

INDIANA UNIVERSITY FACULTY COUNCIL
Resolution On Transfer Credit From an Associate's College Applied to an Indiana University Baccalaureate Degree

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Resolution

- Whereas the faculty of Indiana University have principal responsibility for the integrity of the baccalaureate degrees that they confer, and
- Whereas two-year Associate's Colleges,* Baccalaureate Colleges,* and four-year Doctorate-granting Universities* have distinct missions within our educational system, and
- Whereas students who intend to transfer to pursue a baccalaureate degree at Indiana University should be encouraged to matriculate at Indiana University once they have completed work on an Associate Degree, and
- Whereas Indiana University lacks a clear and consistent policy on transfer of credit from two-year Associate's Colleges
- Be it resolved that, other than in exceptional cases, no more than 64 semester credit hours earned from Associate's Colleges may be applied to an Indiana University baccalaureate degree.

Implementation Guidelines

- 1) This policy will become effective upon formal adoption of this resolution.
- 2) Existing articulation agreements will be honored for any student who has already transferred to Indiana University or who is enrolled in an articulated associate's degree program.
- 3) The 64-credit hour limit will be the maximum that can be applied from an Associate's College to baccalaureate degree granted by Indiana University, system-wide. Individual schools or campuses can choose to further limit the number of applied credits from an Associate's College. Additional credit hours may be transferred in, but a maximum of 64 hours can be applied to a degree.
- 4) For the purposes of applying credits beyond the 64 in this resolution, Vincennes University will be considered an Associate's College except in the areas for which it has accredited baccalaureate degrees.
- 5) Exceptions will be made for articulated associate's degree programs that require more than 64 credit hours for a graduate to sit a professional licensing exam, for professional certification, or to satisfy the requirements of accrediting organizations. Some examples are the Nursing A.S.N, Respiratory Therapy AS and the Dental Hygiene AS.
- 6) Existing articulation agreements with Associate's Colleges that apply more than 64 credit hours to an Indiana University baccalaureate degree must be reviewed by the original parties to the agreement and brought into compliance with this policy by Fall Semester 2010.
- 7) All future articulation agreements with Associate's Colleges must comply with this policy.
- 8) All exceptions to the limit of 64-credit hours must be granted by the chief academic officer of each campus.
- 9) If, upon review, a dispute among the original parties exists on the question of whether a continued exception is warranted or not, the chief academic officer of each campus, or the President in the case of a system-level agreement, has authority to arbitrate the dispute.

***Definitions from Carnegie Classifications: Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching**
(<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/classifications/index.asp?key=798>):

Associate's College: Includes institutions where the highest degree conferred is at the associate's degree or, or where bachelor's degrees account for less than 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees. (Also known as community colleges, junior colleges).

Baccalaureate Colleges, Master's Colleges, or Universities/Doctoral-granting Universities:
Institutions are included in these categories if bachelor's degrees accounted for at least 10 percent of all undergraduate degrees, and may also include specific numbers of Master's level or PhD level students.

All IU campuses meet or exceed the Carnegie Classification of "Baccalaureate Colleges".