

How Gratz College Credits Earned in High School Benefit the Application Process:

What we know for sure is that students who earn Gratz College credits while in high school have more impressive college applications than those who do not. It is always beneficial for college applicants to be able to demonstrate that they are already able to do college level work. The fact that the students managed to do academic work above and beyond what they needed to for high school is attractive to colleges. When you elect to earn college credits for your work in a program Gratz offers for high school students, Gratz sends an actual college transcript to the colleges to which you are applying, which obviously augments the entire application.

Why We Can't Guarantee You Will Be Able To Transfer in Your College Credits:

Unfortunately, Gratz cannot give any kind of blanket answers about transferring credits to other colleges and universities. This is because every college and university decides whether to accept transfer credits from any other college in different ways. It is also because they specifically factor in the students' intended course of study. You can always read the credit transfer policy on an institution's website if you have an idea of where your student might be interested in applying. Gratz maintains a list of some of the schools where our alumni have indicated that Gratz College credits they earned while in high school have been accepted as transfer credits, but it is by no means exhaustive and we know that colleges and universities can always change their transfer policies. If you are in high school and considering applying to earn Gratz College credits, we recommend you contact the admissions department of the colleges and universities you are interested in to learn what their current transfer credit policies are.

How Colleges and Universities Typically Make Decisions About Allowing Students to Transfer in College Credits Earned at Other Institutions:

Colleges and universities first determine whether the college credits were earned at an accredited institution, which of course Gratz is. They then consider whether they offer courses similar in scope. If this is the case, they also have to decide whether the course could be accepted to fulfill 1) a core curricular requirement (also called a general education requirement), 2) an elective, or 3) a degree requirement. Colleges and universities are generally unlikely to accept transfer credits in lieu of degree requirements.

How Beneficial Transferring in Gratz College Credits Can Be:

Having accrued college credits already can create meaningful advantages in terms of room selection and it allows for priority registration. In some cases, students even earn the ability to graduate sooner, which is an incredible financial savings. More often, transferring in Gratz college credits makes it possible for students to take more classes that they really wish to take.

College is such an expensive proposition today that allowing your student to earn college credits in high school ensures that your student is positioned to have every possible advantage entering college and having as rewarding an experience as possible.