

ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC RECORDS

Freshman applicants who satisfy the course requirements listed above will be evaluated on the basis of high school curriculum, grades, and SAT (verbal and math) or ACT (composite) scores. These factors will be used to determine the applicant's probability of success during the freshman year.

Exception to admissions requirements will be considered for applicants who can present extenuating circumstances. Where appropriate, the Admissions Office will refer such cases to the Student Services Committee. All freshmen admitted by the Student Services Committee will be required to enroll in the University 101 course during their first semester of attendance. Students must pass UNIV 101 in their freshman year. Typically, any student admitted with a high school course deficiency will be required to successfully complete an equivalent course in their first 30 semester hours of coursework at USC Upstate.

B. Transfer Admission

A transfer applicant is a student who has attended another post-secondary institution after graduation from high school regardless of the amount of credit earned at that institution. Applicants must submit transcripts of all previous college courses whether or not credit was earned and regardless of whether the applicant wishes to transfer any credit. Failure to report all colleges attended may constitute immediate cancellation of admission and/or registration. Transfer requirements are listed below.

- a. A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level course work.*
- b. Evidence that the applicant is academically and otherwise eligible to return to the last institution attended.
- c. If fewer than 30 semester hours of college-level work have been completed, the applicant must meet both freshman and transfer requirements.

**Specific degree programs may have additional GPA or other requirements for admission to the major.*

USC-SYSTEM CHANGE OF CAMPUS:

All applicants for change of campus to USC Upstate from other USC system campuses will be required to meet transfer student requirements:

- a. A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA in all previous college-level course work.*
- b. Evidence that the applicant is academically and otherwise eligible to return to the last institution attended.
- c. If fewer than 30 semester hours of college-level work have been completed, the applicant must meet both freshman and transfer requirements.

**Specific degree programs may have additional GPA or other requirements for admission to the major.*

Transfer applicants who have not attended school for two years or longer and are at least 22 years of age, may be eligible for probationary admission even if they do not meet GPA requirements. Students who are on academic probation must obtain at least a 2.0 average on the first 12 or more credit hours attempted under this status. These hours may be taken over more than one semester. Students failing to meet this requirement are suspended. Students who leave the University without completing a term of probation, and are absent for three or more years, will begin a new term of probation upon readmission.

Transfer students are informed by the dean or division chair of their major of the amount of credit which will transfer, usually prior to enrollment, but at least prior to the end of the first academic term in which they are enrolled.

TRANSFER CREDIT

The transcript of a transfer student is evaluated by the dean, chair or designee of the school or college in which he or she matriculates. If no major or an undeclared major is indicated at the time of application, the transcript will be evaluated in the Student Success Center.

USC Upstate does not limit the number of hours transferred for degree credit from a senior college that is accredited by a regional association such as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. A maximum of 76 semester hours may be transferred for degree credit from a junior college or two-year institution that is accredited by a regional accrediting association. USC Upstate requires that every student meet the academic residency requirements (page 55) before a degree is awarded.

A student transferring from a four-year institution not accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association may validate hours earned at the nonaccredited institution by successful completion of 15 hours at USC Upstate with a minimum 2.0 GPA. Credits earned at two-year nonaccredited institutions may be validated by examination. Exemption credit or acceptance of transfer credit by another college has no bearing on the evaluation of transfer credit at USC Upstate.

As a general rule, some courses are not acceptable in transfer to USC Upstate or to the other campuses of the University of South Carolina. Included are occupational or technical courses, remedial courses, courses from a two-year college that are considered upper-level at the University, or courses from a two-year college that are not part of that institution's college transfer program. Exceptions to this rule may be made only by the dean of the student's school or college or by the vice chancellor for academic affairs. Exceptions are made only in specific cases where the courses being considered for transfer are judged to be uniquely relevant to the student's degree program.

A course completed at another college or university in which a student earns a grade below C cannot be transferred. USC Upstate uses all grades (with the exception of grades for remedial courses and courses taken on a pass-fail basis) listed on transcripts of other institutions in the calculation of the transfer GPA. Therefore, the GPA as calculated by USC Upstate may be different than the one appearing on the transcript of another institution. A GPA calculated by USC Upstate will be used in determining admission to USC Upstate or to a particular program.

TRANSFER: STATE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The South Carolina Course Articulation and Transfer System serves as the primary tool and source of information for transfer of academic credit between and among institutions of higher education in the state. The system provides institutions with the software tools needed to update and maintain course articulation and transfer information easily. The student interface of this system is the South Carolina Transfer and Articulation Center (SCTRAC) web portal: www.SCTRAC.org. This web portal is an integrated solution to meet the needs of South Carolina's public colleges and universities and their students and is designed to help students make better choices and avoid taking courses which will not count toward their degree. Each institution's student information system interfaces with www.SCTRAC.org to help students and institutions by saving time and effort, while ensuring accuracy and timeliness of information.

ADMISSIONS CRITERIA, COURSE GRADES, GPA'S, VALIDATIONS

All four-year public institutions will issue a transfer guide annually in August or maintain such a guide online. Information published in transfer guides will cover at least the following items: