



Higher Education Committee

Legislative Informational Forum – Transfer Credits & Articulation Agreements February 10, 2017

Introduction

UCONN is committed to providing access to transfer students and a robust educational experience as they progress toward their bachelor's degree. This fall, we welcomed 1,111 transfers to our Storrs and regional campuses of which 412, or 37%, were from the state's twelve community colleges and 154 were from the Connecticut State Universities. We work with transfers and their institutions to facilitate a smooth transition and provide specific information about transferability of individual courses from each of the 12 community colleges and other institutions to UCONN. By using online resources and working with staff at the community colleges, students can matriculate at UCONN with the vast majority of their general education requirements completed.

The Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP)

- Piloted in 2008/2009, this program assures community college students' admission to UCONN if they earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average and earn an associate degree in an approved academic program. Currently, UConn offers the GAP program in over 70 majors and we are looking to expand this in the future.
- Graduation rate trends of GAP transfers and non-GAP transfers from UCONN are shown in Attachment 1.
- There is significant mutual commitment to this program established as a partnership in 2004 to offer a seamless transition from the associate to the bachelor's degree program. In 2010, the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP) Agreement was formalized. In 2012, the agreement was revised to offer GAP students greater flexibility to enter UCONN at a later point in their associate program. And, last year, in collaboration with the community college presidents, UCONN created a President to President Scholarship offered to students who enter UCONN under GAP.
- The program is maintained and enhanced by the Guaranteed Admissions Oversight Committee (GAOC), which includes membership of faculty and staff at UCONN and each community college. The GAOC meets twice per year.

The Transfer Evaluation Process

- Our Admissions website's easily accessible and straightforward link *Transfer Course Equivalencies* (<http://admissions.uconn.edu/apply/transfer/transfer-credit>): informs prospective transfers which courses, by specific Connecticut institution, are

transferrable for credit to UCONN. It also strongly urges students to visit the site often and consult with their academic advisor at their current institution for final determination as to how transfer credit might apply to a UCONN degree program.

- The website is the result of hard work by UConn, CSU and Community Colleges to ensure that transfer and articulation information is available to transfer students and particularly CSU, GAP and non-GAP Community College students. We work closely with faculty at CSU and the Community Colleges to make sure that every course offered at CSU and the Community Colleges is tied directly to its UConn equivalent in all but a few instances.
- The site advises transfer students that online courses in laboratory sciences and foreign languages, including those offered in hybrid format, do not transfer; that a Prior Course Approval is required for mathematics courses offered online; and, that Pass/Fail grades will not be considered for credit.
- Further transfer credits are explained on the site, as follows: Transfer credit is awarded in semester hours. Grades from your previous institution(s) do not transfer. And, courses are considered and transferred as either equivalent to courses at UCONN (same department and number as in UCONN catalog) or generic (same department but with a 5-digit number assigned that begins with 9, as in 91000, 92000, etc.). Students will work with their UCONN advisor to determine how generic credit best fits in to their degree requirements.
- UCONN grants credit for courses that are taken at regionally accredited, degree-granting colleges and universities; are comparable in content and quality to courses offered at UCONN; and, are completed with a minimum grade of "C."

Transfer Recruitment and Marketing

- Through the Guaranteed Admissions Oversight Committee, UCONN transfer admissions staff and academic advisors meet twice annually with community college counselors and conduct presentations regarding the transfer processes and requirements and discuss enhancements to the Guaranteed Admissions Program. Communication is ongoing between UCONN and the community college staff and students throughout the year.
- UCONN staff coordinate and attend programs at each CT Community College each year to visit with current students about transfer options to UCONN, including GAP. These visits also provide opportunities for UCONN and CT Community College staff to discuss opportunities for enhancing transfer enrollment processes for students. UCONN also hosts open houses and other visitation programs specifically designed to meet the needs of transfer students. Programming also includes a new student orientation program specially designed for GAP students.

UCONN also welcomes transfers from the Connecticut State University System and private colleges and universities in Connecticut, as well as transfers from out-of-state institutions. It should also be noted that the vast majority of students transferring from out-of-state institutions are Connecticut residents coming home.

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CT Community Colleges: Guaranteed Admissions Program

STORRS

	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Applicants	41	62	45	43	37	69	76
Enrollees	19	28	32	31	26	52	60
Grad Rate	69%	79%	65%	NA	NA	NA	NA

REGIONAL CAMPUSES

	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Applicants	10	11	8	11	9	13	8
Enrollees	9	6	6	5	3	10	9
Grad Rate	33%	83%	60%	NA	NA	NA	NA

CT Community Colleges: All Transfers

STORRS

	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Applicants	435	454	490	536	506	620	594
Enrollees	145	146	177	183	185	229	227
Grad Rate	68%	71%	72%	NA	NA	NA	NA

REGIONAL CAMPUSES

	Fall 2010	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Applicants	218	173	262	188	195	259	241
Enrollees	81	86	96	91	92	89	90
Grad Rate	69%	69%	63%	NA	NA	NA	NA

CSU Transfers: All Campuses

	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016
Applications	274	344	303	287	304	307
Admits	215	235	225	202	216	225
Admit %	78%	68%	74%	70%	71%	73%
Enrollees	208	174	151	149	151	154
Grad Rate	80%	73%	NA	NA	NA	NA

NOTE: All graduation rates reflect 6 year rates.