

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

October 20, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kim A. Wilcox, Provost

FROM: Linda Stanford, Assistant Provost

SUBJECT: Transfer Credit Policy Change – Minimum of 2.0
Required for a Course to Transfer to MSU
Effective Fall 2006

In response to your inquiry, I confirm that the transfer policy was changed in Fall 2004 to require higher course grade. This policy change, which will be in effect for those transferring courses in Fall 2006 and thereafter, will only allow courses to transfer in which the student earned a 2.0 or higher grade.

After thoughtful consideration, this change was approved via academic governance and by Provost Simon to align MSU with high-quality institutions in Michigan, and most Big Ten and other peer institutions.

When students understand that at least a 2.0 grade is required, they know that a certain level of competency is necessary as a foundation for their future learning.

The following is the section of the Academic Programs catalog that explains how courses transfer to MSU:

Credits in which grades were earned of any designation less than "C" (2.0), such as C minus (less than 2.0), are *not* acceptable in transfer unless the student has a recalculated cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0 from the transferring institution. Grades that are less than 1.0 are not accepted in transfer to Michigan State University regardless of a student's overall GPA. Effective Fall 2006, a minimum of 2.0 must be earned in each course in order for the credit to be transferred to Michigan State University.

<http://www.reg.msu.edu/read/UCC/Updated/transferadm.pdf>

Some Michigan institutions that always require a 2.0 are: Alma College, Adrian College, and the University of Michigan. Big Ten/CIC institutions that always require a 2.0 are: Indiana University, Pennsylvania State University, University of Illinois at Chicago,



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University of Michigan, Northwestern University, and Purdue University. Other schools in Michigan and in the Big Ten/CIC have individual college requirements of 2.0 or higher. At MSU, we follow one University requirement to allow students the flexibility of changing majors. Differential college requirements for transfer credit may contribute to the extension of time-to-degree. One University requirement does not.

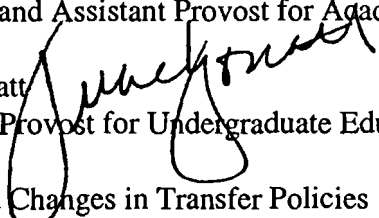
Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

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November 17, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dr. Linda Stanford
Registrar and Assistant Provost for Academic Services

FROM: June Youatt 
Assistant Provost for Undergraduate Education and Dean

RE: Approved Changes in Transfer Policies

This memorandum is to confirm two changes in transfer credit policies, recommended by the University Committee on Academic Policy (UCAP) and approved by Provost Lou Anna K. Simon.

The first change is essentially a clarification of policy and language as a result of UCAP's review of the **Maximum Transfer Credit Acceptance Policy from a Community College**. The policy concerning credit acceptance from a community college was stated in three different ways in three different documents. UCAP recommended and Dr. Simon approved a clarification: The maximum number of transfer credits accepted from a community college is 60 semester (90 quarter) credits.

The second change relates to the required grade earned in a course in order for the course credit to transfer to Michigan State University. The previous policy required a cumulative GPA of 2.0 from the transfer institution in order for course credits to be eligible for transfer. The modified policy requires that a minimum of a 2.0 must be earned in the individual course in order for the credit to be transferred to MSU. Dr. Simon has recommended that this policy take effect Fall, 2006.

Thank you for forwarding this information to the relevant offices in your units.



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