

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Evaluation of Transfer Credits

NMSU has three levels of course credit transfer. Once a student has been admitted to NMSU, they are awarded credit for equivalent courses accordingly. Following award of credit as described in Levels 1 and 2 (below), application of any additional credit transfer via specific program articulation agreements will be approved by the student's academic department and dean, including additional courses in the major that may count toward a degree or a minor but, are not included in a program articulation.

Level 1

Automatic course-to-course equivalency credit transfer from colleges/universities in the state of New Mexico, per the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NM HED) articulation modules. Eligible credits for Level 1 transfers will be automatically applied to the student's transcript, provided minimal grade requirements are met.

Level 1 equivalency includes:

- New Mexico State Common Core general education courses.
- New Mexico State articulated academic programs (e.g. Business, Early Childhood Education, and NM Nursing Education Curriculum).

Level 2

Faculty established NMSU course-to-course equivalency transfer:

- Equivalency is determined by the designated departmental faculty in the department/program in which the equivalent course is offered, and may include a review of course description, syllabus and/or interaction with the other institution. If a course equivalency does not exist in the database, it is the student's responsibility to provide departmental faculty with sufficient materials to determine if any of the department's courses may be equivalent to the credits being transferred.
- Credit for courses transcribed with NMSU equivalency may/will count toward the degree/major.
- Credit for courses with no NMSU equivalence/equivalent will be transcribed as 100E (lower level) or 300E (upper level) and may or may not count as credit toward a specific degree. Departmental faculty may accept the "E" course as elective credit toward the degree, or as a substitute for a course not applied universally.
- Transfer Credit and Credit Conversion Policy

For students transferring courses from institutions that operate on a quarter system, credit hours will be converted to the semester system. Unless otherwise specified, the standard conversion formula is:

$$\text{Semester Credit Hours} = \text{Quarter Credit Hours} \times 0.67.$$

Level 3

Specific program articulation between an NMSU program/department and a program/department at another institution.

- Program articulation with other institutions is monitored at the department/program level in accordance with articulation agreements and may include credit transfers that are applicable only to the specific degree articulated (i.e. credit for courses may change depending on degree student declares).
- Level 3 transfer credit is degree specific; therefore, transcripts must be re-evaluated when a student changes their major or college- Level 3 transfer credits are not applied universally.