

**UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY**  
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Introduced by: Undergraduate Academic Council

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**REVISION AND CLARIFICATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT POLICIES REGARDING  
UNDERGRADUATE ACADEMIC WORK COMPLETED AT MILITARY INSTITUTIONS**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

1. That the attached proposal revising the transferability of credit for work at military or military-affiliated institutions be approved by the University Senate.
- 2.. That upon approval by the President these revisions apply immediately to currently enrolled and future undergraduates.
- 3.. That this proposal be forwarded to the President for approval.

## **Proposal:**

Courses taken at military or military-affiliated post-secondary institutions that are not accredited shall be evaluated for consideration as transfer credit on a course-by-course basis based on course equivalencies provided by the American Council on Education.

## **Rationale:**

In 1986, the University approved the following policy on "Transfer Credit for Military Courses/Experiences":

Except for DANTES college level courses and ROTC junior and senior level courses completed at accredited institutions, the University does not award college level credit for military experience, military courses, or military training. This includes basic and recruit training for both enlisted and officer personnel, summer reserve officer training programs and all military technical courses listed in Volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services. Where appropriate, students are encouraged to seek college level credit for these experiences through the standard testing programs recognized by the University (CLEP, CPE, DANTES). (UAC, 4/18/86)

Since that time, the University affords credit-bearing ROTC courses within Public Administration and has revised its definitions regarding transfer credit, including the following policy concerning ROTC:

Students may apply toward their undergraduate degree requirements up to a maximum of twelve credits for ROTC courses completed successfully at the University at Albany and/or from other accredited institutions. All ROTC credit is designated "non-liberal arts and sciences." (University Senate, 5/3/04)

While the intent of these policies clearly was to cap the number of ROTC credits applicable toward an Albany degree to 12 and clearly was *not* to discriminate against other credits acquired by transfer students at institutions that happen to have some military affiliation, it has been reported to UAC that there has been some confusion in the interpretation and application of the 1986 policy.

In the intervening two decades, the American Council on Education began its yearly publication of *Accredited Institutions of Post-Secondary Education*, which recognizes the institutions in question and recommends where and how successfully completed credits be considered transferable by Middle States institutions.

This is the same basis used by Undergraduate Admissions in the consideration of credit from other institutions that are not accredited. In all cases, as the proposed policy stipulates, the transfer of ACE recommendations for equivalencies will be considered on a "course-by-course" basis, maintaining any limits or restrictions established by other University policies.