

CUNY BA Transfer Credit Policies

One of the many advantages of transferring to CUNY BA is that your transfer credits will be determined during the application process and explained to you upon your acceptance; appropriate courses previously taken will be applied toward CUNY BA degree requirements.

Here are our transfer credit guidelines:

- **Transfer Credits:** CUNY BA evaluates all courses previously taken and can accept up to a total of 90 credits. (The maximum allowed for community college credits is 68).
- **CUNY Credits:** All credits earned within CUNY are recognized.
- Credit may be granted for courses taken at other institutions in which students received a grade of at least a full “C”.
- Remedial and ESL credits do not transfer.
- **International Credits:** Credits from universities outside the U.S. must be evaluated by the student’s CUNY college of matriculation (home college) OR by a course-by-course evaluation by one of the following agencies prior to applying:
 - World Education Services www.wes.org
 - Evaluation Service, Inc.: <http://www.evaluation-service.net/>
 - Josef Silny & Associates: <https://www.jsilny.org/>
 - Transcript Research: <http://transcriptresearch.com/>
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** CUNY BA gives credit for Advanced Placement (AP) exams passed with grades of 3 or higher (effective for Fall 2017 admissions)
- Up to 30 credits can be granted to students who completed International Baccalaureate (IB) diplomas with scores of 30 or greater. Scores of 5 or better for higher-level IB exams, taken by students who either did not complete the IB diploma or completed the IB with a score of 29 or less, can be accepted. (NOTE: the current application instructions indicate acceptance of IB exams with grades of 4 or higher; that is an error. Information here supersedes that.)
- **U.S. Military Credits:** CUNY BA can accept up to 30 U.S. military credits; please see the text below for details.
- **Life Experience:** Credit for life experience is evaluated after admission to the program.

Transcripts

You do not need to send any CUNY transcripts.

If you have sent your non-CUNY transcripts to the University Application Processing Center (UAPC) when you applied to CUNY, we can access those in many (but not all) instances.

We will need you to submit official sealed college transcripts in the following instances:

- If you submitted your non-CUNY transcripts directly to one of the CUNY colleges
- If you applied to CUNY and submitted your non-CUNY transcript(s) to the UAPC while you had coursework in progress (even if you already submitted a finalized copy to one of the CUNY colleges).

Note: **All materials** that are submitted become the property of CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies and cannot be released to the student or to other institutions.

U.S. Military Credits

CUNY BA can accept up to 30 U.S. military credits. Military service alone is not awarded credits; students can participate in the life experience review process for that after admission (<http://cunyba.cuny.edu/advising/life-experience/>). Students with military credits can have their AARTS or SMART transcript sent electronically to CUNY BA; hard-copy official transcripts for the Army, Navy and others are acceptable, as well. Military training courses identified as liberal arts credits, while fairly rare, can be applied to CUNY BA's core distribution (i.e., Social Psychology or Geology). Otherwise, military credits serve as elective credits.

Students can also receive credit for ROTC courses when those are presented on official college transcripts.

Students who receive 30 military credits from CUNY BA will have reached the maximum number of credits in the degree's noncollegiate credit category; they will not be able to then add additional credits by exam or life experience.

The guidelines cited here are essentially the same for FDNY and NYPD credits.



Credits Recommended by ACE or National CCRS

CUNY BA can transfer in courses recommended for college credit by ACE (American Council on Education – <http://www.acenet.edu/>) and National CCRS (National College Credit Recommendation Service – formerly known as NPONSI – <http://www.nationalccrs.org/>).

These two organizations have faculty who review, evaluate and recommend college credit for courses and training offered at a wide range of institutions, such as banks, museums, police academies, religious organizations, etc. Note that many of the institutions who offer courses that have ACE or National CCRS recommended credits also offer other courses that are not recommended for college credits; be mindful of this as you choose your courses. The ACE and National CCRS Websites list the participating organizations and the specific courses they recommend for college credit.

ACE and National CCRS recommended credits enter the CUNY BA degree as “noncollegiate credits;” the maximum number of noncollegiate credits a student may have applied to the CUNY BA degree is 30.

To request the application of ACE or National CCRS recommended credits to your CUNY BA degree, have the institution where you took the course(s) send CUNY BA an official transcript which details the ACE or National CCRS recommendations. If these courses were taken prior to your applying to CUNY BA, the transcripts must be received as part of your CUNY BA application.

Weblink: <https://cunyba.cuny.edu/academic-policies/transfercredits/>