

Mostly Online Master's Degree Program Transferring Credits

45 of the required 60 credit hours for the M.A. are offered online. Another 15 graduate credits must be earned at OSU or transferred from another institution. The following conditions must be met in order to transfer graduate credits to OSU:

1. The student must earn at least a "B" or satisfactory in each course for which credit is to be transferred.
2. The courses must be taken at an accredited university.
3. The courses must be offered at the Graduate level. Some universities offer "professional" or "post-baccalaureate" courses. In many cases, these are not identical to Graduate level courses and will not transfer.

There are four ways to earn the 15 credit hours:

- 1. Take the course credits at OSU while you are enrolled as a student in the Mostly Online program.**
Each summer, the Department of Art Education offers one-week intensive courses. These are usually 5 credit hours per course, and are scheduled around the weeks that the online students are on campus. Students are in class all day during the week and complete the remainder of their assignments at home.
- 2. Take the course credits at OSU as a Graduate Non-Degree (GND) student.**
If you have taken courses at OSU as a GND student in the past, up to 10 credit hours can be transferred into the degree program. Courses are evaluated by the director of the online program.
- 3. Transfer previously earned course credits from another university.**
When new students in the MA Online program come to campus in the summer, they meet individually with a faculty advisor who will evaluate their official transcripts. The advisor will determine which credits the department will accept. The student may have to provide a syllabus. The department will submit the credits to the Graduate School for approval. The Graduate School is the final authority for transfer credits. If the credits are approved, they will appear on the student's official OSU transcript as "K" (transfer) credit. Transfer credits do not count in the student's graduate cumulative point-hour ratio (i.e. GPA), but will count in the student's total earned hours.
- 4. Take course credits at another university while enrolled in the online program.**
Courses must be pre-approved by the director of the online program. The student will need to provide an official description of the course. A syllabus may also be required. **After taking the course, request that the institution send two (2) transcripts showing the final grade of the course directly to the Department of Art Education.** The Graduate School is the final authority for transfer credits. If the credits are approved, they will appear on the student's official OSU transcript as "K" (transfer) credit. Transfer credits do not count in the student's graduate cumulative point-hour ratio (i.e. GPA), but will count in the student's total earned hours.

Note! It can take up to 2-3 weeks to process transfer credit. Therefore, all transfer credit should be resolved before the final quarter of study. Submitting transcripts or taking courses during the final quarter can delay graduation until the following quarter.