

**AR 2. Credit from a Two-Year Institution (Undergraduate Students)**

- a. **College Transfer Credits:** Oregon State University accepts for credit toward a baccalaureate degree all college transfer work completed at an Oregon or other **regionally** accredited community college up to 124 lower-division quarter credits. For Institutional Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees, see AR 25. Students are encouraged to work with the relevant academic unit to ensure that transfer credits meet department and college requirements for the degree. It would be unlikely for an individual student to be able to use all 124 credits toward an OSU baccalaureate degree. Transfer credits and grades are not used in calculating the OSU cumulative GPA. Students who hold OSU-approved direct transfer degrees from Oregon or other **regionally** accredited community colleges (e.g., the Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer) or who have 90 or more credits accepted in transfer will be granted junior standing.<sup>1</sup> Students who hold OSU-approved direct transfer degrees will be considered to have met the Perspectives and Skills (except WIC) areas of the Baccalaureate Core. In addition, they must complete the upper-division Synthesis areas of the core. Students transferring from Oregon or other **regionally** accredited community colleges who do not hold approved direct transfer degrees ordinarily will be given baccalaureate core credit in the Perspectives and Skills area on a course-by-course basis for work that is judged to be equivalent in content.
- b. **Transfer of Professional-Technical Credits:** a maximum of 12 quarter credits (8 semester credits) of professional-technical course work applicable in an associate's degree or certificate program at a **regionally** accredited institution can be accepted upon admission to OSU as general elective credit (graded as Pass) and as part of the 124-quarter credit total that can be applied toward a baccalaureate degree.
- c. **Transfer of Professional-Technical Course Credits through Articulation Agreements:** Lower-division OSU credit may be awarded for specific professional-technical community college courses when those courses are validated by articulation agreement with the appropriate OSU department. This may be above the 12 quarter credits of general electives (graded as Pass) allowed when a student is admitted to OSU. Credit will be awarded only upon the recommendation of the appropriate department and college, and approval by the Curriculum Council. Community college professional-technical course work is not equated to upper-division OSU course work. These course credits will count as part of the 124 quarter credits defined in paragraph 2a above. OSU departments who have articulation agreements with community colleges regarding community college professional-technical courses shall review the agreements annually and forward a dated list of the articulated community college courses to the Curriculum Council.

<sup>1</sup> Junior standing does not necessarily imply that OSU institutional, college, division, and/or departmental requirements, which are normally satisfied by OSU students prior to their junior year, have been satisfied.

*Rationale: The proposal would add the word "regionally" to the regulation. There are several types of accreditation and accrediting bodies. Currently OSU accepts transfer credit from regionally accredited institutions and, generally, OSU does not grant transfer credit for course work completed at nationally accredited institutions. The current language is unclear as what type of accreditation will be accepted.*