

What is accreditation?

Accreditation is a process for reviewing and assuring the quality and improvement of programs in higher education. This external review of collegiate programs is typically carried out by private, non-profit organizations designed for this purpose. Federal and state governments consider accreditation as a reliable authority for assuring the quality of collegiate programs for determining the administration of federal or state funds to the colleges and universities or through the provision of federal or state financial aid to the student.

Regional accreditors accredit public and private degree-granting, two- and four-year colleges and universities. The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), a national advocate and institutional voice for promoting academic quality through accreditation, recognizes that the standards and processes of the following regional accrediting organizations and the national faith-related accrediting organization are consistent with the academic quality, improvement and accountability expectations that CHEA has established.

Regional Accrediting Organizations:

- Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC-WASC) Western Association of Schools and Colleges
- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE)
- New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (NEASC-CIHE)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

Is my transfer institution regionally accredited?

To locate regionally accredited colleges and universities: <http://www.chea.org/default.asp>.

Southern Wesleyan University Transfer Course Standards

Transfer credit is generally accepted from regionally accredited colleges and universities and from postsecondary higher education institutions that are accredited by the US Department of Education, provided such transfer courses meet the degree requirements at Southern Wesleyan University as well as transfer-quality accreditation standards. Courses that are identified by the institution as intended for transfer must demonstrate comparable course content and learning outcomes, and the nature, content, and level of the learning experience and its appropriateness must be applicable to the programs offered by SWU.

No credit will be given for which the grade earned is less than a "C-" for undergraduate courses or less than a grade of "B" for graduate courses. The undergraduate and graduate transfer policies are available in the Undergraduate Bulletin and Graduate Bulletin respectively.

Transfer course appeals may be directed in writing to the Office of Academic Records. Appeal decisions are made in consultation with the academic department and the dean of the course.