Proposed language for transfer credit policy change, in order to enable transfer of grades for inclusion in calculation of GPA in certain, specified cases.

The following is from the GA section on Transfer Credit

Transfer Credit

Courses taken at another college or university that are appropriate to the Rice curriculum may be approved for transfer credit toward a Rice undergraduate degree. Students must have taken the course at a United States academic institution accredited by a regional accrediting agency, or at a foreign institution accredited by the appropriate agency, such as the government’s Ministry of Education. Studies done in one’s home country constitute transfer credit through the Office of the Registrar. Official transcripts from the transfer credit institution must be sent directly from the institution’s registrar to Rice’s Office of the Registrar or hand-delivered in an official sealed envelope. For students participating in an official study abroad program (i.e., studying in a country that is not one’s home country) this coursework must be approved by Rice’s Study Abroad Office.

All coursework must have earned a grade of at least a C- or the equivalent. Students may not transfer courses taken pass/fail or on a similar basis at other institutions. Grades earned for transfer credit are not entered on the Rice transcript, and transferred courses have no effect on a student’s Rice grade point average. Generally, grades earned for transfer credit are not entered on the Rice transcript, and transferred courses have no effect on a student’s Rice grade point average. However, where coursework taken at other institutions has been approved by the faculty as an explicitly specified component to a program’s curriculum, the courses will be entered on the transcript and counted in the student’s Rice grade point average (including grades lower than C-). Such opportunities are listed in the program curriculum description. Students should keep in mind that if they choose to pursue an advanced degree, the transcripts from transfer credit institutions, with the actual grades earned in the transferring courses, will be requested as part of a graduate school’s admission process.

After matriculation at Rice, students are limited to 15 semester hours of summer school transfer credit. This restriction is waived for credit earned during an official summer study abroad program through the Study Abroad Office. Individual departments may place additional restrictions on particular courses and/or institutions. Similarly, various majors, minors, certificates, and degree programs may limit the amount of transfer credit that students may apply to them.