

Credit Information for Ada Comstock Scholars

Degree Requirements:

- Completion of 128 credits of academic work.
- Satisfactory completion of major requirements.
- 64 credits *outside* the department of the major.

Graduation Requirements:

- Cumulative average of 2.0 in all academic work.
- G.P.A. of 2.0 in the senior year (the last 32 credits).

Residence Requirements: Candidates for the degree must complete a minimum of 64 credits in residence at Smith College in Northampton; 32 credits must be done in the equivalent of the junior or senior year.

Transfer Credits: 64 credits are accepted for transfer. Students must earn a C or better for credit. Students who transfer to Smith with 64 credits may not participate in off-campus programs (Smith Junior Year Abroad, Smith Approved Study Abroad, Washington Seminar Programs, 12 College Exchange, etc.) as part of their curriculum at Smith.

Transfer credit is not granted for:

- Grades below C.
- Online or distance learning.
- Courses not generally included in a liberal arts curriculum: pre-professional courses such as communications, business, management, marketing, media, library science, and law. However, one course in accounting will transfer.
- Computer science courses not involving problem solving or a language such as PASCAL. Courses using BASIC or FORTRAN will not receive credit.
- One semester (or two quarters) of an elementary/beginning language. However, credit will be granted retroactively when a student completes the full year of the language.
- More than 12 summer school credits.
- More than 8 credits of English Composition.
- Math classes below precalculus.
- Some music performance courses (choir, orchestra, band, etc.).
- Physical education courses taken before 1982, more than 1 credit per physical education course, more than a total of 4 physical education courses.
- CLEP or placement examinations administered by other institutions; or life experience.
- Independent study, unless approved by the appropriate Smith department on the basis of the work completed. This should be only after enrollment.
- Internships.

Credits at Other Colleges: While enrolled at Smith (taking courses in Northampton), you may not take courses for credit at other institutions of higher learning (except for courses taken on 5 College interchange) during fall or spring terms.

Summer School Credit: A maximum of 12 credits earned in approved summer school courses can be counted toward the degree. Summer school credits completed prior to enrollment at Smith are included in the 12-credit maximum. After enrollment, all summer school courses must be approved in advance by the Ada Comstock class dean.

Interterm Credit: Students may take a maximum of 12 approved interterm credits at Smith or elsewhere toward their Smith degree with an overall maximum of 32 credits of combined summer, and interterm credits. Students may not take or receive transfer credit for more than 4 credits during any one interterm at Smith or elsewhere.

Pass/Fail: Courses completed with grades of “pass”, “satisfactory” or “credit” cannot be granted transfer credit unless there is official documentation on the college transcript or from the college registrar that such grades are equivalent to a “C” or better.

Advanced Placement Credit: Smith College participates in the Advanced Placement Program administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Scores of 4 or 5 are recorded on the transcript. Consult the Smith catalog regarding the use of AP credit toward the degree.

Credit for the Major: Courses approved for transfer to Smith are acceptable toward completion of degree requirements. However, completion of requirements for the major is subject to departmental approval at Smith. Therefore, department credit in the major for courses taken elsewhere is not guaranteed.

Latin Honors: Students who wish to become eligible for Latin Honors at graduation (cum laude, magna, summa) must elect at least one course (normally four credits) in each of seven major fields of knowledge listed in the Smith catalogue. The Registrar's Office will determine which transfer credits will be counted toward the Latin Honors distribution requirements.

Art Major: Students who plan to major in art or who have completed studio courses which are not comparable to those offered at Smith must arrange for a portfolio review before major credit can be granted. Students who plan a studio art concentration must complete at least half of the courses required for the major at Smith College.

Speech Courses: Some speech courses may be approved for transfer credit. Please send course syllabus to the Office of Admission.

Senior Year: A student enters her senior year when she attains 96 credits of Smith College and approved transfer credit. She is classified as a graduating senior for her last two semesters.