

Credit from Foreign Institutions

Students who have completed courses from an accredited university in a foreign country may be able to apply the course credits toward an associate degree at Imperial Valley College. To have a foreign transcript evaluated, students should contact an evaluation agency and request a detailed equivalency report that includes course title, semester unit's equivalency, and letter grade student earned. Course descriptions provided by approved credential evaluation agency are required for any courses needed for major requirements. Information regarding recommended evaluation service companies is available in the Counseling Center and the Admissions and Records Office.

To be considered for possible transfer credit students must complete the following steps:

1. Meet with a Counselor to review the documentation from the evaluation service. The Counselor will make an initial determination regarding whether any of the courses completed may apply to degree requirements at IVC.
2. If the Counselor determines one or more of the courses might apply to a degree at IVC, complete a Student Petition requesting the Department Chair of each academic department involved evaluate the request. The Counselor will assist in the completion of the petition form and referral to the appropriate Department Chairperson(s) and Dean.
3. Discuss the request for transfer credit with the Department Chair(s). He/she will sign the petition form indicating whether he/she agrees or disagrees with the request. The request is then forwarded to the Dean of that area.
4. If the Dean agrees with the request that credit be granted, the student is to submit the petition, transcript and evaluation from the evaluation service to the Admissions and Records Office for the final, official evaluation.

Courses completed at foreign institutions will NOT satisfy general education certification requirements for English Composition, U.S. History/Government and transfer GE requirements to either of the California university systems, except to validate the foreign language portion of the certification for the University of California.

Foreign Transcripts

Imperial Valley College does not evaluate foreign transcripts. A student may request the foreign transcript be evaluated by:

International Education Evaluations (IEE)
7900 Mathews-Mint Hill Rd.
Building 1, Suite A
Charlotte, NC 28227
(704) 772-0109
<https://myiee.org/university/imperial-valley-college>

International Education Research Foundation, Inc. Credentials Evaluation Service (IERF)
P.O. Box 3665
Culver City, CA 90231-3665
(310) 258-9451
info@ierf.org
www.ierf.org

Foreign Credential Services of America (FCSA)
1910 Justin Lane
Austin, TX 78757
(512) 459-8428
info@foreigncredentials.org
<https://foreigncredentials.org/>

Academic Credentials Evaluation Institute, Inc. (ACEI)
P.O. Box 6908
Beverly Hills, CA 90212
(310) 275-3530
acei@acei-global.org
<https://acei-global.org/>

By student petition, Imperial Valley College may accept lower division course work recommended by one of the above institutions when appropriate for associate degree consideration.