

Credit Transfer Process

Earning Credit Recognition

SUPA cannot guarantee that all colleges and universities will accept the Syracuse University credits that you earned in high school. Every school has their own policies regarding the transfer of credit, sometimes varying by department. In any case, colleges are under no obligation to transfer credit earned at another institution.

Students who earned a “C” or better in a Syracuse University course in high school and attempted to transfer the course report transfer success 90% of the time. This could mean any or all of these:

- Placement: student is eligible to take a higher-level course
- Course Exemption: the course is used to fulfill a general education requirement, a requirement for a major or minor, or both
- Credit: credits are added to the student’s transcript either in addition to the above recognition or as “elective credit”

Credit Explained

“Credits” are what universities award students for successful completion of a course. They are based on the number of hours per week the student spends in the class. At schools like Syracuse University that operate on a semester system most courses earn either three or four credits (labs in science courses count as one hour).

While all colleges and universities are different, most will have a minimum requirement of credit hours needed to graduate, usually around 120 for a Bachelor’s degree or 60 for an Associate’s degree. This number will include credits awarded for general education courses, required courses for a major or minor, and elective courses.

Tips for Securing Credit Recognition

SAVE IT: Students should save their class syllabus and any written work and exams/tests that they can. These can help the faculty at the institution you attend properly place you into more advanced courses and determine if the course meets general education and/or major or minor program requirements.

SAY IT: Make sure you indicate on your college applications that you have taken/are taking Syracuse University courses.

PROVE IT: After you have received your grade in the mail from Project Advance, request that a transcript be sent to the appropriate contact at the college or university of your choice (see transcript request process below).



If you initially are denied credit recognition, do not despair! Sometimes you have to go past admissions officials or the Registrar’s office and appeal directly to a department head or professor. That’s why it’s important to save your syllabus and your work.

In the end, some schools will simply choose not to offer any recognition for college courses taken in high school. If that happens, your effort and tuition have not been wasted! Credit recognition is not the only benefit of taking a Syracuse University course through SUPA. You will have gained valuable experience by taking an actual college course, helping prepare you for the rigor of college coursework.

Requesting a Transcript

To begin the credit transfer process, students will need to request that an official Syracuse University transcript be sent to the school they will be attending. Students should wait to order transcripts until they have received notification from our office that grades have officially been submitted! Syracuse University transcripts are managed by Parchment, a secure partner of the University. Students will create an account and Parchment will send the transcript to the school or college of the student’s choice. Transcripts cost \$12 each. Full instructions with screenshots and a link to Parchment are available on our website at supa.syr.edu/transcripts.

As always, you can contact our office with any questions. We are always happy to help students with the credit transfer process.

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