

Mass Transfer Policy

Effective for incoming Community College Students in Fall 2009

The Board of Higher Education will be implementing a new statewide transfer policy: *MassTransfer*. *MassTransfer* seeks to provide a broad population of students with straightforward and understandable options toward the completion of associate and baccalaureate degrees, clearing the way for student access and student success in Massachusetts' public higher education system.

1. To provide community college students who complete designated **associate degrees under *MassTransfer*** with the benefits of the full transfer and applicability of credit, guaranteed admission, and a tuition discount (each benefit based on the student's final grade point average) to linked baccalaureate programs; and
2. To provide any student in the Massachusetts public higher education system the intermediate goal of completing a portable transfer block ("***MassTransfer Block***") which satisfies general education/distribution/core requirements across institutions (with the receiving institution able to add no more than six additional credits/two courses).

MassTransfer Block

English Composition/Writing	6 credit hours
Behavioral and/or Social Sciences	9 credit hours
Humanities and/or Fine Arts	9 credit hours
Natural or Physical Science	7 credit hours
Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	3 credit hours
Total_____	34 credit hours

3. *MassTransfer* integrates and replaces the Commonwealth Transfer Compact, Joint Admissions, and the Tuition Advantage Program.
4. The *MassTransfer* policy for community college students who complete designated associate degrees will apply to students who matriculate in or after fall 2009 at a Massachusetts community college.
5. Community college students who matriculated prior to fall 2009 and who participate in the Commonwealth Transfer Compact and/or Joint Admissions Program will be required to complete their associate degrees by August 2013 and must matriculate at a Massachusetts state college or University of Massachusetts campus by fall 2014.
6. The *MassTransfer* policy for any student in the Massachusetts public higher education system who completes the *MassTransfer* Block will apply beginning fall 2010, regardless of initial date of enrollment.