

**UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Request for Change(s)**

Originating unit requesting change

Type of Change requested:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Course number(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Course prerequisite(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program title |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course title | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop course(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Program description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Course description | <input type="checkbox"/> Drop program(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program requirements |

Semester and year change(s) take effect:

Fall 2021

Appropriate computer abbreviation if
course title is more than 30 spaces:

Briefly summarize the change requested:

Remove the University restriction on transfer credit from community colleges.

Programs Only

Current Title: _____

New Title: _____

Current Code: _____ Proposed New Code (list 2): _____ or _____
(ex: INDE-BFA)

Can have second major: ___ Yes ___ No

Current CIP Code: _____

Does the change require a new or change in CIP code? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, what is the proposed CIP code? _____

*for reference, please visit: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/resources.aspx?y=56>

Catalog copy

Present catalog copy (paste-up from catalog is acceptable).

In "The Bachelor's Degree" section under "Course Credit"

Proposed change(s). (Include exact catalog copy as desired. Underline changes)

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~~5. No credit may be transferred from a community college once 54 cumulative semester hours have been earned.~~

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4. Colleges and departments may impose additional restrictions. See the appropriate college and department descriptions.

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1. What is the justification for the change(s) requested?
The intent of this proposal is to give colleges the freedom to accept transfer credit that is educationally and financially in the best interest of their students. The current rule is a significant burden to underrepresented and nontraditional students.

The distinction between 2-year and 4-years schools is becoming blurred. Most schools have dropped “Junior” and “Community” from their name; e.g., Tarrant County [Junior] College and Collin County [Community College]. The Texas Legislature authorized community colleges to offer bachelor degrees under certain conditions.

Over 70% of the transfer credit requests in Science & Engineering are for courses in the major and associated requirements. If we feel that a course provides the required learning outcomes and we accept the transfer credit when a student has completed 30 hours, then we should have the flexibility to accept that credit when a student has completed 60 or 90 or ... hours.
 2. If applicable, explain how the change(s) will affect the current program outcomes and assessment mechanisms.
N/A
 3. **Faculty Resources:** How will the unit provide faculty support for this change and any other impact this change may have on other current departmental listings.
N/A
 4. **Educational Resources:** Will this change require additional resources not currently available (e.g. space, equipment, library, other)? YES
If yes, list additional resources needed. NO
 5. If this change affects other units of the University, include a statement signed by the chairperson(s) of the affected unit(s).
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6. If cross-listed, provide evidence of approval by all curriculum committees appropriate to both the originating and cross-listed units.

Michael Butler

Approval signature of chairperson of originating unit

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