

How to Read Your Transfer Evaluation Report

What is the Transfer Evaluation Report?

The Transfer Evaluation Report (TER) is a comprehensive report of how your college work will transfer to SMU. The TER includes the transfer G.P.A. and a detailed list of every course you enrolled in at other universities or colleges. The list shows which courses have been approved for SMU credit, and also the reasons why other courses were deemed non-transferable.

How does SMU determine which courses transfer?

Official college transcripts are required for all college-level work attempted before you enter SMU, regardless of whether or not those courses are approved for transfer credit. SMU accepts most college-level academic credits earned with grades of "C-" or better. The courses must be from a regionally accredited institution, acceptable in content, and comply with all other SMU transfer policies.

Transferable courses are used to determine your Transferable G.P.A., which is then reviewed by counselors for admission to SMU and for transfer student scholarship consideration. The Transfer G.P.A. is based on all transferable coursework, which includes repeated courses, courses in which grades of "F," "D" and "I" (Incomplete) were received, and coursework attempted in another college's conditional or probationary program.

College-level courses taken at another institution, but not offered at SMU, may receive generic course numbers or free-elective transfer credit. These courses must have been completed with a grade of "C-" or better at regionally accredited colleges or universities that meet SMU standards. Courses in this category include number designations ending in "XX", "YY", "U1", "U2", etc.

Why are courses not approved for transfer credit?

If a course is determined to be non-transferable, a code corresponding to the reason for that determination is noted on the right side of the report. Explanations of those codes are listed in the table below.

Non-Transferable Code on Transfer Evaluation Report	Code Descriptions
NTCN	Course does not meet SMU standards for content
NTPL	Course does not satisfy SMU academic policies
NTXX	Further information is needed to evaluate the course
NTVO	Course is vocational or technical
NTRE	Course is below college level or remedial (e.g., Developmental English, math, and reading courses; ESL courses)
NTGR	Course completed with a grade below a "C-", a Withdrawal, or a course in progress (IP) (Note: Although the course is non-transferable, a grade below C- will be calculated into the all-college G.P.A. and will affect admission eligibility)