Transfer Credit

Generally, both graduate and undergraduate coursework completed at institutions recognized by a U.S. Department of Education accrediting agency or at foreign institutions chartered and authorized by their national governments (usually through a ministry of education) are eligible for transfer credit; however, transfer credit is not guaranteed. 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.

Graduate programs are offered at the Providence, North Miami and Denver campuses.

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 term of enrollment. In some cases, an official course outline or syllabus will be required for evaluation.

All non-English documents must be accompanied by certified word-for-word English translations. In addition, course descriptions or syllabi (subject details, module descriptors or content outline) are generally required for transfer credit evaluation.

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. Credits earned in developmental and remedial, English as a Second Language courses, 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 domestic transfer credit wishing to review such credits must contact a transfer adviser in Student Academic & Financial Services. Those with transcripts from foreign institutions must contact International Admissions.

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 institutions 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 percent of the program’s credits can be awarded as transfer credit for courses completed with a grade of B or better (3.00 GPA) or equivalent. 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 term of enrollment.

All non-English documents must be accompanied by certified word-for-word English translations. In addition, course descriptions/syllabi (subject details, module descriptors or content outline) are generally required for transfer credit evaluation.

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.

Prerequisite and Foundation Courses

Prerequisite courses are required undergraduate classes for students who need such courses to prepare for graduate study.

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

For possible exemption from prerequisite and/or foundation courses, candidates must ensure that all official college and university transcripts are submitted prior to enrollment at JWU. In some cases, the official course outline or syllabus will be required in order to complete the evaluation. Only courses similar in level, content and duration to JWU’s prerequisite courses, and for which the student has earned a grade of C or higher (2.00 GPA) or equivalent, may be used to exempt the student from the respective prerequisite. Specific graduate degree program prerequisite and foundation requirements are listed in the catalog under each program of study.

Upon transcript review, domestic students may view their degree audit online in jwuLink > 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. International students who enroll in a JWU program can also access their degree audit online in jwuLink.

Students with domestic transcripts wishing to review transfer credit, prerequisite or foundation course credits must contact a transfer adviser in Student Academic & Financial Services. International students should contact a graduate student academic counselor in Student Academic & Financial Services upon enrollment into the graduate school major. Those with transcripts from foreign institutions may be referred to an international credentials evaluator.