

# Transfer Credits

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## Transfer Credits (M.Div., M.A., and D.A.S. Programs)

The School of Theology may accept credit for transfer and advanced standing after appropriate evaluation. Such evaluations are made by the associate dean for academic affairs. All transfer work is evaluated on a course-by-course basis using the following criteria:

- Only graduate (post-baccalaureate) credits will be considered for transfer, and only on the basis of an official transcript.
- Credits are accepted only from institutions accredited by agencies recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- No credits are accepted with a grade less than “B.” An exception is made for credits directly comparable to courses in the degree/diploma program’s core curriculum that are assessed by the School of Theology only on a Pass/Fail basis. In this circumstance only, credits with a grade of “Pass” may be accepted for transfer.
- Normally credits are not accepted that were earned more than 10 years earlier.
- The associate dean for academic affairs assesses the relevance of the course(s) to the School of Theology curriculum and may interview the student with reference to the courses being transferred as part of the evaluation process.
- Transfer students must earn at least one third of their degree/diploma program’s required credit hours at the School of Theology.
- Credits that have been earned as part of another graduate degree are eligible for transfer. Pursuant to the educational standards of the Association of Theological Schools, not more than half of the credits required for the other degree may be transferred into the program at the School of Theology. Subject to the approval of the dean and upon the recommendation of the associate dean for academic affairs, students may be simultaneously enrolled in another master’s program under this provision, as long as each degree program has a clear integrity and meets accreditation standards.
- When deemed appropriate, final approval for transfer credit may be deferred until the student has completed further academic work at the School of Theology.
- The School of Theology does not award transfer credit for course work taken on a non-credit basis or for life experiences.

Transfer credits are not included in the calculation of GPA for the purpose of determining honors, good standing, or provisional/inadequate/adequate status.

## Transfer Credits (S.T.M. and D.Min.)

The School of Theology may accept credit for transfer after appropriate evaluation. Such evaluations are made by the associate dean for academic affairs. All transfer work is evaluated on a course-by-course basis using the following criteria:

- Only graduate (post-baccalaureate) credits will be considered for transfer, and only on the basis of an official transcript.
- Credits are accepted only from institutions accredited by agencies recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.
- No credits are accepted with a grade less than “B.”
- Normally credits are not accepted that were earned more than five years earlier.
- The associate dean for academic affairs assesses the relevance of the course(s) to the advanced degrees program curriculum, and may interview the student as part of that assessment.
- A maximum of twelve semester hours may be transferred.
- When deemed appropriate, final approval for transfer credit may be deferred until the student has completed further academic work at the School of Theology.
- The School of Theology does not award transfer credit for course work taken on a non-credit basis, or for life experiences, or for course work used in earning another degree.

Transfer credits are not included in the calculation of GPA for the purpose of determining honors, good standing, or the evaluation of academic proficiency (provisional/inadequate/adequate status).