

Reverse Transfer and General Education Guidelines
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We understand the benefits, both for students and for community colleges, of encouraging those who are missing a limited number of courses required for the associate in arts (AA) or the associate in science (AS) degree to transfer equivalent courses from UNC-Chapel Hill back to their community colleges so that they can complete their degrees. We also understand the benefits for the university system and for our state. For all these reasons, we pledge our support for the reverse-transfer initiative.

To support the initiative, as well as to serve and inform students as they plan their education at UNC-Chapel Hill, we developed the following guidelines regarding the use of reverse transfer to complete the University's General Education requirements.

1. Under the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA), any student who transfers to UNC-Chapel Hill from a North Carolina community college **with an AA or AS degree** enters the University with junior standing and satisfies the lower-level requirements for general liberal arts degrees at UNC-Chapel Hill with the exception of foreign language and lifetime fitness.
2. Under the CAA, any student who transfers to UNC-Chapel Hill from a North Carolina community college **without an AA or AS degree** earns transfer credit for individual courses satisfactorily completed.
3. Any student who transfers to UNC-Chapel Hill from a North Carolina community college **who lacks six or fewer credit-hours required for an AA or AS degree and wishes to use the reverse-transfer initiative to earn these hours and satisfy all degree requirements** may subsequently use the AA or AS degree to fulfill all of the University's lower-division, General Education requirements **only** if the student meets the following conditions:
 - The student consults with an academic advisor at his or her North Carolina community college before the first semester of full-time enrollment at UNC-Chapel Hill, whether Fall or Spring, to identify UNC-Chapel Hill courses that will satisfy the remaining requirements for the AA or AS degree;
 - The student meets with his or her UNC-Chapel Hill academic advisor no later than the first day of classes for the first semester of full-time enrollment at UNC-Chapel Hill, whether Fall or Spring, to discuss his or her intent to fulfill the University's General Education requirements through the reverse-transfer initiative;
 - The student completes the six or fewer required hours for the AA or AS within the student's first semester of full-time enrollment at UNC-Chapel Hill, whether Fall or Spring; and
 - The student provides proof from the community college of the AA or AS degree before the beginning of the student's third semester of full-time enrollment at UNC-Chapel Hill, whether Fall or Spring.

If a student meets all of these requirements, then UNC-Chapel Hill will consider the AA or the AS degree to have fulfilled all of the University's lower-division, General Education requirements.

4. Any student who transfers to another college or university from a North Carolina community college without an AA or AS degree and subsequently uses the reverse-transfer initiative to earn the degree before transferring to UNC-Chapel Hill, will have satisfied the CAA and met the University's lower-level division, General Education requirements.