

ORIENTATION PROGRAM FOR NEW STUDENTS

All undergraduate students entering the University for the first time are required to take part in a series of orientation activities, which are conducted prior to the opening of their semester of residence. Orientation programs are planned for each of the two semesters on specific dates prior to registration.

All entering freshmen and transfer students with fewer than 30 earned credits may be required to enroll in Sociology 211, a one-credit orientation course.

Entering students should contact the General University Academic Center (GUAC), Texas Southern University, 3100 Cleburne, Houston, Texas 77004, (713)-313-7955.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer of credit from another institution to Texas Southern University involves consideration of accreditation, comparability of course work, and applicability of that course work to a degree program at the University. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is responsible for reviewing each course taken at another college or university and making an initial determination of transferability. Colleges and universities from which credits are to be transferred must have been granted membership or candidacy status in a regional accrediting association of the Association of Colleges and Schools, which does NOT include accrediting commissions for vocational or occupational training.

No more than sixty-six (66) credit hours from junior and community college may be transferred to Texas Southern University. Courses with an earned grade below C are not transferable. Transfer credit hours will not be granted for college/university courses omitted on the evaluation request, and may also be bound by policies set by the University's individual schools and colleges.

All academic courses except developmental courses, whether passed, failed, or repeated, including those in which the student earned a grade below C, are used to compute the applicant's grade point average for admission purposes.

In order for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions to make a decision about the transferability of a course, the transfer student may need to provide materials such as school catalogs/bulletins, course descriptions, course outlines, class assignments, or textbooks to assure proper evaluation. The final determination of the applicability of credit transferred toward a degree sought at Texas Southern University is made by the chair and dean of the student's major department in conjunction with the Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

Courses accepted for transfer credit must be from a college or university accredited by one of the regional agencies for higher education and must be similar in character and content to courses offered at Texas Southern University.

Junior and community college courses may only transfer as lower-division (freshman or sophomore) credit. Undergraduate courses from senior colleges transfer at the same level, lower- or upper-division, as they were taken. Graduate-level coursework is not transferable as undergraduate credit.

In the transfer of core curriculum credits and field of study curricula credits from other public institutions of higher education in Texas to Texas Southern University, the University is subject to Texas Education Code Chapter 5, Subchapter S, Sections 5.390 to 5.393 and 5.400 to 5.405. These sections specifically address the resolution of transfer disputes for lower-division courses between two public institutions of higher education in Texas and **are quoted directly as follows:**

- a. The following procedures shall be followed by public institutions of higher education in the resolution of credit transfer disputes involving lower-division courses:
 1. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a student at another institution of higher education, the receiving institution shall give written notice to the student and to the sending institution that transfer of the course credit is denied. A receiving institution shall also provide written notice of the reasons for denying credit for a particular course or set of courses at the request of the sending institution.
 2. A student who receives notice as specified in (1) may dispute the denial of credit by contacting a designated official at either the sending or the receiving institution.
 3. The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the course credit in accordance with