

MILITARY TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

Rather than a course-by-course evaluation of military transfer credits, UCCS grants veterans a package that consists of applicable Compass Curriculum credit, General Elective credits and certain requirement waivers. Course credit will be based on a matrix of ACE recommendations that fall within the acceptable academic areas outlined below. Requirement waivers will be granted based on universal military training programs, possible overseas deployment, and/or participation in the DOD Defense Language Institute as outlined below. All training will be verified with the Joint Services Transcript or the Community College of the Air Force Transcript depending on branch of military service. Only those trainings that carry an academic designation will receive consideration for credit, similar to the review process for transfer courses coming from two-year schools. For additional information, including instructions for requesting a transcript review please visit <https://military.uccs.edu/current-students/military-transfer-credit>.

ELIGIBILITY

Within the guidelines of this proposal, veteran students must meet the following criteria to be awarded transfer credit:

1. Admission to a undergraduate degree program at UCCS
2. Be a veteran with an honorable discharge, an active duty service member, or a member of the Reserves/National Guard who has completed required trainings; Veteran's status is defined as any individual who completed at least one term of service with an honorable discharge or has served at least two years, but was medically discharged for a service connected medical condition. The veteran student must have successfully completed the required courses of instruction, including but not limited to, basic training, leadership classes, and noncommissioned or staff non-commissioned officers academies.
3. Provide official military records and the Joint Services Transcript (JST)¹ presented to Veteran and Military Affairs.
4. Eligible students will only be students that enroll after the policy has been approved. It is proposed that this be a forward policy versus retroactively awarding credit – although a petition process can be put into place for the first one to two semesters of implementation.

TRANSFER CREDIT COMPONENTS

This policy provides three categories of transfer credit; 1) Compass Curriculum credits, 2) Waiver of Admission/Degree Requirements, and 3) Elective Credits. An eligible veteran student entering UCCS will be eligible transfer credit and/or waiver of requirements depending primarily on their completed training as outlined below. Applicability of transfer credit to graduation requirements will vary depending on college/school and major.

1. **Compass Curriculum Credits:** This component includes the potential for transfer of six credit hours; consisting of zero to three credits for humanities, and zero to three credits for social sciences. Credit will be granted for these two areas based on completed training as demonstrated on the JST and will follow ACE recommended guidelines for granting academic credits. Appropriate credit for Humanities and Social Sciences will only be granted for trainings
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that carry ACE recommendations for academic areas that fall within those two areas. No direct equivalencies will be granted for the specific training, only generic Humanities (HUM 1999TC) or generic Social Science (SSE 1999TC) course equivalencies will be granted. If awarded the full three credit hours, these courses will count towards the Compass Curriculum as noted below. If not awarded the full three credit hours, the courses can count towards general elective credit in a student's degree program if available. Transfer credit awarded does not necessarily apply to academic program requirements, and any credits awarded by UCCS may not necessarily be carried on to gaining institutions.

0-3 Credits – Generic Social Science (SSC 1999TC)

Credits awarded for this area will be based on training with regards to areas such as economics, communication theory, human geography, leadership studies, political science, psychology, and sociology up to three credit hours. If awarded the full three hours, students will be able to apply this course to the Compass Curriculum Explore – Society, Social and Economic Institutions, Health and Human Behavior requirement.

0-3 Credits – Generic Humanities (HUM 1999TC)

Credits awarded for this area will be based on training with regards to areas such as foreign culture studies, history, and philosophy up to three credit hours. If awarded the full three hours, students will be able to apply this course to the Compass Curriculum Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures requirement.

2. Waiver of Admission/Degree Requirements:

Admission Waiver – Foreign Language: For those veterans who have successfully completed training at the DOD Defense Language Institute for six months or more will receive a waiver of the foreign language MAPS admissions requirement.

Course Waiver - Inclusiveness

Students will only be granted this waiver if they served a full four-year term of service. No academic credit will be granted, just a waiver of the Compass Curriculum Inclusiveness requirement.

3. **Elective Credit:** Elective credit (6 - 12 credit hours) is based on a veteran's time in service and rank at the time of separation from active duty as well as any additional training completed during service. Students with four years (one enlistment) of service or rank of E4 (Corporal) and below will be granted six hours of elective credits based on required training for all military service members of this rank as recommended by the American Council on Education (ACE). Additional elective credit may be earned for training beyond the basic training based on ACE recommendations and only in areas considered to be academic, rather than career/technical/vocational, in nature. These elective credits will only be applicable if a student's given degree plan has sufficient room for them, and they will be subject to the academic policies of each individual college/school.

6 Credits - E4 and Below/One Term

6 Credits of generic lower division elective credit (XFCR 1999TC) based on universal basic training, leadership courses, and NCO as demonstrated on the JST.

0-6 Credits – Additional Training

0-6 Credits of generic elective credit (XFCR 1999TC or XFCR 4999TC) based on training with regards to areas such as organizational development, biology, military science, physical education, management, etc.
