Transfer Guide

Chatham University has general education requirements that help students develop oral and written communication and literacy skills that will complement the required coursework for their chosen major.

The following is a general guide to the types of courses that fulfill the general education requirements for transfer applicants from 2-year and 4-year institutions. Some of these courses could double, triple or even quadruple count. For instance, the same course can be online, writing intensive, environmental responsibility, science, and fulfill a major requirement.

- First Year Writing Seminar 3 credits
  Critical reading, analytic thinking and academic writing within a participatory, challenging first year seminar setting. Supplemental instruction will be required through the Learning Center for students who need additional support with writing skills beyond what is normally covered in the classroom. 
  Students transferring more than 30 credits may be granted an exemption from this course on a case-by-case basis.

- Strategies for Successful Transition to College 1 credit
  Students transferring more than 12 credits and Gateway students are exempt from this requirement

- Gender and Contemporary Social Issues 3 credits
  Critical analysis of contemporary social issues.
  Must be taken at Chatham

- Experiential Component 3 credits*
  Internship, research, volunteer, job shadowing experience.
  Transferrable

- Mathematics 3 credits*
  College algebra, statistics, or above.
  Transferrable

- Online course 3 credits*
  Transferrable

- Wellness 4 credits
  Physical fitness, nutrition and wellness courses.
  Courses are pro-rated based on how many credits the student is transferring

- Writing Intensive 6 credits
  Two courses focused on writing and literary skills within the student’s major may fulfill this requirement.
  Must be taken at Chatham

- Mission Based Courses
  Students take seven separate courses, two in two of the focus areas and three in another. If a course is listed under two themes, it may only count for one
theme course. Two of these courses in two different themes may double count towards the major.
  o Environmental Responsibility – two courses in environmental responsibility 6-9 credits**
  o Women’s Issues – two courses in women’s issues 6-9 credits**
  o Global Understanding – two courses in international affairs, languages, travel abroad 6-9 credits**
  
  Can transfer in one course for each focus. The rest must be taken at Chatham.

• Breadth Requirement
  o Art 3 credits*
  o Humanities 3 credits*
  o Social Science 3 credits*
  o Science with lab 3 credit class, 1 credit lab*
  
  Transferrable

* May double count toward major, minor, mission, and elective courses.
** Two courses in two different areas (environmental responsibility, women’s issues, or global understanding) may double count toward major requirements.