

## **Olivet Nazarene University**

### **Transfer of Credit and Prior Learning Policies**

Courses accepted for transfer must be comparable to those taught at ONU and/or recognized by the Registrar as generally applicable toward a baccalaureate degree. The University reserves the right to exercise judgment in determining the transferability of all prior coursework. Similarly, the University's recognition of such credit does not guarantee that institutions to which the student may subsequently transfer will make similar determinations.

The University generally accepts credit from the institutional accreditors† listed at the end of this policy. It also awards transfer credit on a case-by-case basis from other institutions accredited by organizations recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and for prior learning on the basis of recommendations made by the American Council on Education (ACE). A maximum of 48 hours may be earned through the combination of proficiency credit via CLEP, Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, departmental proficiency exams, and credit awarded through prior learning assessment. Regardless of the source, as a general rule, courses that are vocational or technical in nature or are designed specifically for occupational programs are not transferable into any program other than Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) programs; a maximum of 64 applied hours may be accepted as block credit toward a BAS degree program.

There is no maximum number of credit hours accepted in transfer. However, students must meet all minimum requirements for graduation, including 120 total hours and 30 upper-division (300-400 level) hours. Students must also fulfill the residency requirements by completing either the last year (30 semester hours) at Olivet Nazarene University or 15 of the last 30 semester hours in residence with no less than 45 semester hours of credit from Olivet Nazarene University. Included in the hours offered to satisfy the residency requirement must be at least one-half of the major and/or sufficient hours to complete a major satisfactory to the chair of the major department and the Registrar. For further information about general education requirements for transfer students, consult with the Office of the Registrar.

Courses with a grade of F are not accepted in transfer credit. However, they may be calculated in the grade point average to determine admission status, initial financial aid eligibility, and initial athletic eligibility. After one term of attendance, only grades of courses that were accepted in transfer will apply toward the cumulative grade point average used in determining academic standing, graduation, graduation honors, financial aid, and athletic eligibility.

**Additional information:**

[Prior Learning Assessment](#)

[Transfer Equivalency and Articulation Agreements](#)

[University Catalog: Academic Regulations](#)

**†Institutional Accreditors:**

[Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#)

[New England Commission of Higher Education](#)

[Higher Learning Commission](#)

[Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities](#)

[Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges](#)

[WASC Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges](#)

[WASC Senior College and University Commission](#)