Transfer Credit

Generally, both graduate and undergraduate coursework completed at institutions of higher learning accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and credit recommended by ACE (American Council on Education) or international Ministry of Education is eligible for transfer credit. JWU does not accept transfer credit from any other institution or other forms of credit. Transfer credit is not guaranteed. Currently, JWU transfer credit evaluations are based on previous college work as it relates to the student's intended program of study. It is the university's policy to accept credits, but not grades. Only grades earned at Johnson & Wales University are calculated into the cumulative grade point average. Students must meet the university's residency requirements.

Please see the appropriate section for detailed transfer credit policies.

Transfer Credit Appeal Policy

If a student is not satisfied with the number of credits awarded in transfer during the transfer credit evaluation process, a re-evaluation may be requested by submitting a Transfer Credit Appeal Form. The university registrar will review the request by consulting with the appropriate dean and department chair. Any additional information requested by the Transfer and Testing Office and submitted by the student will be considered. Once the re-evaluation is complete, the decision will be communicated to the student's email account, usually within 15 business days.

Undergraduate

Applicants with transfer credit should submit official college transcripts from any colleges and universities previously attended prior to enrolling at the university. It is the responsibility of those candidates who are currently attending other colleges to have their updated official transcripts sent to Johnson & Wales University as soon as final grades become available and no later than the first semester of enrollment. In some cases, an official course outline or syllabus will be required for evaluation. Students who have completed military service must submit a Joint Services Transcript (JST) for evaluation. Credit for military service is awarded based on recommendations provided by the American Council on Education (ACE) in the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services.

Candidates with postsecondary coursework from an institution outside the United States must submit to Johnson & Wales University all official documentation and must request a course-by-course evaluation from World Education Services Inc. (WES), ECE Dispatch, or another NACES approved international credential evaluation service. Note that all non-English documents must be accompanied by certified word-for-word English translations. In certain circumstances we may require course descriptions and/or syllabi (subject details, module descriptors or content outline). Those with coursework in progress must submit final updated official documentation as soon as it becomes available.

In order to be eligible for transfer credit, courses must be similar in level, content and duration to JWU courses in the student's intended program of study. Additionally, only courses with earned grades of C or higher (2.00 GPA) or equivalent will be accepted. Courses that carry grades of "Pass" (P) are also acceptable for transfer, provided credit was awarded and the grade of P carries a numeric GPA value of 2.00 or greater. As an exception, any course(s) that has earned a grade of Pass (P) or Satisfactory (S), as a result of COVID-19 and is annotated as such on the transcript, will be considered for transfer credit regardless of the number of associated quality points or its numeric value. Note that due to programmatic accreditation standards, SCI1050 Nutrition, DIET2070 Lifespan Nutrition, DIET3030 Nutrition Assessment, DIET3080 Community Nutrition, DIET4030 Medical Nutrition Therapy, DIET4630 Advanced Medical Nutrition Therapy, BIO1011 General Biology - Cellular / BIO1016 General Biology Laboratory - Cellular, CHM1000 Foundations in Chemistry / CHM1006 Foundations in Chemistry Laboratory, BIO2041 Human Physiology / BIO2046 Human Physiology Laboratory, BIO2201 General Microbiology / BIO2206 General Microbiology Laboratory, CHM2050 Introduction to Organic Chemistry, and CHM3040 Biochemistry are excluded from this exception for students entering the Dietetics & Applied Nutrition B.S. program. Students who opted for a grade of Pass (P) or Satisfactory (S) in any of these courses will have to repeat the course and earn a standard letter grade. Credits earned in developmental and remedial, English as a Second Language courses, Portfolio Development, Challenge Examinations, or CEUs (continuing education units) are nontransferable.

Upon completion of the transfer credit evaluation, accepted students will receive a copy of their degree audit showing the credit accepted toward their program of study. Students with transfer credit wishing to review and/or appeal such credits must refer to Transfer Credit Appeal Policy (p. 1) for instructions.

JWU has a number of articulation agreements and transfer credit equivalencies in place that facilitate student transfers to Johnson & Wales University. The Transfer Evaluation System provides students with information on courses (domestic only) that have previously been evaluated and accepted by Johnson & Wales University.

The university reserves the right to substitute courses at the discretion of the department chairs, directors or deans.

The transfer of credit is not guaranteed.

Graduate

Graduate program applicants with prior graduate-level coursework taken at approved colleges and universities may be eligible for transfer credit. A maximum of 20% of the program's credits can be awarded as transfer credit for courses completed with a grade of B (3.00) or better, or equivalent. For doctoral programs, only courses completed with grades equivalent to a 3.00 (3.25 for Ed.D. candidates) or higher will be accepted. Transfer credits accepted may vary based on the doctoral program. In some cases, an official course outline or syllabus will be required in order to determine if the course(s) is similar in level, content and duration to courses in the student's intended program of study at JWU. Graduate transfer credit will be approved by the dean of the respective college.

Applicants with transfer credit should submit official college transcripts from any colleges and universities previously attended prior to enrolling at the university. It is the responsibility of those candidates who are currently attending other colleges to have their updated official transcripts sent to Johnson & Wales University as soon as final grades become available and no later than the first semester of enrollment.

Candidates with post-secondary coursework from an institution outside the United States must submit to Johnson & Wales University all official documentation and must request a course-by-course evaluation from World Education Services Inc. (WES) or another NACES approved international credential evaluation service. Note that all non-English documents must be accompanied by certified word-for-word English translations. In certain circumstances we may require course descriptions and/or syllabi (subject details, module descriptors or content outline). Those with coursework in progress must submit final updated official documentation as soon as it becomes available.

Upon submission of all of the required documents and completion of the transfer credit evaluation, accepted students will be notified that the evaluation is complete and the degree audit is available for review.

Once enrolled in a JWU master's degree program, a student may not take courses elsewhere and apply them for transfer credit. Transfer credits should be requested prior to initial matriculation into a JWU master's degree program.

The university reserves the right to substitute courses at the discretion of the department chairs, directors or deans.

Foundation Courses

Foundation courses are graduate-level courses that may be required of some students whose previous academic background does not reflect the required knowledge. Foundation courses with grades below a C (2.00) or equivalent will need to be repeated.

Business program foundation courses may be satisfied based on previously completed coursework which demonstrates the required Common Professional Core knowledge and has earned grades of C or higher (2.0) or equivalent. For review for possible exemption of business foundation courses, the required documentation is the same as that required for the awarding of graduate and undergraduate transfer credit. Students without the required Common Professional Core knowledge have the option to test out of either or both foundation courses by passing JWU's Graduate Knowledge Assessment Test managed by Peregrine Global Services.

Upon transcript review, students may view their degree audit online in jwuLink > Tools > Academics > Grad Planning System (GPS), and will be sent a copy of their degree audit reflecting any prerequisites and/or foundation courses met as well as the remaining requirements of their program of study.

Students wishing to review or appeal transfer credit, prerequisite or foundation course credits must contact a transfer advisor.