



Intra-UA Course Transfer Request Summary

UA students attempt to transfer over 9,000 courses among UAA, UAF and UAS each fiscal year. Many attempt to transfer multiple courses at the same time. This report investigates the nature of how courses have been transferred by undergraduate students in the University of Alaska system among the three universities.

UA has refined and improved the process for transferring courses in recent years. The volume of course transfer attempts among UA universities nearly doubled between FY10 and FY11 as a result of improvements made to UA information systems automating many portions of the intra-UA course transfer evaluation and acceptance process (Figure No. 1). Not all historical intra-UA course transfer attempts were recorded prior to FY11 rather, data entry effort was focused on transcription of successful transfers. Business practices have been aligned to the extent possible among the three universities, balanced with individual needs of campuses and degree programs.

There is little variation between universities in the high rate of successful course transfer attempts (Table 1.) UAA receives more than half of all course transfers, with 70 percent of transferred courses originally taken at U, the remainder at UAS. UAF receives about 30 percent of course transfers, with 80 percent of courses from UAF and 20 percent from UAS. UAS receives just over 20 percent of annual course transfers from UAA and the remainder from UAF. On the whole, more than 98 percent of annual course transfer attempts among universities are successful with a small number of course sections that do not successfully transfer each year for legitimate reasons. Table 2 provides a breakout of the reasons 143 course sections (1.9 percent of transfer attempts) did not successfully transfer in FY13.

However, from a student's perspective there may be remaining areas of dissatisfaction with the current transfer process. If a specific course has not been evaluated for transfer before, a student may need to provide the syllabus and submit a petition for the course to be applied to degree requirements. Information about the degree requirements successful course transfers are applied to is not readily quantified, for example whether course sections apply to a general education requirement, prerequisite, as a major requirement, or as an elective.

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To: Program University	From: Course University			Total Program University
	UAA	UAF	UAS	
UA Anchorage				
Transfer Attempts		3,983	1,766	5,749
Successful		3,964	1,760	5,724
Unsuccessful		19	6	25
Acceptance Rate		99.5%	99.7%	99.6%
UA Fairbanks				
Transfer Attempts	2,268		590	2,858
Successful	2,196		589	2,785
Unsuccessful	72		1	73
Acceptance Rate	96.8%		99.8%	97.4%
UA Southeast				
Transfer Attempts	1,512	767		2,279
Successful	1,474	760		2,234
Unsuccessful	38	7		45
Acceptance Rate	97.5%	99.1%		98.0%
UA System				
Transfer Attempts	3,780	4,750	2,356	10,886
Successful	3,670	4,724	2,349	10,743
Unsuccessful	110	26	7	143
Acceptance Rate	97.1%	99.5%	99.7%	98.7%

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Total Courses Not Transferred	143	100.0%
Lab type courses delivered in 2 sections at course university where student granted full credit under equivalent single course at receiving university (e.g. two 3+1 credit lab science course sections -->one 4 credit lab science course)	116	81.1%
Student took same course multiple times and record with highest grade transferred	12	8.4%
With a course grade of D- to C-	7	4.9%
With a course grade of C or higher that later transferred in FY14	4	2.8%
Course did not transfer because content outdated (e.g. 20 year old keyboarding course)	4	2.8%