

BAS FAQ

PURDUE UNIVERSITY
FORT WAYNE

What does "accreditation" mean, and why is it important?

An accredited school has gone through a rigorous check by an authority on education to make sure the school meets their standards and is qualified to teach students the programs they are offering. This helps students determine acceptable institutions for enrollment and assists institutions in determining acceptability of transfer credits.

What makes up a bachelor's degree?

A minimum of 32 hours of residential credits, at the 200-level or greater, must be earned at Purdue Fort Wayne.

What is the difference between the Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associates in Applied Science (A.A.S.)?

Associate of Arts (A.A.)

The A.A. is a two-year degree that's designed to transfer to a four-year school. The A.A. is best for those planning to pursue four-year majors that fall under Liberal Arts (such as art, art history, psychology, history, English, philosophy, and theater).

Associate of Science (A.S.)

Like the A.A., the A.S. is a transfer degree. It is best to choose the A.S. if you plan to major in something like math or astronomy, biology, chemistry, physics, or other science.

Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

The A.A.S. is a career/technical degree that prepares you to enter skilled occupations such as nursing, accounting, machining, computer networking, welding, etc.

Is it necessary to finish the associate degree before transferring to a university?

For the Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.) program, no. For the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) program, you must have completed your A.A.S. degree to transfer into that program.

If I apply for the B.A.S., what areas of study can I focus in?

Individuals interested in a B.A.S. can take ANY ONE of the following five concentrations (no matter what you're A.A.S. focused in): Business, Information Systems, Information Technology, Interdisciplinary, or Supervision & Leadership. All of these concentrations are available face to face or fully online.

How many credit hours will transfer?

An unofficial credit evaluation can be done any time during the application process. After admission, an official transfer credit evaluation (TCE) will be completed by the Registrar's Office. We will only accept up to 88 college credits from schools that are regionally accredited, with a completion grade of C- or better.

What if I graduated more than 10 years ago, can I still transfer?

For both the B.G.S. and B.A.S. programs, you can transfer dated credits.

Will "D" or "F" grades transfer?

No, grades of C- or better will transfer.

Can I change majors?

If you are accepted the Bachelor of General Studies or the Bachelor of Applied Science programs and choose to switch your major, you can do that, but a transfer credit review will be re-done by the new major department and many of your credits may not be applicable (especially from the A.A.S. degree).

How do I apply for transfer admission?

You can apply for transfer admission by filling out the online transfer application at www.pfw.edu/apply.

When should I apply for transfer admission?

We have priority, preferred, standard, and rolling admission deadlines, depending on the time of year you apply. Deadlines can be found here. If choosing rolling admissions, be sure to give yourself plenty of time to submit your application and credentials before the start of the semester. The sooner you apply for admission the easier the transfer process will be.

What is considered an "official" transcript?

An "official transcript" is one that is mailed directly from your previous institution to Purdue Fort Wayne's Office of Admission. It can be emailed to transcript@pfw.edu or mailed to Purdue Fort Wayne Admissions, 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Do I have to submit an official transcript from every college or university I have attended?

Yes, even if you enrolled but withdrew or only received credit for one class, you have to request official transcripts to be mailed to PFW from every college or university attended.

Do I need to submit official ACT/SAT scores as a transfer student?

We are a SAT/ACT test optional school. That being noted, those scores are used for some scholarship awards.

What is the cost of tuition?

Resident: \$291.00/credit hour

Online non-resident: 1.5 times resident rate

See full tuition information.

What scholarships are available to transfer students?

<https://www.pfw.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships.html>

How do I apply for federal financial aid?

You will need to apply for federal/state financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. Purdue Fort Wayne's school code is 001828.

Does my GPA from my previous college transfer?

No, your transfer GPA does not calculate into your Purdue Fort Wayne GPA.

When do I register for my first semester of classes at Purdue Fort Wayne?

Once you have been admitted to PFW, you will receive an email to accept your admission. Following your acceptance, someone from Student Success will reach out to at your PFW email. Be sure to set up your PFW email right after you accept your admission so you can take the necessary steps to enroll in classes. Registration periods are determined by semester and you will need to register for classes with an academic advisor.

Does Purdue Fort Wayne accept military credit?

Yes. More information about Military Student Services can be found here.

What is an articulation agreement?

An articulation agreement is an official partnership between colleges and universities that outlines how credits toward a degree will be recognized and applied toward general education, major, and elective requirements.

How does an articulation agreement help me?

These formal transfer guides between colleges and universities guarantee if you follow a specific program of study, you will be assured that your courses will transfer and count toward your major. Using these agreements as guides will take away the guesswork.

What is an academic residency requirement?

Academic residency requirements at Purdue Fort Wayne is 32 credit hours for the B.G.S. or B.A.S. programs. They outline the number of credits you must take at an institution to receive a degree, whether online or in person. Thirty of these credits must be at the 200 level or above. Classes at 300 level can be transferred in and applied to a degree.

Do recruiters ever come to my campus?

Yes. During the pandemic, these are virtual visits.

Who can I contact if I would like more information or to set up a visit?

Beth Carlin. Text or call at 260-240-0256, email at eacarlin@pfw.edu or set up a zoom meeting at <https://calendly.com/eacarlin-pfw-bas/30min>