

Explanation of Terms

The following terminologies (highlighted) are followed by an explanation of the term.

Advanced Standing: The amount of exemption from a unit or units of an educational program granted to a student on the basis of previous study, relevant work experience, or life skills.

Apprentice: An individual working full-time in an apprenticeable trade and registered as an apprentice with the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Challenge for Credit: Credit for past experience or documented skills can be earned through completion of a challenge examination or a variety of possible types of evaluation.

Course: Memorial University including Marine Institute defines a course as a unit of work in a particular subject normally extending through one semester (or session), the completion of which normally carries credit toward the fulfilment of the requirements of certain degrees, diplomas or certificates. A prerequisite course is a course which must be successfully completed prior to registration in the course for which it is required. A corequisite course is a course which must be taken concurrently with the course for which it is required. In the event that a student drops a course required as a corequisite, the student will be required to drop the course for which that corequisite is required. In particular cases, a department head may convert a prerequisite to a corequisite or waive it altogether.

College of the North Atlantic defines a course as a recognized body of instruction normally assigned a credit value of three or four with a minimum of two.

Credit: College of the North Atlantic defines a credit as the value assigned to a recognized body of instruction or content consisting of one hour of lecture/week/semester (i.e., a three hour lecture is equivalent to three credits), or a recognized laboratory experience as follows:

- 2 – 4 hours of lab/week/semester equivalent to one credit;
- 5 - 7 hours of lab/week/semester equivalent to two credits;
- 8 - 10 hours of lab/week/semester equivalent to three credits;
- 11 - 14 hours of lab/week/semester equivalent to four credits.

A credit at the Marine Institute is awarded for each course completed in which the student obtains at least the minimum passing grade.

Credit Hour: Memorial University defines a credit hour as the measure used to reflect the relative weight of a given course towards fulfilment of appropriate degree, diploma, certificate, major, minor, or other program requirements. Normally, a course has a credit value of three credit hours. A weight of one credit hour normally means that the course meets for lectures one hour per week for the duration of the semester or two hours per week for the duration of a session. The number of hours of required instruction, outside of lecture time, such as laboratory instruction, tutorials, etc., may or may not impact on the number of credit hours assigned to a particular course, and academic units may recommend to the Senate a greater or lesser whole number of credit hours for a particular course.

Credit Transfer: The granting of credit by an institution (either in the same or different area of study as that of the original institution) to students on the basis of previous study undertaken in another institution.

Exemption: The waiving of completion of a body of instruction or unit of work by a receiving institution for satisfactory standing obtained in a similar body of instruction or unit of work at a sending institution.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition: A process whereby previous learning is recognized and credited (the basic premise is that credit is not awarded for experience, but for the learning that has resulted from an experience).

Program: Memorial University defines a program as a series of courses, the completion of which, if other requirements are met, qualifies the candidate for a degree or diploma.

College of the North Atlantic and Marine Institute define: A certificate is a prescribed combination of courses that address occupational skills development, academic or general study, and self-interest or personal growth. These courses will normally be offered over a two semester period; be comprised of a minimum of 40 credits; and consist of a maximum of seven courses per semester.

A vocational certificate prepares graduates for employment as operating or service technicians in specific trade areas. Programs are normally nine to twelve months in length.

A technical certificate provides training in specific technical areas. Programs may be modular, full or part-time and of variable duration, but not less than one academic term or its equivalent.

A diploma is a prescribed combination of courses that address occupational skills development, academic or general study, and self-interest or personal growth. Courses will normally be offered over a minimum of four semesters; be comprised of a minimum of 80 credits; and consist of a maximum of seven courses per semester.

An advanced diploma provides in-depth training in a specific technical area to graduates of at least a first degree or three-year technology diploma programs. These are normally one academic year in length, except that work terms or job placement requirements may extend programs beyond this time.

A diploma of technology is designed to prepare graduates for employment as technologists. These programs are normally three academic years in length. However, some programs may extend beyond this time as a result of work term or job experience requirements. A technician diploma is designed to prepare graduates for employment as technicians. These programs are normally two years in length.

A post diploma/post degree is a program of study that requires completion of either a diploma or undergraduate degree prior to acceptance into the program.

Receiving Institution: Any post-secondary institution to which students are transferring.

Semester: Memorial University defines a semester as a period of approximately 14 consecutive weeks during which the university is in regular session and during which there are at least twelve teaching weeks as defined by Senate. Normally, the fall semester commences in early September; the winter semester in early January; and the spring semester in early May. College of the North Atlantic and Marine Institute of Memorial University define a semester as a 15-week period which includes class/learning time as well as administrative and evaluation time.

Sending Institution: Any post-secondary institution from which students are transferring.

Session: Memorial University defines a session as a period of approximately seven consecutive weeks during which the university is in regular session in the spring semester and in which period there are at least six teaching weeks as defined by Senate. The first half of the spring semester is

designated as intersession; the second half of the spring semester will be designated as summer session.

College of the North Atlantic and Marine Institute define an intersession as an instructional period of a minimum of five weeks duration.

Transfer of Credit: (Course grade is transferred): College of the North Atlantic - course for course transfer whereby the grade previously attained is recorded and computed in grade-point average by the receiving institution.

Transfer of Credit: (Course grade is not transferred): Memorial University including Marine Institute: course-for-course transfer but grade is not recorded by receiving institution. The waiving of completion of a body of instruction or unit of work by a receiving institution for satisfactory standing obtained in a similar body of instruction or unit of work at a sending institution.

College of the North Atlantic: course for course transfer whereby the grade previously attained is recorded and computed in grade-point average by the receiving institution.

Memorial University including Marine Institute: course-for-course transfer but grade is not recorded by receiving institution.

Waiver: is the permission granted by the appropriate authority for exemption from a particular program requirement and/or a particular regulation.