

## **Transfer Credit Policy for URI College of Business Master's Programs**

Graduate-level coursework completed prior to enrollment may be considered for transfer into College of Business master's programs (excluding the TMD master's program). Transfer credits are evaluated based on academic relevance, rigor, and demonstrated equivalency to URI courses.

### **1. Eligibility**

- Students may petition to transfer up to 1/5 of the program's total credits.
- Courses must have been completed at an accredited U.S. institution, or an AACSB (or a comparable) accredited institution outside the U.S.
- Transfer credits do not reduce the program's minimum residency requirement.
- Graduate coursework completed at URI before admission (as a non-matriculated student) may count toward the degree but is not considered transfer credit.

### **2. Course Requirements**

- Courses must be graduate-level, letter-graded academic courses (not pass/fail).
- Coursework must have been completed within the past seven years.
- A minimum grade of B (3.0) is required.
- Course content must demonstrate substantial equivalency to the URI course, typically defined as at least 50% alignment in learning outcomes and topics.

### **3. Restrictions**

- Courses applied to a previously completed degree or certificate cannot be transferred. (Coursework from an incomplete or discontinued graduate program may be eligible.)
- Courses that substantially overlap with courses taken at URI, or that are primarily experiential, professional training, or non-academic, are not eligible.
- Capstone, culminating experience, or integrative courses are not eligible for transfer.

### **4. International Coursework**

- Transfer requests involving international coursework may require a third-party credential evaluation (e.g., WES) confirming institutional accreditation and graduate-level equivalency.
- All supporting documentation must be provided in English or with certified translation.

### **5. Review and Approval Process**

- Transfer petitions should be submitted before the end of the student's first semester in the program.
- Petitions must include official transcripts, course syllabi and learning outcomes or comparable documentation
- The Program Director reviews the petition for academic equivalency.
- The Program Director's decision is final within the College, except in cases where a student demonstrates a procedural error. In such cases, appeals may be submitted to the College of Business Graduate Curriculum Committee.
- Students will normally be notified of the decision within 30 days of submitting a complete petition.