

Undergraduate Certificates Policy Proposal

1. Certificate study leading to degree program credit:
 - The same credits earned for certificate programs may be later applied to a degree program subject to program rules and conditions. This allows for certificate study to 'stack' and count towards degree program completion. This is a pathway to degree completion and is distinct from certificates sought while already enrolled and pursuing a degree program. There is no or very little course credit sharing between certificate programs, please see specific program rules.

2. Degree program credits later applied to certificate program credit:
 - The same credits earned for a degree program may be applied to a certificate program in the same discipline, provided that the application for the certificate is made before the final semester of study for the degree program. There is a limit of one concurrent certificate per student in a degree program unless that program has authorized such certificate stacking. The application to earn a certificate must be submitted before the last semester of the degree.
 - If multiple certificates are requested, courses (course credits) can only be shared between two credentials (1 certificate and 1-degree program), unless otherwise stated for a specific program of study. Such an application may not be made retroactively, it must occur prior to the last semester of study. Please see the Admissions Office for any application deadlines for a specific certificate.

3. Degree program credit applied to certificates outside of the original area of study
 - Students enrolled in a degree program may apply a max of 9 credits ('adviser level discretion') towards a certificate that does not have a formal pairing, such as stackable credentials or degree-certificate linked study.