

5.2 Academic transfer

KUST permits students from public and private higher education institutions both inside and outside the Kurdistan Region to transfer to KUST according to the regulations given by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. Students who would like to transfer to KUST must check with the Office of Student Affairs for the latest instructions from the Ministry.

5.2.A Transfer Credit Hours

KUST allows transferring credit hours is 30 for courses taken at university requirements only accredited by a regional accrediting association in the United States, or with equivalent recognition in the case of a college or university elsewhere.

KUST operates on the semester system. To convert credit hours transferred in from a quarter-system institution into semester credit hours the number of quarter hours is divided by 1.5.

The transfer of credit requires a grade of at least C or equivalent and a determination that the work is equivalent to that given at KUST in course content and hours. A grade of C- or below is not eligible for transfer credit.

A course that includes a significant writing or speaking component must be taught entirely in English to be eligible for transfer. Credits can be transferred without being applicable toward the student's desired degree. Grades and grade points are not transferable.

Credit will not be given for:

- Courses listed on a transcript when credit was received by examinations such as equivalency, advanced standing or other examinations;
- Courses without a grade or carrying grades but not credit hours;
- Vocational/technical courses; or
- Internships, practicums, or experiential learning.

All official transcripts and documents must be submitted before the completion of the first semester of enrollment.

KUST reserves the right to require the student to request an independent evaluation and/or recommendation regarding the international institution the evaluation must be performed by an agency specified by KUST. If the course equivalency is questionable, credit may also be granted by equivalency examination.

Certification of transfer credit is based on official transcripts bearing the correct seals and authorized signatures from all former institutions. A transcript is considered official only when each issuing institution mails the transcript directly to the KUST admission office. The registrar's office coordinates the process, certifies courses without respect to the major, and provides notice of the official evaluation. The student's academic department completes the application of transfer credit to the degree program.