

University Policies

Policy Name: Transfer of Credits from Technical Colleges	Effective Date: July 1, 2008
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Policy:

The sum of all the semester technical credits taken in transfer from all regionally or appropriately accredited technical colleges or community and technical colleges will not exceed 16 semester credits. Credits approved for transfer will be treated as elective credits and will not apply to the major, minor, or to general education. However, students may petition a specific department/major for an evaluation of these technical credits if students believe them to be applicable to the major. When supported by an articulation agreement between the University and the technical college or community and technical college from which the credits originate, additional credits beyond 16 may be accepted into the major. The articulation agreement must be approved through Minnesota State University, Mankato's curricular process. Additional credits beyond 16 may be accepted as general education with the following requirements:

1. Minnesota Community and Technical Colleges: In addition to the 16 semester technical credits, general education credits taken as part of a vocational/technical degree may also be transferred if the courses are approved Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) courses.
2. Other vocational/technical schools: For coursework to be considered applicable to the Minnesota State Mankato's general education requirements, the school transferred from would have to be regionally or appropriately accredited.

Some technical colleges have merged with community colleges. We will accept unlimited community college credits. Minnesota State University, Mankato reserves the right to determine what is a technical credit and what is a community college credit.

Policy Rationale:

For many years, state universities in Minnesota have limited the transfer of technical credits to 16 semester hours. Many technical colleges have either merged with a community college or have started offering general education courses. Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) has also encouraged partnerships. When we use an articulation agreement or a partnership agreement, that agreement will specify any limit to the transfer of technical credit from technical colleges or community and technical colleges. Articulation agreements and partnerships must be approved through the curricular process.