

Each degree program at Columbia Theological Seminary has its own particular transfer of credit policy. The transfer of credit policy for each of Columbia's six degree programs are listed below:

Master of Divinity Transfer of Credit

Students in good standing in other accredited seminaries may be admitted after transcripts have been evaluated and their applications approved by the Admissions Committee. Such students must secure a letter from their academic dean indicating that they are students in good standing. Students in the MDiv degree program may receive no more than 45 credit hours for work completed at another Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited institution within the past five years. Transfer credit will only be given for courses passed with a grade of B or higher. A student who has completed a Master of Arts (MA) degree from an ATS accredited institution may transfer in up to half of the MA degree toward Columbia's MDiv degree. The determination of whether or not particular courses taken at other institutions receive credit is made by the Office of Academic Affairs, which also determines whether the credits will fulfill either required or elective credit hours. All petitions for transfer credit and advanced standing must be made by the end of the student's first academic year.

Masters of Arts in Practical Theology Transfer Credit

A student may receive no more than 18 credit hours for work completed within the past five years towards an unearned degree at another Association of Theological Schools (ATS) accredited institution. Transfer credit will only be given for courses passed with a grade of B or higher. The determination of whether or not courses taken at other institutions may receive credit is made by the Office of Academic Affairs, which also determines whether the credits will fulfill either required or elective credit hours. All petitions for transfer credit and advanced standing should be made by the end of the student's first academic year.

A student who has completed a Master of Arts (MA) degree from an ATS accredited institution may transfer in up to 18 credit hours or one half of the total credit hours of the degree program (if less than 48 CH) toward Columbia's MAPT degree. A student who has completed an MDiv at Columbia or at another ATS accredited institution, may also apply up to 18 hours toward the MAPT degree. Applied credit will only be given for courses passed with a grade of B or higher. The determination of whether or not courses taken at other institutions may receive credit is made by the Office of Academic Affairs, which also determines whether the credits will fulfill either required or elective credit hours.

Masters of Arts (Theological Studies) Transfer Credit

A student may transfer no more than 15 credit hours in the five fields of the program from work completed before admission. The credit must be earned from regionally accredited or ATS accredited institutions. No transfer credit may be obtained for work done more than 36 months before admission. Transfer credit will only be given for courses passed with a grade of B or higher. The determination of whether courses taken at other institutions may receive credit is made by the Office of Academic Affairs. All petitions for transfer credit and advanced standing must be made by the end of the student's first academic year.

Master of Theology Transfer of Credit

In planning the student's program with her/his adviser or the ThM program director, a student may request the transfer of limited credit for work done prior to entry or at another institution while enrolled in the ThM program at Columbia. Ordinarily, the number of hours of transfer credit will be limited to three semester hours, or the equivalent of one elective course at Columbia. The work must have been done at a comparable graduate level within the last five years. A grade of B or better must have been earned for the course. The student must be able to show that the work is relevant to the ThM program and that the coursework was not credited toward a degree which was received. Final approval regarding transfer of credit resides with the Office of Academic Affairs.

Doctor of Ministry Transfer Credit

With prior approval from the Office of Academic Affairs, a student may receive up to 6 hours of transfer credit from another ATS accredited institution. Each course must be at the advanced degree level and the grade must be at least a B (3.0 on a scale of 4.0). Independent studies and enhanced master's degree courses will not be considered for transfer credit. A course submitted for advanced standing must have been taken no more than five years before entrance into the program. Students may not receive credit for academic work applied toward another degree.

Doctor of Educational Ministry Transfer Credit

With prior approval from the Office of Academic Affairs, a student may receive up to 6 hours of transfer credit from another ATS-accredited institution. Each course must be at the advanced degree level, and the grade must be at least a B (3.0 on a scale of 4.0). Independent studies and enhanced master's degree courses will not be considered for transfer credit. A course submitted for advanced standing must have been taken no

more than five years before entrance into the program. Students may not receive credit for academic work applied toward another degree.