

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 a [GO-14](#) form

Joint Campus (JC) credits are courses offered by the University of Oregon or 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