TRANSFER CREDIT AND CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

A limited number of graduate course credits acquired elsewhere, at UVM prior to admission to a graduate program, or by credit by examination may be included as part of a student's program of study, with approval of the program faculty and the Dean of the Graduate College. Credit by examination is earned by arranging through a program faculty member to take an examination that tests the student's skills and knowledge in a particular UVM course appropriate for inclusion in the student's degree program.

If credit is transferred, only the credit is transferred, not the grade.

Graduate Credit earned at UVM after completion of the bachelor's degree but prior to admission to a graduate program is transfer credit, only the credit and not the grade is transferred, and is subject to the requirements and limits that follow.

APPROVAL OF CREDIT

Approval of credit is recommended by the graduate program and approved by the Graduate College based on the specific program requirements described in the Graduate College catalogue, as well as:

1. the number of credits requested,
2. the appropriateness of credit for inclusion in the degree program, and
3. the currency of the credit.

These criteria are described below. Any exceptions must be approved by the program faculty and the Dean of the Graduate College.

NUMBER OF CREDITS

Master's degree and Doctor of Education students are allowed nine hours of transfer credit, and/or credit by examination, and an additional six credits acquired from appropriate courses taken at UVM prior to admission to a degree program may also be transferred; Doctor of Philosophy students are allowed twenty-four credits, and an additional six credits acquired from appropriate courses taken at UVM. This means that all master's students take at least twenty-one credits that do not count towards the Master's degree as part of the Ph.D. curriculum. No provision is made for a person to employ the number of credits requested, the appropriateness of credit for inclusion in the degree program, and the currency of the credit.

Up to twenty-four credits of course work for which graduate credit is earned at UVM in a master's degree program, whether a master's degree is received or not, may be applied toward a Ph.D. at UVM, provided that the credit is appropriate for the Ph.D. program. If the UVM master's program has a course-based (non-thesis or project) option, then thirty credits of course work for which graduate credit is earned at UVM in a master's degree program may be applied toward a Ph.D. at UVM, provided that the credit is appropriate for the Ph.D. program. No provision is made for a person to employ the same credit to satisfy two master's degrees at the University of Vermont. Students must still complete a minimum of fifteen graded credits that do not count towards the Master's degree as part of the Ph.D. curriculum.