

# CREDIT FROM OTHER INSTITUTIONS

## TRANSCRIPT CREDIT FROM REGIONALLY ACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Empire State University recognizes transfer credit acquired through other regionally accredited colleges and universities. In order for the credit to be directly transferable, the college or university must be regionally accredited or a candidate for accreditation at the time of the student's attendance. A list of the regional accreditation agencies can be found online at the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) (<https://www.chea.org/regional-accrediting-organizations/>) website.

In order to be accepted, the transcript must show the course title, the grade (or equivalent evaluation such as is provided by certain non-traditional institutions), and the credit earned for each course. Courses with a grade of C- or higher (or equivalent) are acceptable. Students with an earned Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree may transfer in coursework with D grades that was part of the awarded degree.

An official transcript will be needed for each institution attended, even if transfer credit from a previous institution is listed on another college transcript. Developmental courses, remedial courses, English language courses that strengthen a student's language skills to college-level, or pre-college courses listed on transcripts are not accepted as transfer credit.

## PATHWAYS TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

The College has developed Pathways Transfer Agreements with community colleges across SUNY, CUNY and out-of-state. For details and transfer guides, see the Community College and Academic Partnerships page (<https://www.sunyempire.edu/academic-affairs/community-college-and-academic-partnerships/>).

## NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZED INSTITUTIONS

Empire State University accepts credit from degree-granting institutions within New York state that have been approved by the New York State Education Department (NYSED) to award college-level degrees at the time of attendance. This includes independent and proprietary-sector institutions, such as some New York state business schools. In order to be accepted, the transcript must show the course title, the grade (or equivalent evaluation such as is provided by certain non-traditional institutions), and the credit earned for each course. Courses with a grade of C- or higher (or equivalent) are acceptable. Students with an earned Associate of Arts (A.A.), Associate of Science (A.S.), or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree may transfer in coursework with D grades that was part of the awarded degree. An official transcript will be needed for each institution attended, even if transfer credit from a previous institution is listed on another college transcript. Developmental courses, remedial courses, English language courses that strengthen a student's language skills to college-level, or pre-college courses listed on transcripts are not accepted as transfer credit.

## INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS REQUIRING EVALUATION

Empire State University accepts college credit earned at other accredited institutions internationally. Transcripts from most international institutions must be evaluated by a member organization of the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services ( <https://www.naces.org/members/>) NACES (<https://www.naces.org/members/>) (<https://www.naces.org/members/>). For transfer purposes, institutions evaluated at a college-level require a course-by-course evaluation. The evaluation needs to include title, credits, grades, and level of learning. If level is not included in the evaluation, coursework must be applied as lower-level (introductory) credit. The university will only accept evaluated coursework from one approved organization and will not "mix and match" evaluations from separate services or replace an evaluation which has already been accepted. Original evaluation reports must be submitted directly to Admissions. Copies of evaluations will not be accepted. Students should review pricing, services, documentation requirements and the time it takes to prepare the evaluation report as each service differs. This information can be found on the NACES website (<https://www.naces.org/>).

## transcripts not requiring international evaluation

SUNY Empire does accept transcripts (in English only) from some international institutions that have undergone an official review determined to be equivalent to a regionally accredited institution. If you have a transcript from one of the following institutions, you do not need to have your transcript reviewed by a foreign credential evaluation service.

### Israeli institutions

Israeli Institutions accredited by the Israeli Council on Higher Education and the Israeli Ministry on Education. The Council for Higher Education website has the most current list of institutions at [www.che.org.il/en/institutions/](http://www.che.org.il/en/institutions/).

### Canadian Institutions

Canadian institutions listed as members of Universities Canada (formerly AUCC: the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada). The most current list can be found on their website at <http://www.univcan.ca/universities/member-universities/>.

Canadian institutions listed as members of the Canadian Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT). The most current list can be found on its website at [www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-colleges](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-colleges).

### Puerto Rican Institutions

Puerto Rico is considered part of the United States and accepted institutions have been accredited by the Middle State Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). Check the Middle States Commission's website for a current list at <https://www.msche.org/institution/>. (<http://www.msche.org/institution/>)

### International Partner Institutions

Empire State College has developed official partnerships with the following international institutions. Official transcripts from these institutions are sufficient documentation for awarding credit for students enrolled in the partnership program. These credits are listed under the "credit by evaluation" section on the degree program:

- University of New York/Prague, Czech Republic
- University of New York/Tirana, Albania
- American University of Technology, Lebanon
- American University of Science and Technology, Lebanon
- New York College/Athens, Greece
- New York College/Thessaloniki, Greece
- La Universidad APEC (UNAPEC), Dominican Republic
- Anadolu University (AU), Turkey

## **Other Types of Institutions**

Empire State College accepts credits from institutions that have undergone review by the following types of programmatic accreditation:

- Nursing schools accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN), formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).
- Art schools with National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) approval. Courses must have been successfully completed during a period when the institution was accredited by NASAD or a candidate for accreditation,
- Canadian 13th-Year credits.