

# **Transfer-of-Credit Survey**

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You can participate in sharing your information on the transfer of your credits from Immanuel Lutheran college by taking the survey, which can be accessed on ILC's web site under resources: <http://www.ilc.edu/resources/index.htm>. On that page click the bullet entitled: ILC Transfer of Credits Survey.

A summary of the information provided by the respondents to the survey is given in the following. If more details are needed, the ILC academic dean may be able to help.

## ***Information on Specific Colleges and Universities***

This section of the report indicates the success which students from our college department have had in transferring their credits to other colleges and universities. The list begins with some colleges which are not local to a state. After that it is alphabetical by state. In each case, the years are given in which the student who responded to our surveys, requested the transfer. An asterisk has been placed before the names of those schools which were willing to accept at least some ILC credits. Note that the students did not in every case actually enroll at the schools which had evaluated their ILC transcripts. Indented paragraphs are the students' words. But each paragraph may be the combination of quotes from multiple students. Comments by me are in brackets.

### **Not local to a state**

#### **(?) Community College of The Air Force (AFB) - 2010**

Credits accepted if the classes were taught by those with Master's degrees. One or more appeals, Agreement to enroll on a provisional or probationary basis, after which your ILC credits would be evaluated for possible transfer. Providing Curriculum Vitae of Professors.

#### **American International University Phoenix Online Colorado College Online - 2009**

All three reported no credits are acceptable from non-accredited schools. Before applying to any online university be sure to access more authorities than an admissions advisor regarding credits from a non-accredited college.

#### **\* Globe University - 1999, 2010**

All ILC credits were accepted. Degrees also accepted for graduate school.

## ARIZONA

### \* DeVry Institute of Technology (Phoenix) - 2002

DeVry accepted all ILC credits except for English because they insisted on evaluating language & writing skills. I tested out of their course easily. DeVry University is no slouch when it comes to insisting on high standards for its students in all classes - not just the core classes for obtaining a specific major. I found the standards & teaching at ILC to be at least as high, if not higher, than DeVry's.

### \* Grand Canyon University (Phoenix) - 2010

All ILC credits accepted.

### \* University of Phoenix - 2010

ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog were accepted.

## COLORADO

### University of Northern Colorado (Greeley) - 2009

ILC BA not accepted as foundation for Grad School. I had investigated UNC as a place to continue undergrad work on a BA in English and Secondary education back in 96 or 97. I was told that no credits from ILC would transfer, or appeal. But I was told that my ILC BA-Pre-The might be allowed as a basis for Grad School. I got as far there as obtaining a paper from the Grad dept that indicated that a BA/BS from a non-accredited school might be allowed under review. By 2009 that policy seemed to have changed. UNC (and Colo. State U in Fort Collins) adamantly refused to consider accepting either credits for transfer or the Bachelor's for Graduate study. I investigated the University of Denver, and they would have \*considered\* my admission based on my ILC BA, but I would have had to take the GRE for the English program. Tuition was 42k a year, and there were really no assistance programs for Masters students.

## MINNESOTA

### \* (?) Anoka-Ramsay Community College (Coon Rapids) - 1998

Did not accept credits, but allowed me to bypass placement tests and get into higher level courses without the prerequisite.

**\* Minnesota State University - Mankato** (Continually 1960 through present)

All ILC college-department credits except some religion credits were accepted. [The experiences of these students reflect the good relationship between ILC and MSU—a relationship which has existed since 1960!] MSU has always been very gracious in receiving ILC credits.

I had to visit registration five or six times and appeal three times to get classes from ILC applied to my program. MSU accepted all of ILC credits, but were hesitant to apply them to my program. By persistence, I managed to get most of my non-religious courses to apply to my program.

My ILC BA was not accepted as foundation for Grad School. I was surprised at this, but I think the Regents should be aware of it. I had been told that ILC's BA in Religious Studies would work for grad study at MSU, but they didn't allow my BA in Pre The. [This appears to be a change. MSU had been willing, also, to recognize our baccalaureate degrees for entrance into their graduate school.]

In general, MSU-Mankato has been willing to accept up to two full years of work at ILC, including even up to 15 credits in religion. It must be recognized, of course, that not all ILC credits may be applicable to the degree program which the student enters at MSU—something that is true for any transfer situation involving two different schools. Also, usually only those ILC credits will be accepted which have equivalents in the school to which the student is transferring.

**(?) University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) - 1991, 1995**

Accepted Calculus AP, which was the only ILC college credits this student had.

**Winona State University - 2007**

No ILC credits were accepted

**NEBRASKA**

**\* Chadron State College - 1997, 2000, 2004**

All ILC college-department credits except some religion credits. 1997 - Visit with a department head. Agreement to enroll on a provisional or probationary basis, after which your ILC credits would be evaluated for possible transfer. 2004 - they simply accepted them.

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

### **\* Sinte Gleska (Mission) - 1997**

All ILC credits accepted.

## **WASHINGTON**

### **Washington State University (Pullman) - 2006**

Transcript not considered.

## **WISCONSIN**

### **\* Chippewa Valley Technical College - 2003, 2004**

They accepted those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog.

### **\* Marian College of Fond du Lac - 2003**

All ILC credits (or ILC's B.A. or B.S. degree if you enrolled in a graduate school) accepted.

### **\* Madison Area Technical College - 2008**

They accepted those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog.

### **\* Moraine Park Technical College (Fond du Lac) - 2001, 2002**

They accepted those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog.

### **\* University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire - Continually 1964 through present**

All ILC credits except some religion credits (or ILC's B.A. or B.S. degree if you enrolled in a graduate school) were accepted. My transfer was limited to those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog. I only applied to UWEC's Graduate School. I was quite readily accepted to the English Dept., \*provisionally\*, the requirement being that I take and receive a B or better in a Literary Theory and Criticism course, and two 400-level literature courses. I only needed one credit of choir to finish my music generals at UWEC and it was easier to accomplish it at ILC than at UWEC plus I got to sing with the amazing ILC choir one more semester. UWEC was very good about answering my questions and getting me the info I needed about the credit transferring.

The transfer-of-credit agreement between ILC and the UW-EC has enabled ILC students readily to transfer up to two full years of course work at ILC—subject, of course, to the applicability of the courses to the degree program which they are entering. For the most part, ILC’s religion credits have not been accepted because of our “narrow” approach to the subject. However, one student indicated that some of his religion credits were accepted toward a B.A. degree in Liberal Arts with major in Music. The following comment sums up well our relationship with the local university: “UW-EC did not question my education [at ILC]. It was a hassle-free transfer.”

**\* University of Wisconsin- La Crosse - 2007**

They accepted those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog.

**\* University of Wisconsin-Stout - 2010**

They accepted those ILC credits which had equivalents in this school's catalog.

Some or All ILC Credits Transferred	No ILC Credits Transferred
34	6

***Other Responses on Questionnaires***

**Adequacy of ILC’s Academic Program**

Each of the respondents was asked: “Did your academic experiences in the college department of ILC adequately prepare you for your course work in the above-named college or university (Yes or No)?” The response to this was almost a universal yes. One person said yes and no. The comments of those who chose to elaborate follow:

DeVry University is no slouch when it comes to insisting on high standards for its students in all classes - not just the core classes for obtaining a specific major. I found the standards & teaching at ILC to be at least as high, if not higher, than DeVry's.

The credits for an AA degree offered by ILC transferred into MSUM very well, such that I only had to take a couple more classes to satisfy all Gen Ed requirements for my bachelor's degree. I think I only had to take Public Speaking and some upper level Gen Ed classes.

Almost all of my courses transferred over to Stout (with the exception of the religion courses.) Going to ILC and taking those classes helped me by saving me time and

money and also allowing me to stay in a comforting environment when I was unsure of my career path.

I felt mostly prepared for the more difficult course work of upper division classes. I was lacking a little in skills of writing longer papers and did need to fill in some general categories: Additional writing intensive category courses for this school, (They required writing assignments totaling at least 20 pages of writing through the course of a semester; it may be possible [for ILC] to fit in and include writing in the course description), an additional history and social sciences course, an Ethical & Civic Responsibility Category (3 credit course), People and the Environment Category (3 credits), and an Information Technology Category (3 credits).

I audited a pre-calculus class at ILC which prepared me to test into and take college math. It had been several years since 11th grade math for me, so without that pre-cal class I would have had to retake a high school level math class.

I got an A in the college math class I took; I am not sure I would have even passed it without the pre-cal class (had managed to test into it). I directly attribute this to the pre-cal class I took at ILC.

Yes and No. It seemed like more high school to me. I am guessing that it would have been the same elsewhere - generals are generals.

Only general education-wise, not department specific (music)

Many of the courses I took at ILC did not pertain to the courses I took while at CSC. However, the education courses were similar in nature and difficulty to those I took at CSC. College Credits were accepted by UWEC for Calculus I and II that went toward my general mathematics requirements for my bachelor of science degree.

### **Advice from Respondents to Future ILC Students**

Each fall the academic dean of ILC conducts orientation sessions with new students on the matter of transferring credits to other academic institutions. At this orientation we discuss a booklet on this topic ("Transferring Credits"), and they are urged to review its contents at such time that they are personally involved in the transfer process. The experiences of former students have been of special value in developing this program of orientation. For this reason, the survey questionnaires have always had a section asking the respondent for "Advice, if any, which you would give to future college students at ILC with respect to transferring credits to other colleges and universities." Their comments follow:

Be persistent!!

Ask, listen, & plan in advance.

Go right to the top - talk to the department chair if you can. Then be thoroughly prepared for your meeting. (study the ILC catalog and the catalog of the school you are transferring to and compare the classes side by side) The chair of the special education department made a few exceptions for me. He said that he felt comfortable doing this, because I was so prepared and had done so much ground work before meeting with him.

Go to college at ILC if you are unsure what you want to do. If you want to take a couple classes while still being in Eau Claire it's a great way to still get an education even if you fall in the "undecided" camp. I tried getting classes transferred to CVTC and that didn't go very smoothly since they don't have a transfer agreement with ILC to the best of my knowledge.

Because I took classes at ILC, I am able to significantly cut my time at Stout (almost a full 2 1/2 semesters)! The classes at Stout would've been more demanding and would've added so much to my workload. I'm glad I went to ILC, even if it was such a short period of time, because I was able to save myself a lot of hassle in the future.

More than likely, the religion classes will not transfer to any colleges. Take them anyway. [Some of these] classes are without a doubt, my favorite classes that I ever took at ILC. Hope this helps!

1. Keep all syllabi of all course taken at ILC to prove to the registration officials that ILC courses are equivalent courses.
2. Keep fighting to transfer credits and get them applied to your program.

I would encourage ILC students to keep trying, but be ready to be flexible. I had success transferring credits to Lewis-Clark State in Lewiston, ID back in 1995, based largely on the fact that ILC credits had been accepted by UW-Madison as a reporting agent. Colorado state schools, on the other hand, seem adamantly unwilling to open that door.

Acquire copies of course descriptions and syllabi to help the new schools fit the courses into possible matching categories such as humanities and the arts.

If I had needed my ILC credits to transfer, I might have tried transferring to UW Eau Claire first then transferring to my school of choice from there (one of the transfer options above indicated this as well).

Another option students might consider is taking CLEP tests on the classes they took at ILC (find out if the college they are willing to accept CLEP first). Community colleges will often take CLEP credits even if universities will not, so students who want to transfer to a university might also try transferring CLEP test credits to a community college whose credits are accepted by their University for validation before applying to the University.

Be persistent and make as many positive contacts and appeals as you can and prove for yourself and future others the validity of Immanuel's credits by being a responsible student.

### **Other Comments**

The respondents to the survey were, finally, given the opportunity to offer further comments. Here are these comments, with my reactions once again in square brackets:

I am in a graduate program at Northwestern currently. My credits that were transferred from ILC to UW-Eau Claire were conditionally accepted at Northwestern; because an accredited school (UWEC) accepted the credits from ILC, Northwestern did as well. However, when I graduate from my program, it will be up to the board of licensing as to whether or not those credits will be sufficient in supporting my bachelor's degree.

I consider my time as a college student at ILC to be a blessing and look back on it fondly regardless of my credits not transferring. Had my goal in attending ILC been to transfer credits and not only personal enrichment, I would have pursued transferring my credits more vigorously.

My transition to Chadron was really easy...they transferred all but 6 of my credits. Some religion credits were even transferred as history credits. Chadron is a great school for people transferring out of Immanuel, and I think we have a decent reputation of students from Immanuel to Chadron. If collegians are wanting something/somewhere different, CSC is a good place to look!

My credits transferred to MSU-Mankato, but my two year degree did not.

### **Persistence**

Many of those responding to the survey indicated the need to persist in your transfer request despite an initial rejection. They found it beneficial to refer to the Transfer-of-credit agreement that ILC has with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, to visit with an official in the admissions office or the department head of the program they are in, to request a letter

from ILC's academic dean listing schools which have accepted ILC's college-department credits and, if needed, to request they be able to enroll on a provisional or probationary basis, with the acceptance of ILC's credits deferred until you have shown your scholastic competence. We pray the LORD will guide and bless according to His gracious promise.