Transfer of Credit

Credit for Graduate Work at Other Universities Of the eighteen course units of graduate work required for the doctoral degree, at least twelve units must be taken at the University of Pennsylvania. Students may receive up to six units of credit for graduate work at other universities. Specific departments may set lower limits. A student who desires credit for previous course work should submit a written request to his or her Departmental Coordinator. That request should be submitted during the first year in the program. The Coordinator will decide whether to grant credit based on the standards of the previous work and its relevance to the student's program. The Coordinator's recommendations should be sent in writing to the Director and should be filed with the Wharton Doctoral Programs Office. The decision of the Coordinator is final, but it must be filed in the student's folder in the Doctoral Programs Office. The formal transfer of credit does not take place until the end of the first year of doctoral study. Credit for Courses Taken in the Wharton MBA Program Precisely the same rules as above apply to transferring credits from the Wharton MBA Program. Upon the Coordinator's approval of MBA course work based on standards, relevancy, and departmental rules, a maximum of eight MBA course credits may be transferred. No MBA courses will be transferred with a grade below a High Pass. As above, the request for such a transfer should be submitted during the student's first year in the Ph.D. Program.

*Request for Transfer of Credit Form can be found on Wharton Ph.D. Resources website:

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