

Transfer Guide for Career and Technical Credits from Regionally Accredited Institutions Transferring to University of Colorado Denver – Criminal Justice Major

MAJOR RELATED CAREER AND TECHNICAL CREDIT TRANSFER

This is an institution-specific transfer guide covering credits from regionally accredited institutions and the Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice at CU Denver. Students desiring to pursue other majors will not receive the exceptions below.

GUARANTEES & LIMITATIONS

1. The university of Colorado Denver has a policy regarding career and technical credits (CTE), stated as follows:

Developmental, remedial, religious doctrinal, religious training, single religion, outdoor leadership, and student orientation courses are not accepted in transfer. Prior learning credit through vocational/technical courses, internship, cooperative education, life experience, and work experience are not accepted in initial transfer, but exceptions may be granted by the dean responsible for the student's curriculum. Independent study, special topics, seminars, and experiential learning programs that lack catalog descriptions are not accepted in initial transfer but may be reviewed for transfer consideration by the corresponding academic department. Students wishing to appeal transfer credit decisions should contact their school or college advising office and be prepared to provide a syllabus for the course they are appealing. Except for developmental/remedial courses, academic departments make final decisions on transfer credit appeals.

Program pathways and/or courses identified in transfer agreements between CU Denver and any internal/external partnerships in an academic or programmatic memorandum of understanding will be honored in both the content and program eligibility by which both parties agreed, upon a student's initial transfer. Students who transfer into other CU Denver programs are subject to the additional transfer policies of their receiving school or college, which may result in changes to applicability of credit.

2. The School of Public Affairs would like to utilize the exception portion of this policy, “exceptions may be granted by the dean responsible for the student's curriculum,” Under the following conditions only:
 - a. Only CTE credits related to the public service field will be applied to the Criminal Justice BA program
 - i. LEA (Police Academy Credits)
 - ii. EMS (Emergency Medical Career Credits)
 - iii. FST (Fire Career Credits)
 - b. Credits apply to the general elective category
 - c. CTE credits will only be accepted from regionally accredited institutions, such as our Colorado Community College system but not limited to the Colorado Community College system
 - d. A maximum of 30 credits can be accepted in total, and if the student's general electives category is already full of other transfer credits, these courses cannot be applied elsewhere in the degree

CONTACT INFORMATION

All students using this Transfer Guide are highly encouraged to contact the CU Denver School of Public Affairs Academic Advising Office:

1. School of Public Affairs (SPA) Academic Advising SPA.advising@ucdenver.edu
Website: <https://publicaffairs.ucdenver.edu/>

1. CU Denver Office of Admissions – admission application, guaranteed admission, admission requirements
Website: <https://www.ucdenver.edu/undergraduate-admissions>

For additional information on CCHE transfer policies and gtPathways guaranteed transfer of general education credit, visit <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Transfers/Students.html>

To file a transfer-related complaint with the Colorado Department of Higher Education, visit: <http://highered.colorado.gov/Academics/Complaints/default.html>

This Agreement will go into effect September 2025 and will remain in force for 5 years or until such time as the curriculum of the degree program changes or a participating institution requests reconsideration of the terms of the Agreement.

Dated: September, 2025

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