

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE

FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

**APC Document 22: Transfer Credit Policy revision (Elimination of the 10-year old credit rule)**

**Effective Date: Fall 2024**

**1. Delete:** On page 37, the third paragraph under **Acceptance of Transfer Credit:**

For credits earned more than 10 years prior to admission, up to 60 hours may be applied to general education and non-major electives. Students who completed major-applicable courses more than 10 years prior to admission will need to petition the Chair of the major department for transfer credit consideration. No more than one-half of major course requirements may be transferred.

**Impact:** This document eliminates a barrier for transfer students coming to UNC Asheville with college credit earned 10 or more years ago. This will improve the transfer credit articulation process for both the applicants and the Registrar's staff. This addition ([SD1415F](#)) to the transfer credit policy was added in 2016-2017, so removing it returns us to the prior, long-standing policy where the age of the credit earned did not artificially limit the amount of credit earned.

**Rationale:** The "10-year-old credit" rule was added to the catalog after one specific student situation prompted the request for a policy change by a department chair. While the policy change seemed reasonable at the time, in the years since implementing it, we have found it is not needed. There have been no denials for the articulation of credit towards a major. It causes an unnecessary obstacle in the process and it significantly slows down the articulation process.

By eliminating this aspect of the transfer credit policy, we better align with other UNC campuses. None of the campuses that responded to our query of whether they limit transfer credits based on the age of a class have a similar policy. As transfer recruitment becomes more challenging at both the state and national level, we would like to remove this barrier and limitation for older transfer credits.