Common Reasons Why Credit Does Not Transfer

✓ The course has a grade of “C-” or below.

✓ The course is a music lab, ensemble, or private music lesson completed at an institution outside of Berklee College of Music.

✓ The student has not provided the necessary document. Such as an official transcript, official score report, etc.

✓ The course was completed at a college that is not regionally accredited.

✓ The course is graduate level.

✓ The course was taken pass/fail. Unless it is clear that a pass equates to a “C” or better. Special consideration will be given to Spring 2020 coursework.

✓ There was no course description or an insufficient course description available on the school’s website.

✓ The course is not compatible with our curriculum or it does not fulfill a specific remaining degree requirement. Due to the specialized curriculum at Berklee Online, we do not have a general elective requirement. General education courses can count towards our general education requirement and general music courses can count towards the specialization/elective requirement.

✓ The maximum amount of transfer credit has already been awarded for this subject area. Keep in mind that if you have only completed general education coursework from your previous institution, you will receive at most 42 transfer credits.

✓ The course is core music (Theory, Harmony, Ear Training, Piano) and is equal to less than 3-semester credits. When possible, we will combine leveled 1-2 credit core music courses to transfer as one 3 credit core music course. For example: Piano 1 (1 credit), Piano 2 (1 credit), and Piano 3 (1 credit) will be combined into one 3 credit OPIAN-PIANO: Piano Transfer course.

✓ The course is core music and covers multiple areas but the majority of the content is concentrated in one particular area. This is most commonly seen in theory/harmony courses that contain an ear training component. Because the focus of the course is theory/harmony, credit will be awarded in this area.

✓ The course is remedial or developmental.

✓ It is a course repeated for credit. We will only award transfer credit for a single course once.

✓ The student has already received the maximum amount of transfer credit from an external institution (60 semester credits).

For more information, please review our Transfer Credit Policies