Information Regarding Transfer Credit

Full details of the UNSW transfer credit rules, on which CSE credit transfer rules are based, can be found on the UNSW Student website: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/credit-transfer](https://student.unsw.edu.au/credit-transfer)

In addition to the UNSW requirements, additional program level restrictions are in place for CSE postgraduate programs. These rules are designed to ensure that students graduate with an equivalent level of knowledge, despite entering the program via a variety of backgrounds and mechanisms.

It is therefore only possible to receive transfer credit for specific foundation level courses which make up the majority of core prerequisite material in the program, and elective courses which have not been used for credit in another postgraduate degree.

At least 50% of the program requirements must be completed at UNSW for the award of a UNSW postgraduate coursework degree or diploma.

Transfer credit options:

As applied to the GradDip (5543) and MIT (8543) program in CSE, the transfer credit policy only allows for credit under two possible circumstances:

1) Foundation level pre-requisite courses: eight courses in the GradDip and MIT programs are made up of topics which are considered to be foundation courses, similar in content to core or important undergraduate courses. Seven of these topics form the majority of the prerequisite material for higher level electives in the program. These courses are: COMP9020, COMP9021, COMP9032, COMP9024, COMP9311, COMP9331, COMP9414, GSOE9820.

Students who have completed these topics in a prior degree at a recognised institution can be assessed for transfer credit on the provision of appropriate documentation, such as a certified academic transcript, and course outlines if requested. This assessment will normally take place at the time of admission, however after admission or enrolment, an application can be made directly to the student office.
Students who believe they have developed competency in these topics through other means, such as work experience or a combination of work and study, may apply to sit an exemption exam. Exemption exams are normally held 2 weeks prior to the start of the teaching period and should be completed prior to the deadline for adding courses if students are currently enrolled as it may not be possible to adjust enrolment after the deadline has passed.

Students will not be permitted to attempt the exemption exam more than once, nor will they be permitted to attempt the exam if they have previously enrolled in the relevant course at UNSW beyond census date. Exemption exams cannot be used as an alternative pathway to receiving a pass in a course in the event that a student is unable or unwilling to complete assessments in an enrolled course.

2) Non foundation elective courses: In addition to the core foundation courses, students in the 8543 and 5543 programs complete a number of non-foundation electives.

Students who have relevant unused credit from an incomplete postgraduate degree at a recognised institution may apply for transfer credit toward this elective requirement.

Credit will be awarded in the form of generic course codes, and not specific elective course codes. As such, they cannot be used towards majors.

Assessment will take place on the provision of appropriate documentation, such as a certified transcript showing an incomplete degree, and a certified letter from the institution confirming that the degree was not conferred. This assessment will normally take place at the time of admission, however after admission or enrolment an application can be made directly to the student office.

Notes:

Relevant statistics:

- The seven foundation level prerequisite courses had a failure rate of between 5% and 17% in 2016;

- Up to 10% of postgraduate students in 2016 were on probation, provisional exclusion, or exclusion.

Withdrawal and refund deadlines:

- 31 March / 31 August are the two census dates. While it is still possible to withdraw from a course without failure after these date, it will not be possible to receive a refund unless there are mitigating circumstances.

Transfer credit toolkit:

- All students may apply for access to the self-assessment system to test their knowledge in the seven foundation level pre-requisite courses if credit has been granted. Should you fail to achieve at least 60% in this test, we strongly recommend that you cancel your transfer credit and complete the course instead.