so University of Denver's course is identical to Clemson's course of the same name.



A transfer elective course

Example: University of Denver's ANTH 3225 does not have an exact Clemson equivalent. However, it counts for Anthropology credit at the 4000-level. The student and advisor can discuss how to utilize this course (if applicable).



Not College Transferable

Depending on the subject and the course content, Clemson may not have an equivalent department or an equivalent course.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What if I have a course that isn't listed in TCEL?

Talk with your advisor – just because a course is not on TCEL does not mean you cannot take it or transfer it to Clemson. It just means it probably hasn't been transferred often enough to warrant being added to the list. Your advisor can help you identify the person at Clemson who can review the course for you on a case-by-case basis.

What do I need to provide to have a course evaluated?

It is always best to have a copy of the syllabus for each course you wish to have evaluated. A syllabus provides the Clemson equivalent department with information on learning objectives, the class materials, and the pre-requisites required to take the class. At minimum, students should plan to provide a course description from the catalog at the institution at which they originally took the course.

What happens if my course doesn't complete a major/minor/General Education requirement?

If your course does not fulfill a major, minor, or General Education requirement, then it will count as an elective. Almost all degrees require at least a few elective hours, and it is okay to have more electives than you need for graduation.

Can transfer work negatively impact my Clemson graduation plan?

For new first-year and transfer students, it is very unlikely that your transfer work will impact your path to graduation.

On rare occasions, yes, transfer work can negatively impact a student's graduation. Clemson University has a Residence Requirement which states that of a student's last 43 hours toward graduation, at least 37 of those hours must be taken through Clemson. So, once a student reaches 43 hours left for graduation, they are only eligible to take 6 hours of transfer work before graduation.

So, students planning to take transfer work after enrolling at Clemson *should always* talk with their advisor to seek pre-approval for taking courses at another institution.

Does my final grade in my transfer course help my Clemson GPA?

No, a Clemson GPA consists of Clemson courses only. While your final grade in your transfer course is evaluated, it is not translated to your Clemson University transcript. Clemson requires a final grade of 'C' or higher in all transfer courses in order for them to be accepted.