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RE: **Approved addition to the MA Spanish Graduate Program Webpage. Please upload ASAP.**

Heading: **Transferring Credit Hours: Frequently Asked Questions**

How many credits can I transfer from another university graduate program?

1. Students may transfer up to 9 credit hours from another university. These hours are evaluated by Toulouse School of Graduate Studies (TSGS) at the time of admission. Letter grades of A or B are acceptable transfer credit grades.

Do the transfer credits count towards the overall credit requirements of the MA in Spanish?

2. Yes, the transfer credits count towards the total number of credit hours stipulated by the Spanish Department MA program (36 total).

What about the grades earned in the transfer credits, are they counted in my overall GPA at UNT?

3. While transfer credits are accepted, the actual grade earned in transfer credits from another institution are not calculated in the UNT degree GPA. Students start a fresh GPA count upon entering in our program.

Summary: While credit hours count, GPA calculation begins with UNT graduate course work only.

How long do I have to complete my MA in Spanish?

1. TSGS stipulates 5 years maximum to complete an MA.

When does that 5 year window actually begin?

2. The 5 year window begins with the oldest transfer credit, and not at the actual entrance date into UNT.

Example: If student X begins the Spanish MA program at UNT Fall 2016 but transfers from another university 3 credit hours from, say from Fall 2015 and 3 from Spring 2016, the timeclock at UNT begins counting Fall 2015. Counting five years from Fall 2015, would put the end of the clock at Fall 2020.

In some cases, students can apply for a time extension. If a student is unable to finish by the end of the five year window, students may want to consider one. For information about current extension time to complete degrees go to:

<https://tsgs.unt.edu/new-current-students/request-extension-time-complete-degree>