



CGS Agenda Item: 20-23
Effective Immediately

TO: Lee Patterson, Council on Graduate Studies Chair

FROM: Ryan C. Hendrickson, Dean
Britto Nathan, Master of Science in Biological Sciences

RE: Maximum transfer hours permitted and residency requirement

DATE: September 21, 2020

Proposed Revisions: See strikeout notes below, along with additions in bold.

- A maximum of ~~11~~ **12** semester hours of graduate course work may be considered for transfer to a degree program
- Residency Semester Hours: A minimum of ~~24~~ **20** semester hours of the 32 hour non-thesis option is required in residence. A minimum of ~~19~~ **18** semester hours of the 30 hour thesis option is required in residence. Residence is defined as credit for courses taught by Eastern Illinois University faculty at on-campus or off-campus sites. This requirement may not be waived or appealed.

Rationale: EIU's current Graduate Catalog existing language makes it difficult to transfer fully completed graduate coursework from an accredited university. Transfer students do seek to transfer 12 credit hours, given that most graduate courses are taught as either 3 credit or 4 credit hour courses. This revision allows Eastern Illinois University to become more transfer friendly.