# LC State Transfer Student Information

### **Transfer Admission Standards**

Please see the transfer admission standards in the LC State <u>catalog</u>. Any applicant who was not in good standing, either academically or through disciplinary processes, at a prior institution may not be admitted. Applicants who were not in good standing will be required to complete a petition to be considered for admission.

#### Accreditation Information

 The Idaho State Board of Education recognizes the eligibility for transfer of credits from any institution whose regional or national accrediting agency is recognized by the USDE and CHEA.

### Regional Accrediting Organizations

HLC Higher Learning Commission

MSCHE Middle States Commission on Higher Education
NECHE New England Commission of Higher Education
NWCCU Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

SACSCOC Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges WASC-ACCJA Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges – Western

Association of Schools and Colleges

WASC-WSCUC WASC Senior College and University Commission

## National Faith-Related Accrediting Organizations

ABHE Association for Biblical Higher Education Commission on

Accreditation

AARTS Association of Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools

**Accreditation Commission** 

ATS Commission on Accrediting of the Association of Theological Schools

TRACS Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools

AIJS Associate of Institution of Jewish Schools

# National Institutional Accrediting Organizations

ACCSC Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges
ACCET Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training

COE Council on Occupational Education

DEAC Distance Education Accrediting Commission

NACCAS National Accrediting Commission of Career Arts and Sciences
ABHES Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools Sciences

# **Transcripts**

- Applicants must have official transcripts mailed or delivered electronically (National Student Clearinghouse, Parchment or Scrip-Safe) directly to the LC State Admissions Office from the issuing institution(s). This includes applicants who have earned articulated college credit through technical competency credit, dual credit, or concurrent enrollment programs and have had those credits posted to a college transcript.
- LC State's Admissions Office checks the National Student Clearinghouse to ensure all previously attended colleges/universities are listed in the applicant's admission file.
- Applicants may appeal to The Assistant Dean of Enrollment Services to be waived of the responsibility of having some or all transcripts submitted (e.g., if the school has closed or credits are unacceptable). However, transcripts must be sent from any college/university at which an applicant received federal financial aid.
- Transcripts are legal documents, and once they are received, they become the property of the college and cannot be copied, returned, or forwarded.

## **Transfer Credit Evaluations**

- The Registrar and Records Office evaluates transcript(s) to determine if any equivalencies or substitutions exist between the credit being transferred to LC State and the LC State general education core requirements. This evaluation occurs after an applicant has been accepted for admission to the college. Courses not equated to LC State's core will be accepted as electives. If an instructional division does not agree with the general education core evaluation, they may instruct the applicant to complete a petition. Transfer credits, which may apply toward an intended major, will be evaluated by the student's faculty advisor.
- Students are responsible for meeting the individual requirements of their chosen major and should visit with their advisor as soon as possible to begin the evaluation process.
   Students may view their Transfer Equivalency Report on WarriorWeb.
- Credit for courses evaluated as developmental are not accepted. Transfer credits are not included in the calculation of a student's grade point average at LC State but will be used to calculate graduation honors.
- Students will not receive credit for a transfer course if the course is equivalent to an LC State course previously taken at LC State, regardless of the grade. The credits will not count towards degree audit requirements or completion. The credits will still count towards the calculation of graduation honors.
- Graduation "Walking" and "Final" honors include both LC State credits as well as all transfer credits. Grades points for courses "academically forgiven" will be used to

- calculate graduation honors. This is regardless of whether the academic forgiveness was grated at LC State of another college.
- Transfer courses for which a grade of F, U (unsatisfactory), NP (not passing) or any other non-passing symbol assigned are not considered transferable. An A+ = A when transferring credits from other institutions. Instructional divisions may require higher grades for courses to be used as prerequisites or content equivalencies. Transfer courses graded with a D- will be entered as a grade of D for calculation purposes since LC State does not have a grade of D- and will be coded as an elective course (ELECT-999).
- Applicants who have earned AP, CLEP, or other form of advanced placement credit must have original scores and/or documents sent to LC State (unless previously transcribed to an Idaho institution's transcript). All CLEP, AP and other advanced placement scores or tests older than 10 years will not be accepted. Contact the <u>Testing Center</u> for more information.
- Applicants who wish to receive credit for military training must submit an official military transcript to the Registrar and Records Office via the <u>Joint Service Transcript</u> site. An official evaluation will not be granted until the applicant has matriculated to LC State and earned a minimum of three credits from LC State.
- Transfer equivalency reports are subject to change.

#### **Credit Conversion**

- Quarter credits will be converted to semester credits by multiplying the number of quarter credits by 2/3 (.67). Traditional trimester credits (12-13 weeks, which is the length of most trimesters) will be converted to semester credits by multiplying the number of trimester credits by .83. Compressed trimester credits (9-10 weeks) will be converted to semester credits by multiplying the number of trimester credits by .67.
- When credit conversions result in fractions of credits (e.g., 5 quarter credits results in 3.35 semester credits) and the credits are being used to satisfy a credit quantity equal to the next whole number, the applicant is not required to petition in order to have the transfer credit rounded up, however, the applicant must earn the total number of credits required for a degree using the actual number of credits transferred in. Furthermore, the applicant in this situation is not required to complete additional coursework to fulfill the remaining partial-credit requirement. For example, a 5-quarter credit natural science course transfers in as 3.35 semester credits. The applicant is not required to make up the remaining .65 credit. However, the applicant must still graduate with the required number of core credits and 120 credits for a bachelor's degree.
- When credit conversions result in the number of credits falling one full credit or more below the LC State requirement for the course in question, the applicant must petition to the Petition Committee to have the remaining credit(s) waived or must enroll in division-approved courses to satisfy the remaining credit or partial-credit requirement. The

applicant must earn the total number of credits required for a degree using the actual number of credits transferred in. For example, a 4-quarter credit natural science course transfers in as 2.68 credits. To fulfill the 4-credit requirement the applicant would still need 1.32 credits. The applicant would either need to petition requesting the 1.32 credits be waived or take a division-approved course to satisfy the requirement.

## **General Education Core Requirements**

- Students who transfer an earned Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BS), or Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree from any United States post-secondary accredited institution, recognized by the Idaho State Board of Education (SBOE), have met the LC State general education core requirements, and will not be required to complete any additional general education requirements; unless a specific general education class is required to meet a specific program requirement.
- Students who transfer any Idaho post-secondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by the SBOE who have completed the equivalent of the Idaho State Board of Education's General Education Core, either with an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) or have their transcript noted "Core Certified" by the sending institution, have normally met the LC State lower division general education core requirements.
- Students who transfer in an Associates of Science (AS) or an Associates of Arts (AA) from an appropriately recognized post-secondary institution from outside of Idaho, will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for lower core completion. The student must be missing three or fewer requirements to be considered lower general education core complete.
- Research conducted into the curriculum taken for Academic associate degree earned at all Washington State Community colleges, after 2010, determined that students earning the appropriate degree will be granted lower core completion at LC State. The research was based upon information gathered from Walla Walla Community College and the Community Colleges of Spokane. If a student receives an Associates of Arts-DTA or an Associates of Science-DTA then the student will be coded lower general core complete. Any other associates degrees will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for lower-core completion.
- Students attending accredited Oregon institutions who complete a (A.S.O.T) Associates of Science Oregon Transfer or (A.A.O.T) Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer will be coded lower general education core complete. Any other associate degrees will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for lower-core completion.
- Students transferring to LC State without an AA or AS from a United States post-secondary institution accredited by an agency recognized by the SBOE will have their coursework evaluated on an individual basis against the minimum state standards as listed in the Idaho State Board of Education Articulation Policy. Students who have met

- the minimum state standards of the Idaho State Board of Education General Education Core have completed LC State's lower division general education core requirements.
- Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degrees do not meet the requirements for the lower division General Education Core.
- Petitions regarding transfer coursework may be found at the Registrar and Records Office or on the Registrar page under <u>Petitioning</u>.

## **International Transfer Information**

- International post-baccalaureate applicants will be required to demonstrate English and communication proficiency.
- Non-English transcripts should be accompanied by a certified English translation.
- Students with post-secondary education outside of the United States are encouraged to
  use a credential evaluation agency endorsed by the <u>National Association of Credential</u>
  <u>Evaluation Services</u> (NACES) or the <u>Association of International Credential Evaluators</u>
  (AICE).
- Athletes with post-secondary education outside of the United States may be required to submit their transcripts to <u>INCRED</u> for transfer credit evaluation as required by the NAIA.
- Applicants educated abroad who are unable to obtain official copies of non-U.S.
  transcripts will be allowed to submit certified copies of their original credentials by the
  school or government office for consideration by the admission staff.
- An international 3-year bachelor's degree is <u>not</u> equivalent to a United States 4-year bachelor's degree. A person transferring an international 3-year bachelor's degree <u>has not</u> met the LC State general education core requirements.
- Students who transfer from an international accredited institution with an earned degree equivalent to a United States four-year Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) degree will have met the LC State general education core requirements.

### Transfer Equivalency Guide

 Students who want to know how their transfer credits will be equated to LC State coursework should consult the <u>Transfer Equivalency Guide</u>.

LC State adheres to the Statewide Articulation and Transfer Policy, Board Policy III.V.