Transfer Credits

How do I get credit for previous college coursework?

It's up to you to ensure SUNY New Paltz receives official transcripts for AP, IB, and college courses. Your high school cannot submit them on your behalf.

To ensure the selection of appropriate courses in your first semester, reduce the chances of repeating a course for which you will have transfer credit, and maintain proper financial aid eligibility, have your final transcripts and AP/IB scores sent as soon as possible (prior to the first day of classes).

To have official transcripts and scores sent, contact the institution that granted the credits:

- For Advanced Placement (AP) courses, scores of 3, 4, or 5 are accepted for college credit. Contact the College Board.

- For International Baccalaureate courses, scores of 5 or higher are accepted for college credit. Contact International Baccalaureate.

- For college courses, including those taken in high school, contact the college that granted the credits. Confirm that final grades have been noted on your official transcripts before they are submitted to New Paltz.

Request that official transcripts and scores be sent to:

Office of Undergraduate Admission
State University of New York at New Paltz
100 Hawk Drive
New Paltz, New York 12561-2499

How will my college credits be applied at New Paltz?

Once your transcripts are received and processed by our Office of Admission, the transfer credit will be noted on your progress report. Transferred credits are indicated on the report with the letter "T" before the grade. In-Progress courses are indicated by "TIP" and are not final until the Office of Admission receives official transcripts. Transfer course grades do not factor into your New Paltz GPA.
Your transfer credits may count as electives (which can fulfill degree requirements such as 120 credits to graduate, liberal arts credits, or upper division credits), or they may fulfill a General Education requirement, or a major or minor requirement.

Articulated courses transfer in as direct matches with New Paltz courses. Non-articulated courses are accepted as elective credit, but also can be reviewed for major or General Education credit. Ask your advisor about how to have a non-articulated course reviewed.

Your advisor can help you understand how your transfer credits will fit into your overall plan of study. These questions can be addressed in initial and/or subsequent meetings during your time at New Paltz.

For More Information

See the College Course Equivalencies database to learn how specific courses transfer from other colleges to New Paltz.

Here is a detailed explanation of the college’s Transfer Policies from the Undergraduate Catalog.