CAA Transfer Students
The North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) is a statewide agreement governing the transfer of credits between NC community colleges and NC public universities and has as its objective the smooth transfer of students. This agreement has been approved by the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and the NC State Board of Community Colleges.

Under the CAA, the following groups of transfer students will have met nearly all of UNCW's lower division University Studies requirements, including 3 hours of Information Literacy and 3 hours of Writing Intensive competency credit, but will still need to fulfill the Lifetime Wellness and Foreign Language requirements:

- Students with an AA or AS degree (earning a grade of "C" or better in all courses); and
- Students who complete the 44-Hour Core Curriculum (earning a grade of "C" or better in all courses).

In addition to the two requirements named above, students entering under the CAA will also be held to the following upper level University Studies requirements:

- 3 hours of Living in Our Diverse Nation coursework
- 3 hours of Living in a Global Society coursework
- 9 hours of Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster coursework; students completing a second major or a minor are exempt from the Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster requirement.
- one Explorations Beyond the Classroom experience.

In consultation with an advisor, students can submit a Substitution/Waiver of Degree Requirements form in order to have previously taken coursework considered for the Living in Our Diverse Nation, Living in a Global Society, and 3-6 hours of the Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster requirements; students completing a second major or minor are exempt from the Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster requirement.

CAA transfer students must complete the following University Studies requirements at UNCW (no transfer substitutions allowed):

- 3 hours of Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster
- one Explorations Beyond the Classroom experience
All Other Transfer Students
UNCW will accept a maximum of 93 hours of credit from a four-year institution and 64 hours of credit from a two-year institution. Credit earned at another institution with a grade of “C” (2.00) or better is accepted by the university if the work transferred is comparable to offerings at UNCW. For information regarding transfer of credit, go to www.uncw.edu/transferadmissions, on the right-hand side click on Transfer of Credit, then click on Transfer Credit Equivalencies, and follow the directions.

Transfer students will be held to all University Studies requirements, except First Year Seminar. The information about transfer equivalencies provided at the website named above provides students with information on how some previously earned credit will transfer and, thus, will automatically satisfy specific University Studies requirements. Transfer students may find, however, that, while courses taken at other institutions satisfy requirements there, those same credits may not fulfill University Studies requirements at UNCW.

In those instances, students may, in consultation with an advisor, submit a Substitution/Waiver of Degree Requirements form in order to have previously taken coursework considered for the following University Studies requirements:
- Lifetime Wellness
- Composition
- Mathematics and Statistics
- Foreign Language
- Aesthetic, Interpretive, and Literary Perspectives
- Historical and Philosophical Approaches
- Scientific Approaches to the Natural World
- Understanding Human Institutions and Behaviors
- Living in Our Diverse Nation
- Living in a Global Society
- 3-6 hours of Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster requirement; students completing a second major or a minor are exempt from the Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster requirement.

Students may also work with their advisors to submit a Petition for Crediting a University Studies Competency Requirement in order to have previously taken coursework considered for the general education Writing Intensive and Information Literacy requirements, as well as for the Quantitative and Logical Reasoning requirement. NOTE: Transfer students will be required to submit documentation, including syllabi and assignments from previously taken coursework, along with their Petition requests.
- Writing Intensive (3 hours)
- Quantitative and Logical Reasoning
- Information Literacy (3 hours)

Non-CAA transfer students must complete the following University Studies requirements at UNCW (no transfer substitutions allowed):
- 3 hours of Thematic Transdisciplinary Cluster
- one Explorations Beyond the Classroom experience