



Rowan Core Transfer Credit Policy



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The Rowan Core literacy requirements are waived for transfer students with an earned A.A. or A.S. degree from a NJ community/county college. For all other students, the following criteria will be used to determine whether transfer credits fulfill Rowan Core requirements.

These criteria are intended to make it easier for students to count transfer credits earned elsewhere, while still preserving the integrity of assessment in our own Rowan Core courses. By establishing transfer equivalencies to the various Rowan Core literacies, students and advisors can easily see which courses and exams are satisfying Rowan Core requirements.

Role of the Learning Assessment and Rowan Core Committee

Starting in Fall 2020, the new *Learning Assessment and Rowan Core Committee* (LARC, merging the existing *Rowan Core* and *Learning Objectives Assessment* Committees) will be responsible for establishing equivalencies between transfer courses or exams and the various Rowan Core literacies.

The LARC Committee will be composed as follows:

- Chair
- One faculty member from each college and school
- Two additional faculty members
- Two professional staff advisors
- One librarian
- One AFT representative

As needed, the LARC Committee chair will recruit additional faculty and professional staff to help review proposed Rowan Core transfer equivalencies.

Prior to Fall 2020, an ad hoc group consisting of members of the *Rowan Core Committee*, advisors and Registrar staff will set up equivalencies for the highest priority transfer courses and exams. This group can begin their work as soon as the new *Rowan Core Transfer Credit* policy is approved.

Workflow for Establishing Transfer Equivalencies

A course or exam that comes in from another institution with no established transfer equivalency will go out to the relevant department chair or head on the Outstanding Data report. The chair or head can choose from the following three options:

- (1) The exam or course is directly equivalent to a Rowan course that is already in Rowan Core
Here, nothing more needs to be done. Once the equivalency is set up, students will automatically satisfy the Rowan Core literacy requirement through this transfer credit.
- (2) The exam or course is directly equivalent to a Rowan course that is not in Rowan Core
Here, the equivalency to this Rowan course will be set up. The chair or head will also have the option to flag the transfer course or exam for consideration by the LARC Committee as potentially satisfying a Rowan Core literacy.
- (3) The exam or course is not directly equivalent to any Rowan course
Here, the exam or course will be set up to count as either a free elective or a subject elective (e.g., *HIST 05075 GEN ED History*). The chair or head will again have the option to flag the transfer course or exam for consideration by the LARC Committee as potentially satisfying a Rowan Core literacy.

Any transfer courses or exams flagged by the chair or head for consideration as potentially satisfying a Rowan Core literacy (in options 2 or 3) will be forwarded to the LARC Committee by the Registrar's Office. The requested equivalency will be examined either by the whole committee or by a sub-group of the committee. LARC will use the provided course descriptions to determine whether the course adequately aligns with some