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

a. **College Transfer Credits**: Oregon State University accepts **college level** credit from **regionally accredited institutions** 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. While all acceptable transfer credits will be transcripted at OSU, no more than 135 quarter credits of non-OSU course work can be applied to an OSU baccalaureate degree. Therefore, students who transfer the full 135 credits from other institutions may ultimately graduate with more than the minimum credits for the baccalaureate degree. For Institutional Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees, see AR 25. Students are encouraged to work with their relevant academic unit to **determine ensure that** whether 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. Transfer credits and grades are combined with OSU credits and grades when calculating the overall 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. Students who hold OSU-approved direct transfer degrees will be considered to have met the **Difference, Power and Discrimination (DPD), Perspectives, and Skills (except WIC)** areas of the Baccalaureate Core. In addition, they must **still complete the upper-division Synthesis requirements areas and the Writing Intensive Course (WIC) of the Baccalaureate core**. Students transferring from Oregon or other regionally accredited community colleges who do not hold **an approved direct transfer degree** ordinarily will be given **B**accalaureate **C**ore credit in the Perspectives and Skills area on a course-by-course basis for **course** work that is **determined judged** to be equivalent in content. **See AR 25 for Institutional Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees.**
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, 135-quarter credit total that can be applied toward a baccalaureate degree. Academic units may choose to allow additional professional technical course credits for specific articulation if they articulate directly to a program of study offered by that unit. That articulation of coursework must be a direct equivalency and may not equal upper division coursework at OSU.

c. **Transfer of Credits for Post-Baccalaureate Students**: credits from other institutions are not automatically articulated to the OSU transcript at the point of admission. Individual courses may be eligible for post-baccalaureate degree applicability. Post-baccalaureate students are encouraged to contact an academic advisor for assistance. See AR for Institutional Requirements for Concurrent and Subsequent Baccalaureate Degrees.

**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.

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1 *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:** allows students more flexibility in the use of their transfer credits towards an OSU degree. Language has been clarified regarding how it affects bacc core requirements. Removes references to processes involving Curriculum Council that are no longer used. Provides clarification regarding the transfer of credits for post-bacc students.