

Postgraduate Regulations Governing Credit and Graduation Requirements

(Extract from Postgraduate Regulations)

Notes:

1. Course code, course title and vectors of individual courses are subject to changes. Students should refer to their unofficial transcripts for the details of courses they have taken, or the online Course Catalog for the up-to-date course information.
2. For details of academic regulations governing postgraduate studies, please visit:
<http://publish.ust.hk/acadreg/pgreg/index.html>.

Applicable to All Postgraduate Programs:

1. A course with a grade lower than C shall not be credited toward a program although it will be reflected in the student's record. Only two courses (excluding audited courses) in a postgraduate program may be retaken, and each may be repeated only once. The new grade obtained at the second attempt will replace the previous grade in the calculation of the grade point averages.
2. Credits earned at the undergraduate level can only be used for credit transfer purpose if the credits had not been used to earn another academic qualification, and that the course must be at 4000-level or above.
3. Transfer credits cannot be granted in recognition of non-coursework experience or research work completed either at the University or at other institutions.
4. Credits for transfer must be at grade 'B' or above.
5. Transfer credits granted will not be included in the calculation of grade point averages, but the courses approved for credit transfer will be reflected on students' transcripts.
6. At graduation, a graduation grade average (GGA) will be calculated from the courses that are presented for an academic award. The GGA for graduation for all postgraduate programs must at least be 2.850. If a student has taken more courses than required by the degree, the department may recommend the Academic Records and Registration (ARR), Academic Registry certain courses included in the calculation of the CGA be excluded from the GGA calculation to improve their GGA. Otherwise, all courses taken will be included.

Applicable to Research Postgraduate Programs Only:

1. For students on research degree programs, unless restricted by program regulations, a maximum of six credits of approved undergraduate courses at 4000-level may be used for postgraduate credit. Of the six credits, no more than three may be from the student's major department.

Applicable to Taught Postgraduate Programs Only:

1. No more than half of the required coursework may be granted transfer credits.
2. Credits previously used to satisfy the requirements of other academic qualifications may not be transferred.
3. Subject to the approval of the major department, credits earned from a postgraduate diploma of the University may be transferred to its articulated graduate diploma or master's degree program.
4. For students on taught master's programs requiring 30 credits or above, unless restricted by program regulations, a maximum of nine credits of approved undergraduate courses at 4000-level may be used for postgraduate credit. Of the nine credits, no more than six may be from the student's major department. For programs requiring fewer than 30 credits, a maximum of six credits of approved undergraduate courses at 4000-level may be used for postgraduate credit. Of the six credits, no more than three may be from the student's major department.
5. For students on graduate diploma programs, unless restricted by program regulations, a maximum of three credits of approved undergraduate courses at 4000-level may be used for postgraduate credit. Students on professional diploma programs are not allowed to use any undergraduate courses for postgraduate credit.