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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 30, 2021

TO: Dr. Dale Rice
Speaker, Faculty Senate

FROM: Dr. Anne Reber
Chair, Rules and Regulations Committee

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to the Texas A&M Student Rules

Attached please find proposed revisions to the Texas A&M University Student Rules as approved by the Rules and Regulations Committee. This rule change was first submitted on March 24, 2021 and went through several revisions based on feedback from the Rules & Regulations Committee. Though Dr. Kenimer, Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies, submitted the rule change proposal, the section on graduate and professional students also received significant attention and feedback for change.

These changes are for the following section:

Student Rule 9 Transfer Credit

[Approved by the Student Rules and Regulations Committee on June 30, 2021](#)

[Approved by the Faculty Senate on July 12, 2021](#)

[Approved by the President on August 19, 2021](#)

PROPOSAL

Please see attached rule with tracked changes.

JUSTIFICATION

Student Rule 9 was last updated in 1996. In preparation for the upcoming SACSCOC reaffirmation review, these revisions are proposed as a general update and to bring the rule language into agreement with policies published in the TAMU catalogs. These revisions were developed collaboratively by the Office of Admissions, Office of the Registrar, and Undergraduate Studies.

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Present Rule with additions in **bold red font** and deletions ~~struck~~

9. Transfer Credit

(Revised: 1996) **Revised 2021**

9.1 Students who transfer to Texas A&M from an institution of higher education that is not accredited by one of the ~~regional-institutional~~ accrediting associations may validate the work taken at the institution by one of the following methods:

9.1.1 Successful completion of a comprehensive departmental examination or a nationally standardized examination that is approved by the department. There should be no charge for departmental examinations.

9.1.2 Successful completion of a higher-level course in the same subject area when approved by the head of the department and the Dean or designee of the college.

9.2 As a general rule for undergraduate students, credit will be given for transfer work satisfactorily completed with a passing grade at another properly accredited institution. Credits given by transfer are provisional and may be cancelled at any time if the student's work in the university is unsatisfactory.

Students who transfer to Texas A&M from an institution of higher education that is not accredited by one of the institutional accrediting agencies may validate the work taken at the institution by one of the following methods upon admission:

1. Successful completion of a comprehensive departmental examination or nationally standardized examination that is approved by the department.
2. Successful completion of a higher-level course in the same subject area when approved by the head of the department and the dean of the college.

Credit will be given to undergraduate students transferring from nonaccredited public colleges in Texas for work completed with grades of C or better if they earn a grade point ratio of 2.00 (C average) on the first 30 hours of residence work at this university.

Students should refer to the Undergraduate Undergraduate Catalog or Graduate and Professional Catalog for program specific information regarding transfer admissions and transfer course credit.

~~Acceptance of transfer credit for courses in agriculture and business administration will generally be limited to those courses taught in the freshman and sophomore years at this institution.~~

~~Transfer credit. Transfer~~ work from international colleges and universities will be evaluated on an individual basis. No English composition courses will be transferred from institutions located in non-English speaking countries. American history and American political science (government) courses will not transfer from foreign institutions. No English credits are awarded from schools located in non-English speaking countries. A-level examinations with a grade of C or better will result in the award of transfer credit. "A" level examinations will transfer. Baccalaureate II examinations will not transfer, but ~~these~~ students may take CLEP or departmental examinations to receive credit.

9.3 As a general rule for master's and doctoral students, courses taken in residence at an accredited U.S. institution or approved international institution with a final grade of B or greater will be considered for transfer credit if, at the time the courses were completed, the courses would be accepted for credit toward a similar degree for a student in degree-seeking status at the host institution. These courses must not have been used previously for another degree.

Coursework in which no formal grades are given or in which grades other than letter grades (A or B) are earned (for example, CR, P, S, U, H, etc.) is not accepted for transfer credit.

Except for officially approved cooperative doctoral programs, credit for thesis or dissertation research or the equivalent is not transferable.

Graduate and Professional Master's and doctoral students should refer to the Graduate and Professional Catalog for program specific information regarding transfer admissions and transfer of course credit.

9.4 First Professional students (Doctor of Dental Surgery, Doctor of Medicine, Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, and Juris Doctor) should refer to the Graduate and Professional Catalog for program specific information regarding transfer admissions and transfer of course credit.

Students should also refer to sections ~~14.21, 19 through~~ 14.22 and 14.23 of ~~this publication~~ Student Rules.