Dyson Transfer Credit

Up to 60 credits may be transferred from other accredited colleges or universities toward your Cornell degree. If more than 60 non-Cornell credits have been completed, the Dyson Registrar will work with the student to determine which credits best fulfill Dyson and CALS graduation requirements. Admitted transfer students will receive an official transfer credit evaluation 2-4 weeks after admission.

Note: Cornell SC Johnson College of Business, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Cornell University reserve the right to determine, in their sole discretion, whether course credit earned at other schools, either secondary or post-secondary, meet the Colleges’ and the University’s academic standards and will therefore be eligible to be applied toward Cornell degree requirements. Applicants and matriculated students should not assume that, because a particular course taken at another school is listed as a recommended course, a foundational course, or that it meets admissions requirements; it would necessarily be eligible for Cornell credit.

Transfer credits are evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The following are guidelines to give you an idea of what quarter system credits, non-Cornell credits, AP/IB credits (link to chart), and college credits earned in high school may transfer to the Dyson School.

Quarter System Credits

Quarter system credits are awarded in the Dyson/CALS semester system by calculating .67 credits per each credit of study at an institution on the quarter system. A 3-credit quarter system course therefore will be awarded 2 credits.

Non-Cornell Credit

Non-Cornell credits include:
- advanced placement credit; (link to AP/IB credit chart)
- credit earned at an accredited college or university;
- credit earned through Ithaca College and Wells College Exchange Programs;
- credit earned through Cornell Abroad (limited to 15 credits per semester, not including CALS Exchange)

Non-Cornell credit is accepted when:
- the credits do not duplicate course work already completed at Cornell;
- the credits have not been applied toward high school graduation requirements (Please note, a student earns credit in high school for successfully completing the AP class. If the student would like to earn credit in higher education they are required to take the
AP exam administered by the College Board. If the student receives a sufficient score on their AP exam as approved by the respective department, the score on the AP exam will award the student credit/exemption out of a course.

- the grade earned is “C” or better; and
- an official transcript is sent directly to the Dyson Office of Student Services from the college/university where the credits were completed.

Non-Cornell credits are recorded on a student’s degree progress, however, non-Cornell credits are not reflected on a student’s official transcript nor do the grades received factor into the students Cornell GPA.

College Credit Earned in High School

If you completed college courses while in high school, documentation is required to confirm that the courses meet the transfer credit criteria set forth by both the college and the university. When applying for such credits, students should submit both a high school and college verification form after matriculation. Please contact the Dyson Office of Student Services for the form(s). The high school form confirms that the course work was not applied toward high school graduation requirements. The college verification form confirms that the course/section completed by the student was open to everyone enrolled at the college (not just a specific section designated for high school students).

Cornell University does not accept credit for courses sponsored by colleges but taught in high schools to high school students, even if the college provides a transcript of such work. Dyson also does not accept College Now, Bard early college, SUPA or University in the high school credits.