

Summary of Requirements of Pre-admission, Transfer, Bachelors+Masters, Dual Degree, and Joint Campus credits

[Pre-admission](#) credits, [Transfer](#) credits, [Bachelors+Masters](#) (B+M) credits, [Dual Degree](#) credits, and [Joint Campus](#) (JC) credits are all different categories of graduate credits that in some cases have very similar policies. This summary of requirements is intended to provide a high-level overview of these policies with the goal of avoiding confusion between the different categories. See the PSU *Bulletin* for complete policy information.

Pre-admission credits are graduate credits, from PSU or another institution, taken before admission to a graduate program at PSU.

Pre-admission credits for **master's degrees**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher; Pass grades allowed for PSU pre-admission courses but not allowed for non-PSU pre-admission courses (exception for courses taken during the terms when PSU expanded the use of P/NP grading due to the Covid pandemic, spring 2020 through spring 2021)
- Maximum one-third of the credits needed for the degree
 - One additional credit beyond the one-third limit can be used provided none of the courses are a 1-credit course
 - Otherwise eligible PSU credits applied toward a *completed* graduate certificate can be applied toward a subsequent master's degree without counting toward the pre-admission limits ("limits" means number of credits; this is not a waiver of the prohibition on C grades)
 - In a truly stackable degree only, credits earned in the graduate certificate and subsequently applied to the master's degree are excluded from the prohibition on C grades with department approval
- Use of PSU pre-admission credits toward a master's degree must be requested via a [DARS exception](#); non-PSU pre-admission credits are also transfer credits and must be requested via a [GO-21M](#) form

Pre-admission credits for **doctoral degrees**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher; Pass grades allowed
- Maximum number of pre-admission credits is at the discretion of the doctoral program
- Eligible PSU pre-admission credits will automatically pull into the DARS audit for doctoral programs; non-PSU pre-admission credits are also transfer credits and must be requested via a [GO-21D](#) form

Pre-admission credits for **graduate certificates**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher; Pass grades allowed
- Maximum number of pre-admission credits is at the discretion of the graduate certificate program
- Eligible PSU pre-admission credits will automatically pull into the DARS audit for graduate certificate programs; non-PSU pre-admission credits are also transfer credits and must be requested via a [GO-21M](#) form

Transfer credits are graduate credits from another institution taken before or after admission to a graduate program at PSU.

Transfer credits for **master's degrees**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher, Pass grades not allowed (exception for courses taken during the terms when PSU expanded the use of P/NP grading due to the Covid pandemic, spring 2020 through spring 2021)
- Maximum one-third of the credits needed for the degree
 - One additional credit beyond the one-third limit can be used provided none of the courses are a 1-credit course
- Use of transfer credits toward a master's degree must be requested via a [GO-21M](#) form

Transfer credits for **doctoral degrees**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher; Pass grades allowed
- Maximum number of transfer credits is at the discretion of the doctoral program
- Use of transfer credits toward a doctoral degree must be requested via a [GO-21D](#) form

Transfer credits for **graduate certificates**:

- All courses must be letter-graded B- or higher, Pass grades not allowed (exception for courses taken during the terms when PSU expanded the use of P/NP grading due to the Covid pandemic, spring 2020 through spring 2021)
- Two-thirds of the required credits for the graduate certificate, or 15 credits minimum, whichever is larger, must be taken at PSU
- Use of transfer credits toward a graduate certificate must be requested via a [GO-21M](#) form

Bachelors+Masters (B+M) credits are PSU graduate credits, taken while admitted to a PSU bachelor's degree, that are applied to both the bachelor's and master's degree; for students in approved B+M programs only.

- All shared courses must be letter-graded B or higher, Pass grades allowed
- Maximum 20 credits
 - B+M credits are considered pre-admission credits and are counted toward pre-admission limits for the master's degree
 - One additional credit beyond 20 can be used provided none of the courses are a 1-credit course
- Use of B+M credits toward a master's degree must be requested via a [DARS exception](#)
- Approved B+M courses can potentially also be used in a doctoral degree or graduate certificate as is the case for any other course used toward a master's degree, however, courses can only be applied to the specific master's degree that is part of the approved B+M program

Dual Degree credits are graduate credits that are shared between two PSU master's degrees OR a between a PSU master's degree and a master's degree from a partner university when there is a formal agreement between the two institutions.

- All shared courses must be letter-graded B- or higher; Pass grades allowed
- Maximum one-third of the credits needed for the degree can be shared; if the degrees have different credit totals, the one-third limit is determined by the smaller degree
 - One additional credit beyond the one-third limit can be used provided none of the courses are a 1-credit course
- Only coursework can be shared between two master's degrees; comprehensive exams, internship, practicum, project, thesis, or other culminating activity cannot be shared
- Limit of one dual master's degree allowance at PSU
- Use of dual degree credits toward two master's degrees must be requested via [GO-14](#) form

Joint Campus (JC) credits are courses offered by Oregon Health and Science University, but students register for and are assessed tuition for the courses at PSU. See the [Joint Campus](#) website for information about registering for JC credits.

- JC credits will be listed on the student's PSU transcript, however, JC courses are considered transfer credits for which all transfer credit policies apply
- Use of JC credits toward a graduate degree or certificate must be requested via a [GO-21M](#) or [GO-21D](#) form