

College of Engineering

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I get transfer credit?

It depends on who you are and where you are coming from. Read on.....

2. I was admitted to the U of S with transfer credit – Why won't Engineering count my courses?

There are a couple of reasons – (1) Engineering requires a grade of C (65%) or better transfer credit from colleges – (2) Engineering is bound by conditions of accreditation to verify that any instruction in engineering science and engineering design was delivered by licensed professional engineers before granting credit. If these criteria are satisfied credit is granted.

3. What kinds of courses have engineering science and engineering design content?

Courses likely to have some engineering content include: Computing, Electric Circuits, Heat Flow, Mechanics, Technical Drawing, and Thermodynamics. It's easier to list courses that don't have engineering content such as: Biology, Chemistry, English, Economics, Geography, Geology, General Physics, Psychology and Sociology.

4. I'm from another College at the U of S – How do I get transfer credit?

You must apply for transfer before May 1 in the year you wish to enter Engineering. Your sessional weighted average for the regular session (Sept – Apr) must be greater than 65%. All U of S courses with equivalents in the engineering program will be transferred.

5. How are my transfer credits for outside U of S treated when I transfer to Engineering from another College?

All transfer credit granted by other college will be reviewed on entry to Engineering. Some course credits may not be transferable (see FAQ 2).

6. I'm from another Canadian university – How do I get transfer credit?

For most courses, the U of S will give you credit for an equivalent course, BUT for courses with engineering content the university from which the credit originates must have a CEAB-accredited program for this kind of course-for-course transfer credit to be granted.

7. What is a CEAB-accredited program?

The CEAB is the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. CEAB accredits almost 250 programs at about 40 institutions in Canada. [Here](#) is the list.

8. My Canadian university/college does not have a CEAB-accredited program but offers engineering courses - Can I get transfer credit?

Yes, but you may have to show that the course was taught by a professional engineer licensed in Canada. Some colleges (Mount Royal College in Calgary for example) provide the U of S with this information so courses are accepted automatically with a grade of C (65%) or better.

9. Why does it matter that the instructor is licensed?

The CEAB represents the engineering profession and the profession expects that courses containing engineering science and engineering design are taught by licensed professionals.

10. What about my courses in Accounting, Chemistry, Sociology and English?

Any non-engineering course including physical and life sciences, social sciences, business sciences, arts and humanities can be transferred with no restriction. Engineering programs require courses in all these areas

11. What grade do I need to get transfer credit in Engineering?

For CEAB-accredited institutions course-by-course transfers are accepted for any passing grade. Passing grades for non-engineering courses are also accepted from any university. For colleges a grade of C (65%) or better is generally required.

12. I'm an international student with university-level courses from outside Canada – Can I get transfer credit?

Yes. For non-engineering courses credit will be granted in most cases as if your university was in Canada. Engineering will accept any course equivalents that the U of S accepts. For courses with engineering science or engineering design content there are some restrictions.

13. I'm an international student with university-level engineering courses from outside Canada – Can I get transfer credit?

Maybe, but probably no. The same rules that apply to Canadian institutions that do not have CEAB-accredited engineering programs apply to your university.

14. My international program was accredited by a Washington Accord signatory outside Canada – Can I get transfer credit?

Yes, we will treat your courses as equivalent to those in CEAB-accredited programs (with a few exceptions where Canadian-specific content is necessary).

15. I have an Engineering Technology Diploma from SIAST (or SAIT or NAIT or BCIT or...) – Can I get transfer credit?

Yes, if you completed the program with an overall grade of B (75%) or better.

16. I don't have a grade of B (75%) or greater for my Diploma – Can I get any transfer credit?

No, but you may still be welcomed into an engineering degree program. Your experience will be a valuable asset both to you and your fellow students.

17. I don't have a completed Diploma – Can I get any transfer credit?

No, there is no course-for-course credit granted – but you may still be accepted into an engineering degree program.

18. I qualify! How much transfer will I get for my Engineering Technology Diploma?

It depends on the program you completed and your subsequent experience but you are unlikely to be given credit for more than 5 or 6 courses (or about one-term).

19. If I get transfer credit, with an Engineering Technology Diploma I can complete an Engineering Degree in seven terms (three and a half years)?

No, it will take four years but you will carry a lighter load in each year.

20. Can I transfer into Mechanical or Civil or Electrical or Engineering?

Maybe. Admission to all upper-year programs at U of S is competitive and depends on grades. An average on university-level courses of B or courses equivalent of U of S first-year will get you into any program.

21. I don't have an average of B (75%) or better - Can I transfer into Mechanical or Civil or Electrical or Engineering?

Maybe. If you have an average of C (65%) or better and quota is not full for that program you will be accepted as a transfer student.

The following table is provided as a guide only:

Engineering Discipline	Availability of quota places for transfer students (2007-08)
Agriculture & Bioresource Engineering	Moderate
Chemical Engineering	Low to Moderate
Civil Engineering	Low
Computer Engineering	High
Electrical Engineering	High
Engineering Physics	Moderate
Geological Engineering	Low
Mechanical Engineering	Very Low

The following table summarizes the U of S College of Engineering transfer credit policy:

Minimum requirements for transfer credit	Canadian Accredited Engineering Program	Washington Accord Accredited International Engineering Program	Canadian University (no CEAB-accredited program)	International University (no WA accredited program)	Canadian Feeder College	Canadian Accredited Engineering Technology Diploma
Examples	Alberta Calgary Manitoba Regina	Cambridge Melbourne Penn. State Singapore	Athabasca Lethbridge Trent Winnipeg	Beijing IIT-Delhi Milano Tomsk	Mount Royal Red Deer Grant McEwan Medicine Hat	SIAS SAIT NAIT BCIT
Engineering Courses	50% or Pass	50% or Pass	50% or Pass*	50% or Pass*	65% or C*	75% or B* Block Credit
Non-Engineering Courses	50% or Pass	50% or Pass	50% or Pass	50% or Pass	65% or C	75% or B Block Credit

* Subject to verification that instructor was a professional engineer licensed in Canada or Washington Accord equivalent