TRANSFER CREDIT
(For current University of Maryland, College Park students)

The Office of the Registrar posts all transfer credit that would be acceptable to any of the degree programs at the University of Maryland, College Park. The dean of the college in which the student is enrolled determines which transfer credits are applicable to the student’s degree program. In general, credit from academic courses taken at institutions of higher education accredited by a regional accrediting association will transfer, provided that the course is similar in content and is equivalent to work offered at College Park. The title of courses accepted for transfer credit will be noted on the student’s record; however, the grade will not. Grades from transferred courses are not included in a University of Maryland, College Park, grade point average calculation. See chapter 1 for additional information.

Courses taken at other institutions while attending the University of Maryland, College Park

1. Courses taken at another institution may not be credited toward a degree without approval in advance by the dean of the college from which the student expects a degree. A. The same rules apply to registration in the summer program of another institution. “Permission to Enroll in Another Institution” forms are available in the office of the student’s dean. This form must be submitted and approved by the college for any course which will eventually be added to the university transcript.

2. Courses taken at other University of Maryland Institutions
For students who began their attendance at the University of Maryland, College Park in Fall 1989 or later, all course work taken at any University System of Maryland institution will be posted as transfer credit. For all students who attended Maryland prior to Fall 1989, courses taken at another University of Maryland Board of Regents institution (UMBC, UMAB, UMES, UMUC) prior to Fall 1989 will be included in the cumulative GPA. Courses taken at any other institution may not be credited toward a degree without advance approval. See #1 above for information.

3. USM Consortium Inter-institutional Transfer Credit Program
University undergraduate students participating in the Concurrent Inter-institutional Registration Program should obtain permission from their dean, Course work completed at another institution may not be credited toward a degree as resident credit. Students participating in this program must be enrolled full time in a degree program at University of Maryland, College Park, for the semester in which these courses are taken.

4. Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area
Courses taken through the Consortium are considered to be resident credit. See above under “Consortium” and see the Schedule of Classes for information.

Transfer Credit Center
The Transfer Credit Center provides articulation information and assistance to students and transfer advisors. More information is available in the section on Transfer Admission in chapter 1 and on the internet at www.tce.umd.edu.

COMPUTATION OF GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

GPA is computed by dividing the total number of quality points accumulated in courses for which a grade of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D+, D, or F has been assigned by the total number of credits attempted in those courses. Courses for which a mark of P, S, I, NG or W has been assigned is not included in computing the GPA. Each grade letter has a numerical value: A+ = 4.0; A = 4.0; B+ = 3.5; B = 3.0; B- = 2.5; C+ = 2.0; C = 2.0; C- = 1.5; D+ = 1.0; D = 1.0; F = 0. Multiplying this value by the number of credits for a particular course gives the number of quality points earned for that course.

See Repeat Policy to determine the effect of repeated courses in the calculation of GPA.

SEMESTER ACADEMIC HONORS

Semester Academic Honors (Dean’s List) will be awarded to those students who complete, within any given semester (excluding winter and summer terms), 12 or more credits (excluding courses with grades of P and S) with a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. This recognition will be noted on the student’s academic record.

UNDERGRADUATE POLICY ON ACADEMIC PROBATION AND DISMISSAL

Consistent with the University of Maryland Student Academic Success - Degree Completion Policy, it is the intent of the University that its students make satisfactory progress toward their degree objectives, and achieve academic success. If a student has special circumstances that make it impossible to complete a normal course load, the student must meet with an advisor to discuss the circumstances, the student’s plans for continued progress toward a degree, and the implications for continued enrollment.

The following guidelines for retention of students refer separately to semester (Fall and Spring) and Winter or Summer terms:

a. Academic retention is based solely on grade point average (GPA). A minimum of 120 successfully completed course credits is required for graduation in any degree curriculum. Individual colleges, schools, and departments may establish higher requirements for graduation. Students must consult the appropriate college, school, or department for specific information.

b. Satisfactory Performance is defined as the achievement of a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or above. Students whose semester GPA falls below 2.0 are encouraged to meet with their advisors regarding the development of a plan that will appropriately respond to the student’s academic difficulties and lead to academic improvement. Individual colleges, schools and departments may establish separate requirements for mandatory advising. Students must consult the appropriate college, school, or department for specific information.

c. Unsatisfactory Performance is defined as the achievement of a cumulative GPA of less than 2.0. Students will be placed on Academic Probation following any semester in which a 2.0 cumulative GPA is not achieved. Normally, students will be Academically Dismissed if they are unable to raise their cumulative GPA to 2.0 or higher at the end of their probationary semester.

Academic Probation:

Students will be placed on academic probation if their cumulative GPA falls below 2.0. Normally, a student is expected to attain a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the end of any probationary semester. Students who fail to achieve a 2.0 cumulative GPA at the end of their probationary semester may be academically dismissed, depending on their credit level as detailed below.

1. Students who have earned 60 credits or more will be dismissed from the University in the event their cumulative GPA remains below 2.0 at the end of their probationary semester. Students who are on probation and attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of a winter or summer term will not be subject to dismissal in the subsequent semester.

2. Students who are on academic probation and have earned fewer than 60 credits will be permitted to continue on academic probation if a minimum semester GPA of 2.0 is achieved in each semester of probation.

3. The Office of the Registrar will notify students when they are placed on academic probation. A completed credit is defined as credit for any course in which a student receives a grade of A, B, C, D, F, P, or S.

4. Students who meet this requirement will be permitted to continue on probation until the close of the semester (excluding winter and summer terms) in which they attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

5. However, students who are on probation will be dismissed if they have not achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of the semester in which they complete 60 credits.

6. Students who are on probation and attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of a winter or summer term will not be subject to dismissal in the subsequent semester.

a. Full-time students must complete 9 or more credits in each semester of probation. A completed credit is defined as credit for any course in which a student receives a grade of A, B, C, D, F, P, or S.

b. Students who meet this requirement will be permitted to continue on probation until the close of the semester (excluding winter and summer terms) in which they attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

c. However, students who are on probation will be dismissed if they have not achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of the semester in which they complete 60 credits.

d. Students who are on probation and attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of a winter or summer term will not be subject to dismissal in the subsequent semester.

2. The Office of the Registrar will notify students when they are placed on academic probation. A completed credit is defined as credit for any course in which a student receives a grade of A, B, C, D, F, P, or S.

3. Students who are on academic probation will be dismissed if they have not achieved a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of the semester in which they complete 60 credits.

4. Students who are on probation and attain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 at the end of a winter or summer term will not be subject to dismissal in the subsequent semester.

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