
TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES

Accreditation

- Southern Seminary generally accepts all credits earned at nationally accredited institutions of the [Association of Theological Schools](#) (ATS). Search a list of [ATS member schools](#).
- Southern also accepts credits from regionally accredited institutions that is applicable to the student's degree program. Regional Accrediting agencies:
 - Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
 - Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
 - New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc., Commission on Institutions of Higher Learning (NEASC-CIHE)
 - Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU)
 - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC)
 - Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC-SCUC)
 - Western Association of Schools and Colleges, Accrediting Commission for Community Colleges and Junior Colleges (WASC-ACCJC)

**To check of the status of your transfer institutions regionally accreditation please visit [AACRAO's Transfer Credit Practices](#)*
- Credits from accreditation agencies not mentioned above will be considered for credit on a case-by-case basis.

Transfer Credit Requirements

Transfer Credit must be:

- from a recognized accreditation agency (see "Accreditation" above)
- appropriate for Southern Seminary's curriculum and academic content
- graded with a "C-" or higher
- completed within 10 years of transfer

Requesting Transcript Evaluations

To request a Transcript Evaluation, the Transfer Office has implemented the following procedure to help transfer students smoothly transition to completing their studies at Southern Seminary.

Admitted Students:

1. [TES reports](#): Utilize the TES report feature to find your course equivalencies
2. [Transcript Evaluation Request Form](#): this form notifies the Transfer Credit office of your intent to transfer to Southern Seminary
Your Transfer Credit Report (TOC) will be sent to your student e-mail account within 2 weeks of submitting the request.
3. Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#)
You will need to bring your Pre-evaluation Report with you to your advising meeting
4. Register for your first semester at Southern
5. **Send in all Final Official Transcripts to the [Admissions Office](#)**
6. Only after the close of registration your first semester and receipt of all final transcripts will your transfer credit will be posted o your student record and available on your transcript in my.sbts.edu

Prospective Students:

1. [TES reports](#): Utilize the TES report feature to find your course equivalencies
2. [Pre-Evaluation Request Form](#): this form notifies the Transfer Credit office of your intent to transfer to Southern Seminary
Your Transfer Credit Report (TOC) will be sent to your e-mail account within 2 weeks of submitting the request.
3. Complete your Application in [Apply Now](#)
4. Contact your [Admissions Counselor](#)
5. Once admitted, Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#)
You will need to bring your TOC Report with you to your advising meeting
6. Register for your first semester at Southern
7. **Send in all Final Official Transcripts to the [Admissions Office](#)**
8. Only after the close of registration your first semester and receipt of all final transcripts will your transfer credit will be posted on your student record and available on your transcript in my.sbts.edu

Transfer Credit Restrictions

Maximum Transfer Hours

- The Master of Divinity has a maximum transfer of 54 credit hours
- The Master of Arts has a maximum transfer of half the MA requirements (i.e. The MA in Biblical Counseling is a 60-hour degree, so the maximum transfer is set to 30 credit hours)

Non-Transferrable Courses

- 32100: Personal Evangelism and 32960: Introduction to Missiology will not be accepted as transfer credit.

Non-Degree Students

- Transfer Credit is not applied to Non-Degree seeking students or Undecided students.
Once a student claims a degree, the transfer credit will be applied.

Undergraduate Degrees

- Southern Seminary cannot transfer Undergraduate credit into a Master's degree.

Final 24 hours

- Transfer Credit is not granted within the final twenty-four hours of any degree program. Prior approval from the Center for Student Success is required for transferring any work within the final twenty-four hours.

Multiple Degrees

- Conferred Degrees from Southern: To transfer a conferred Master's degree into a second Master's at Southern, only half of the degree can be transferred. (i.e. A conferred MA completed with 30 hours will only transfer a maximum of 15 credit hours into Southern)
For questions regarding this internal transfer, contact academicadvising@sbts.edu
- Conferred Degrees not from Southern: To transfer a conferred Master's degree into Southern, only half of the conferred degree can be transferred into a second Master's degree. (i.e. A conferred MA completed with 30 hours will only transfer a maximum of 15 credit hours into Southern)
For questions regarding rescinding your conferred Master's degree, contact transfercredit@sbts.edu

Doctoral

- Southern Seminary does not grant transfer credit for doctoral work completed at other institutions.