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Policies and Procedures

2.C.1

The institution's transfer-of-credit policy maintains the integrity of its programs and facilitates the efficient mobility of students desirous of the completion of their educational credits, credentials, or degrees in furtherance of their academic goals.

State Level Transfer-of-Credit Policy and Systemwide Engagement

UVU adheres to USHE Policy [R470](#), which provides policies and principles for the transfer of general education credits, non-general education credits, and overall credit transfer among USHE institutions. UVU is a participating institution for the [Utah Transfer Guide](#), a tool to help students plan and manage undergraduate credit transfer within USHE and connect to transfer advisors, course and program offerings, and course and exam equivalencies at participating institutions. UVU also participates in faculty-driven [Majors' Meetings](#), which are organized by USHE annually. The purpose of Majors' Meetings is to align learning outcomes and competencies across USHE, make transferring between institutions seamless for students, and ensure that all pre-major and lower-division courses that are similar in content, rigor, and standards have common course numbering.

Institutional Transfer-of-Credit Policies and Resources

UVU Policy [522](#) delineates procedures for undergraduate transfer credit and transfer degrees, and UVU Policy [524](#) delineates procedures for transfer credit for graduate programs. All students with previous institutional credit from an institution other than UVU must provide official transcripts that are no more than six months old to the Transfer Credit Department. Academic departments have the authority to impose a limit to the age and number of undergraduate transfer credits accepted toward an individual program, and there is no limit to the number of undergraduate transfer credits that may be accepted by the university so long as all residency, credit, and grade point average requirements are met. Graduate credits from another regionally accredited institution or equivalent must be completed within four years of a student's matriculation into a graduate program and cannot be older than six years at the time of graduation with a master's degree or graduate certificate from the university. Faculty members from individual graduate programs evaluate transfer credits to determine appropriateness to the master's degree or graduate certificate being sought. UVU has also set standards for assessing and awarding credit for prior learning that enables students to enrich or accelerate their programs of study in UVU Policy [525](#).

UVU accepts transfer credit from other regionally accredited institutions where it is comparable in nature, content, academic quality, and level to credit offered at the institution. For transfer credit from non-regionally accredited institutions, comparability of courses is determined by the chair of the corresponding academic department. Transfer credit from unaccredited institutions is considered comparable only where it is supported by a recognized and credible third-party certification of learning. Transfer credit documented on international transcripts is evaluated by an approved foreign credential evaluating company, of which the university's preferred evaluating company is [SpanTran](#). Prospective and enrolled students may readily access

information about the transfer of credit, credit for prior learning, and additional prior learning assessment opportunities is available on a [website](#) maintained by the Transfer Credit Department.

To facilitate efficient mobility of students to further their academic goals, UVU maintains articulation agreements with the following technical colleges: Bridgerland Technical College, Davis Technical College, Dixie Technical College, Mountainland Technical College, Tooele Technical College, and Uintah Basin Technical College. All current articulation agreements with technical colleges are available on a [website](#) maintained by the Department of Career and Technical Education. Additionally, UVU is a member of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education Interstate Passport Network, which provides a framework for block transfer of lower-division general education based on learning outcomes in foundational skills, knowledge of concepts, and crosscutting skills. Information about the Interstate Passport is available on a [website](#) maintained by the Transfer Credit Department.

<i>Required Evidence for 2.C.1</i>	
Transfer of credit policies and procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Policy Manual (522, 524, 525) ▪ USHE Policy (R470)
<i>Supplemental Evidence for 2.C.1</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Career Pathways Articulation Agreements ▪ Interstate Passport ▪ Majors' Meetings UVU Participants 2022-2023 ▪ SpanTran ▪ Transcript Credit Department ▪ Utah Transfer Guide 	

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The institution's policies and procedures related to student rights and responsibilities should include, but not be limited to, provisions related to academic honesty, conduct, appeals, grievances, and accommodations for persons with disabilities.

Academic Honesty, Conduct, and Appeals

UVU addresses student rights and responsibilities related to academic honesty, conduct, appeals, and grievances through policies and procedures. UVU Policy [541](#) is the Student Code of Conduct, which is applicable to all students admitted to the university or enrolled in university courses, either full-time or part-time, and to all student conduct that occurs at a university location or university-sponsored activities. The Student Code of Conduct also applies to off-campus conduct, not otherwise protected by law, that adversely affects the university community and fulfillment of UVU's mission, values, and operations. With respect to student rights and responsibilities, the Student Code of Conduct clearly addresses standards for student conduct and categories of prohibited misconduct, which includes all forms of academic misconduct. It also addresses due process procedures for investigation, resolution, and appeals. Reports of any suspected or alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct are made to the Student Conduct