
TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Accreditation

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary generally accepts all credits earned at institutions accredited by applicable accrediting agencies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

- Regional Accrediting agencies:
 - 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)
- Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)
- [Association of Theological Schools](#) (ATS). Search a list of [ATS member schools](#).
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools (TRACS)
- Credits from institutions not accredited by one of the agencies mentioned above will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

SBTS reserves the right to deny transfer credit if the course content is found to be not in keeping with the academic integrity and/or biblical principles of the institution.

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:

- [TES reports](#): Utilize the TES report feature to find your course equivalencies
- [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.
- Complete your Application in [Apply Now](#)
- Contact your [Admissions Counselor](#)
- Once admitted, Meet with an [Academic Advisor](#)
You will need to bring your TOC Report with you to your advising meeting
- Register for your first semester at Southern
- **Send in all Final Official Transcripts to the [Admissions Office](#)**
- 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

- As of July 1, 2020, there is no limitation on the amount of transfer hours from a conferred Master' degree. The new requirement is at least 1/3 of the SBTS degree must be earned at SBTS.
 - Master of Divinity degrees maximum transfer is 57 credit hours (2/3 of 88 hours.)
 - Advanced Master of Divinity degrees maximum transfer is 48 credit hours (2/3 of 72-74 hours.)
 - The Master of Arts maximum transfer ranges from 32-40 hours based on the total credit hours required for the degree. (e.g. MATS is a 48 hour degree, maximum transfer is 32 credit hours.)

- There is no transfer credit for the Online Graduate Certificate. All 15 hours must be earned at SBTS.

Non-Transferrable Courses

- 32100/MS105: Personal Evangelism and 32960: Introduction to Missiology will not be accepted for transfer credit. Requests for exception to this policy will be directed to the Dean of the Billy Graham School.

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

- Undergraduate credit cannot transfer into Master's programs.

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.

Earning Multiple SBTS Degrees

- If the first degree is to be rescinded and the credit hours for the first degree are less than the second degree, only additional hours for second degree need to be taken.
- To earn a second SBTS Master's degree **and retain both degrees**, the total hours earned will be the total hours of the largest degree plus 1/3 of the smaller degree:
 - 48-hour MA and 60+ hour MA. 75 hours required.
 - 48-hour MA and MDiv. 102 hours required (96 hours for Adv MDiv.)
 - Two 60+ hour MA's. 81 hours required.
 - 60+ hour MA and 88-hour MDiv. 108 hours required (92 hours for Adv MDiv.)

For questions regarding this internal transfer, contact academicadvising@sbts.edu.

Doctoral

- Southern Seminary does not grant transfer credit for doctoral work completed at other institutions. Exceptions to this policy must be directed to the appropriate Doctoral Office.