

## UGA TRANSFER PLANNING GUIDE

Thank you for your interest in UGA! Just as various schools and campuses have unique missions and identities, so do they have their own academic priorities and course offerings. The challenge for the transfer student in planning is to make the best possible choices for the degree program they eventually want to complete. A smooth transfer requires careful preparation and attention to detail. The University of Georgia would like to help you to make informed decisions now that will serve your interests well once you have been accepted. This guide will provide you with a general overview of how core courses are transferred, as well as links to important resources for further planning. **The Transfer Planning Guide is based upon requirements in place during the 2018-2019 academic year and is intended only as a general guide for planning to transfer. Some degree requirements and transfer policies may change between the time a student begins their undergraduate career and reaches the point of transfer to UGA. It is the student's responsibility to check the [UGA bulletin](#) frequently for changes in requirements. No guarantees are implied or expressed in this guide.** In addition, you will find links to each college's transfer handbook at the end of this general information. These guides will give you major-specific information about critical courses and college requirements.

For transfer admission eligibility, visit the [Admissions requirement page](#). We hope that the Transfer Planning Guide will provide you some assistance as you choose your courses today to reach your goals of tomorrow.

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**HIGH SCHOOL DUAL ENROLLMENT/DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE CREDIT**

UGA requires official transcripts from all colleges attended, even if the work is from dual enrollment courses, transient work at another college, etc. If the credit is transferable, it will apply towards the UGA Minimum Transfer GPA and Hour Requirements.

**GUIDE TO TRANSFER COURSE DESIGNATIONS**

The department that offers the UGA class a student wishes to receive credit for is the evaluating authority on how a class may transfer.

Course designations with 'GXX' or 'TXX' indicate the class will transfer into UGA, and will count towards minimum transfer application hours and GPA requirements.

**1GXX / 2GXX:** A transfer credit with a 'GXX' course designation means the class will transfer into UGA as a General Education Core Elective, and will satisfy part of the student's core curriculum. The course will require further evaluation with an Academic Advisor to determine how the class may apply to the core curriculum.

**1TXX / 2TXX / 3TXX:** A 'TXX' course designation indicates the course does transfer, but will require further evaluation with an Academic Advisor to determine how the class will apply to the core curriculum. After enrollment into UGA, the student has the option to request a UGA course designation be assigned to the 'TXX' class by the department offering the course.

**HIST 1GHX:** A Comprehensive U.S. History course, commonly used for USG System School transfer credit, and indicates the class may satisfy part of the core curriculum, as well as the U.S. and Georgia History graduation requirements.

**NTFR:** Indicates the class is not transferable into UGA, and will not apply towards the Transfer Minimum Hours and GPA Requirements.

**PE / Physical Education:** UGA only accepts one [1] hour of PE transfer credit with an 'S' grade. Thus, any additional PE credits will not be applied to toward the UGA minimum transfer hours and GPA requirements.

**TRANSFERRING FROM A TECHNICAL COLLEGE OR TCSG SCHOOL**

UGA accepts only General Education courses as transfer credit from most accredited technical colleges. It is important to review credit earned from a technical college to confirm the transferability of the credit. The majority of technical college courses are typically non-transferable into UGA. Students intending on transferring into UGA are encouraged to enroll in to a University System of Georgia (USG) School. USG schools have core- to- core curriculum guarantee.

The UGA Admissions Office has developed a "Transfer Equivalency Search System" for all Georgia colleges and many out-of-state colleges, but it should be used only as a guide. Courses or schools not on the UGA Equivalency Search have not been researched and general rules of transfer are the only resource for determining transferability before acceptance. The general rule is academic college degree level credit from an institution accredited by their regional Association of Colleges and Schools generally transfers (Bachelor's Degree). Transfer/General Education Core at a community or technical college should transfer (Associate Degree). Non-academic, non-accredited or non-college level credit will not transfer (Applied Associate Degree, diploma, certificate, and continuing education). The way

that classes transfer cannot be determined exactly until the official transcripts are reviewed, and the applicant is admitted as a student.

Click on [Transfer Equivalency Search System](#) to check your course equivalencies.

## **GRADUATING WITH A UGA DEGREE**

A UGA Bachelor's Degree is comprised of four sets of requirements:

- **University System Requirements**--CORE, US/GA History, US/GA Constitution
- **University of Georgia Requirements**--Cultural Diversity, Physical Education, Environmental Literacy.
  - **Residency Requirement**—45 of the student's last 60 hours must be taken in residence at UGA.
  - **39 Hour Rule**—Students must have 39 hours in upper division courses in order to graduate.
- **College Requirements**—These vary by college. You will find the college requirements in their transfer handbook (see attached links) or in the bulletin.
- **Major Requirements**

## **USG CORE CURRICULUM POLICY**

Along with 27 other colleges and universities, the University of Georgia is a school within the University System of Georgia (USG). Many students who transfer into the University of Georgia will transfer from another school within the USG. The USG's General Education Core Curriculum was developed with the goals of assuring institutional accountability for learning, incorporating learning requirements in global perspectives and critical thinking, and allowing institutions some flexibility in tailoring courses to their institutional mission, while ensuring that core curriculum courses completed at one USG institution or through eCore, the USG's designated online core curriculum, are fully transferable to another USG institution. See Section [2.4.9](#) of the USG Academic and Student Affairs Handbook for more information.

Although Core requirements are the same for all UGA students, departments may suggest preferred course choices in some areas. This is important to understand, as these preferred courses may serve as prerequisites to major coursework. Whenever possible, it is in the student's best interests to choose preferred courses in the major they believe they will pursue. Preferred courses are designated in the bulletin under the major degree requirements as shown in Figure 1.

### **I. FOUNDATION COURSES (9 HOURS)**

[ENGL 1101](#) or [ENGL 1101E](#) or [ENGL 1101S](#)  
[ENGL 1102](#) or [ENGL 1102E](#) or [ENGL 1103](#) or [ENGL 1050H](#) or [ENGL 1060H](#)  
[MATH 2200](#) or [MATH 2250\\*](#) or [MATH 2300H](#) or [MATH 2400](#) or [MATH 2400H](#) or [MATH 2410](#) or [MATH 2410H](#)

### **II. SCIENCES (7-8 HOURS)**

At least one of the physical science or life science courses must include a laboratory.

Physical Sciences (3-4 hours)

**Preferred Course(s):** [CHEM 1211\\*](#) and [CHEM 1211L\\*](#) or [CHEM 1311H\\*](#) and [CHEM 1311L\\*](#)

Life Sciences (3-4 hours)

**Preferred Course(s):** [BIOL 1107](#), [BIOL 1107L\\*](#) or [BIOL 2107H](#), [BIOL 2107L\\*](#)

Figure 1

## AP AND IB TRANSFER CREDIT

Advanced Placement credit will only count towards meeting admissions criteria if it is adequately represented on another college transcript. The credit must be identifiable as AP, have a course designation (e.g. ENGL1101), and credit hours (e.g. 3 credit hours). If UGA Admissions cannot determine the course, hours, or if it is AP credit, the credit will be ignored.

Please confirm with the Registrar's Office of your current school that the awarded AP credit will be posted with course designation and hours on the official transcript. Many schools post AP credit without course designations as a total number of hours awarded.

## EXPERIENCE (CLEP) AND DEPARTMENTAL PLACEMENT TEST CREDITS

CLEP scores are not accepted by the University of Georgia. Experience (CLEP) and Departmental Placement Credits awarded by other institutions are not used towards meeting admissions requirements.

After acceptance, students wishing to be awarded credit for experience or tests other than Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, SAT or ACT may contact [University Testing Services](#), or the UGA department that offers the subject.

## HOW TO USE THE TRANSFER PLANNING WORKSHEETS

On this site you will find a link to a transfer planning worksheet. College transfer handbooks also list priority courses and other important information for the majors that interest you. Please open the fillable worksheet and the priority course lists that apply to the majors that interest you.

Once you have your planning worksheets open, you will need to go to [The Transfer Equivalency Search System](#) and, when you have read the information page from Admissions you can begin your search either by class or school. You will probably find it most efficient to search by institution. When searching by institution, your search will look like this:

Country  
United States

State  
Georgia

School  
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In this case, you will find all the courses that have been evaluated for equivalency listed by their prefixes. Choose the prefix of the course you are researching and find it in the drop down list.

**BIO**

Transferring Course	UGA Course
BIO108	ECOL 1000
BIO108	ECOL 1000L
BIO110	BIOL 1GXX
BIO110	BIOL 1GXXL
BIO110L	BIOL 1GXXL
BIO111	BIOL 1GXX
BIO111	BIOL 1GXXL

Note that the transferring course, BIOL 108 is the equivalent to UGA course ECOL 1000. Now go to your planning worksheet and fill in the course number and the semester you plan to take it or have taken it, credit hours and the area of core it fits into at your current institution, as follows:

**TRANSFER PLANNING WORKSHEET**

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA CORE COURSES WHICH ALSO SATISFY FRANKLIN COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS	COURSES TAKEN OR PLANNED AT CURRENT INSTITUTION				
	Course Number	Term/Yr.	Cr. Hrs	Grade	Area of Current Core
<b>TRANSFER MAJOR</b>					
<b>Area I—Foundation Courses (9 hours)</b>					
ENGL 1101 (3)	Eng 101	Fall 17	3	B-	A
ENGL 1102 (3)	Eng 102	Sp 18	3	B+	A
MATH 1101 or 1113 (3)					
<b>Area II—Sciences (7 to 8 hours)</b>					
<b>Physical Science</b> Choose from ASTR 1010 (3), ASTR 1020 (3), ASTR 1110H (3), ASTR 1120H (3), ASTR 1420 (3), ASTR 1540 (3), ASTR 1660 (3), ASTR 1870 (3), CHEM 1110 (3), CHEM 1110L (1), CHEM 1211 (3), CHEM 1211L (1), CHEM 1212 (3), CHEM 1212L (1), CHEM 1311H (3), CHEM 1311L (1), CHEM 1312H (3), CHEM 1312L (1), CHEM 1411 (3), CHEM 1411L (1), CHEM 1412 (3), CHEM 1412L (1), CHEM 2100 (3), CHEM 2100L (1), CHEM 2211 (3), CHEM 2211L (1), CHEM 2212 (3), CHEM 2212L (1), CHEM 2311H (3), CHEM 2311L (1), CHEM 2312H (3), CHEM 2312L (1), GEOG 1111 (3), GEOG 1112 (3), GEOG 1113 (3), GEOG 1125 (3), GEOG 2110H (3), GEOG 2250H-2250D (3), GEOL 1120 (3), GEOL 1121 (3), GEOL 1121H (3), GEOL 1122 (3), GEOL 1122H (3), GEOL 1250-1250L (4), GEOL 1260-1260L (4), GEOL 2350 H (4), GEOL 2360H (4), MARS 1010-1010L (4), MARS 1011 (3), PHYS 1010 (3), PHYS 1111-1111L (4), PHYS 1112-1112L (4), PHYS 1211-1211L (4), PHYS 1212-1212L (4), PHYS 1311-1311L (4)					
<b>Life Science:</b> Choose from BIOL 1103 (3), BIOL 1104 (3), BIOL 1107-1107L (4), BIOL 1108-1108L (4), BIOL 2107H-2107L (4), ECOL 1000 (3) + lab (1), HONS(BIOL)(CHEM)(GEOL)(PHYS)2080H (4), MARS 1020-1020L (4), MARS 1025H-1025L (4), Matriculation prior to Fall 2010: <a href="http://www.franklin.uga.edu/students/bio_sci_archive.php">http://www.franklin.uga.edu/students/bio_sci_archive.php</a> , PBIO (BIOL)1210 (3), PBIO (BIOL)1220 (3)	Bio 108 (Ecol 1000)	Sp 18	4	A	B

Generally, courses designed to apply toward a bachelor's degree at accredited institutions should transfer and apply accordingly to a UGA bachelor's degree. The UGA Department that offers the class a student wishes to receive credit for is the evaluating authority on how a class may transfer. If your institution is not listed on the transfer equivalency website, you will want to check the accreditation to be sure your courses will be transferable. If the specific courses you're interested in are not listed, it may be that they have never been evaluated for UGA credit. When planning, you will want to compare the UGA course description in the bulletin ([bulletin.uga.edu](http://bulletin.uga.edu)) with your institution's course description to make the "best guess" for planning purposes. **Courses will not be evaluated by UGA departments in advance of admission.**

### **MAKING SURE YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK**

Transfer planning can sometimes be a revealing process, as the student discovers what certain majors actually require. It is always a good idea to make sure that you are suited to the major you have chosen. UGA offers an extensive selection of majors, minors and certificate programs to explore. You can begin at the [Admissions' majors page](#). Advisors in [The Exploratory Center](#) are specially trained to help you make course decisions while also exploring major possibilities. For further information about majors visit the [UGA Bulletin](#). You will also find that departmental websites are excellent sources of information about desired majors and projected schedules. Finally, [UGA's Career Center](#) will provide valuable information about majors, careers, possible internships and other opportunities.

### **ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR TRANSFER PLANNING**

Please note that UGA policies may differ from your previous institution. For example, UGA does not practice grade forgiveness. Additionally, other policies, such as those governing withdrawals and repeated courses may vary at UGA. See [General Academic Regulations and Information](#).

Although a student may be tempted to complete as many requirements as possible at their first institution, it is not always the ideal choice. Not only is the student adjusting to a new institution which they may find more academically rigorous, but they are forced to take a heavy burden of upper division major courses during the transition semester. When planning to transfer, it is a good idea to reserve a few lighter course requirements and electives to create a balanced schedule for the first semester. The transferring student also needs to be aware that their first choice in courses may not be available, since native students will already have filled many open course sections prior to transfer orientation. Leaving a few requirements open provides some backup course options. Minors and certificate programs can also provide additional course options and provide the student flexibility in course selection. Links to complete lists and descriptions of minors and certificate programs can be found on the Majors tab of the [Bulletin](#).

### **UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSION**

If possible, we suggest you attend an Undergraduate Admissions Transfer Information Session in Terrell Hall. These small, informal sessions will give you the opportunity to speak with a Transcript Evaluator about our transfer process and policies. You may bring a copy of your unofficial transcripts for a quick review and advisement on transferring credits. Sign up for a [Transfer Information Session](#).