

Title: Transfer Credit and Graduation Honors

Presently in R and P:

3.11.1 Graduation Honors

For the purposes of graduation honors calculations, courses taken more than once at Lehigh will only have the most recent grade used in the calculation. Students must meet the regular residency requirement (90 credits of graded coursework, excluding pass/fail) to be considered. Courses taken under the cross registration policy of the LVAIC, or in programs approved for both credit and grade transfer will be used. Courses taken under the auspices of Lehigh Abroad will not be used. except as indicated in the following paragraph.

Students who spend part of their career at another institution, or are transfer admits to degree programs and have fewer than ninety hours of in residency courses, may qualify for graduation honors under the following conditions:

The student must have at least sixty credit hours of regularly graded (not pass/fail) courses that meet Lehigh's residency requirement. The graduation honors category is determined by the lower of the two averages computed as follows: (1) the average of grades received at Lehigh; (2) the average of grades received at Lehigh, grades received in courses taken elsewhere for a regular grade and appropriate to be considered for transfer to Lehigh (i.e., those actually transferred and those that did not transfer because the grade was too low, too old, etc., to be accepted for transfer), and any grades received for courses taken under the auspices of Lehigh Abroad.

Suggested change:

3.11.1 Undergraduate Graduation Honors

For the purposes of graduation honors calculations, courses taken more than once at Lehigh will only have the most recent grade used in the calculation. Students must meet the regular residency requirement (90 credits of graded coursework, excluding pass/fail) to be considered. Transfer Credits do not count toward GPA and hence are not included when considering Graduation Honors.

Students who spend part of their career at another institution, or are transfer admits to degree programs and have fewer than ninety hours of in residency courses, may qualify for graduation honors under the following condition:

The student must have at least sixty credit hours of regularly graded (not pass/fail) courses that meet Lehigh's residency requirement.

Rationale:

The issue was raised that this paragraph does not apply to graduate students, hence the committee suggested adding "Undergraduate" to the section title.

The changes in the rest of the section reflect current practice and those which have been in place for at least the past 20 years.

Decision:

This new version was approved unanimously by the Educational Policy Committee.