

# Transfer Credit: What's New???

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# Objectives

- Who we are & what we do
- Why PLA matters
- Transfer numbers
- Recent Faculty Senate revisions
- CSRS Student Portal

# Who we are & what we do

## Undergraduate Admissions Office

- Adds transfer credit for new and current students
- Processes course syllabi from colleges/universities through CSRS for faculty review
- Enters and maintains course rules in LP

## Prior Learning Assessment Office

- Collaboratively develops processes for implementation and administration of PLA
- Works with faculty to move courses through CSRS
- Serves as point of contact on PLA for students, faculty, and staff
- Uses data to improve PLA, including seeing how students use PLA



# Why PLA Matters

- According to a 2010 study on PLA and adult student outcomes conducted by the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL), students with PLA credits had better academic outcomes, especially in terms of graduation rates and persistence, than non-PLA students, and many significantly shortened the time required to earn their credential.
- *-Fueling the Race to Post-Secondary Success*



# PLA at Penn State

What we found:

- Total PLA Credits was most important, followed by Admit Type, 1st Semester Part- or Full-time, Ethnicity, and Gender
- Total PLA Credits 18.26+ were associated with higher graduation rates
- For Individual PLA Type, TR Credits was the most important of the 13 significant predictors, Portfolio was third, and all other types ranked 5 through 13



# PLA at Penn State

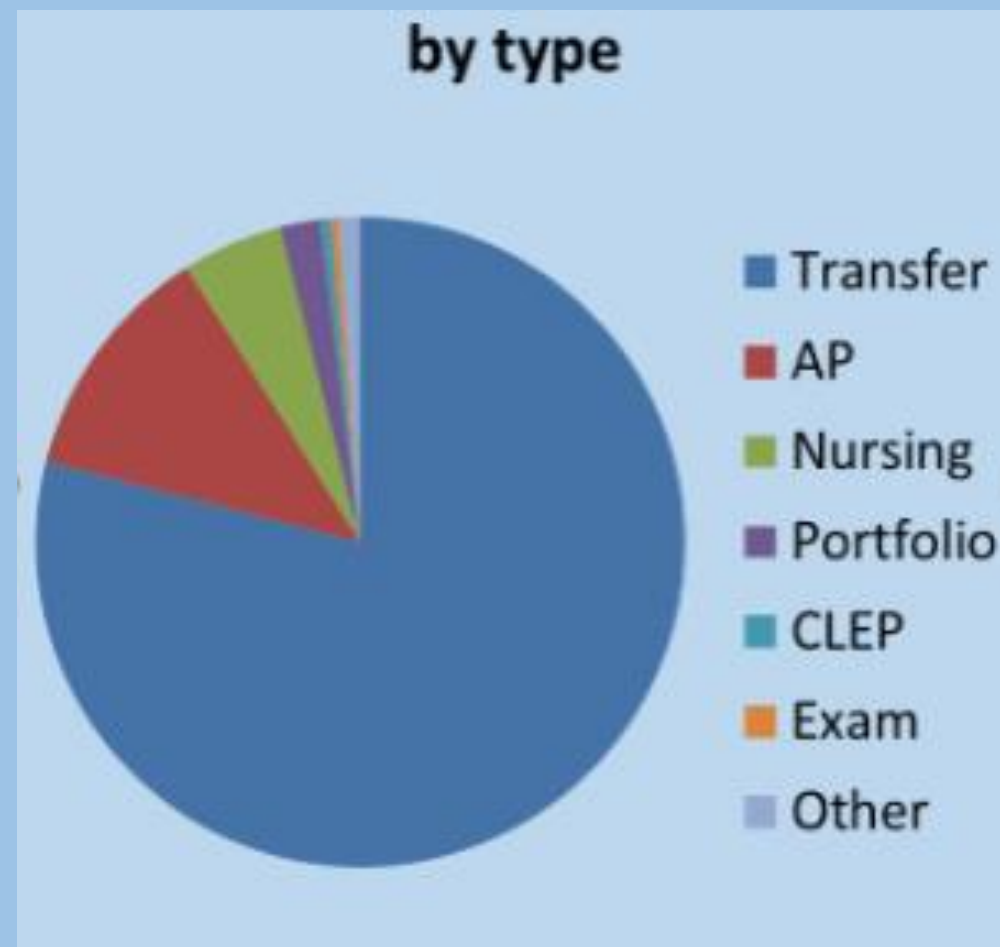
What we found:

- Higher PLA Credits of different types were associated with higher graduation rates generally; the two exceptions were
- First Term Full-time, not International, with 96.6+ TR credits had a lower graduation rate than those with 18.26 to 96.5 credits
- First Term Part-time-time, with Portfolio credits less than 8.6, and TR credits 110.6+ had a lower graduation rate than those with 18.26 to 110.5 credits



# Credits by type and usage

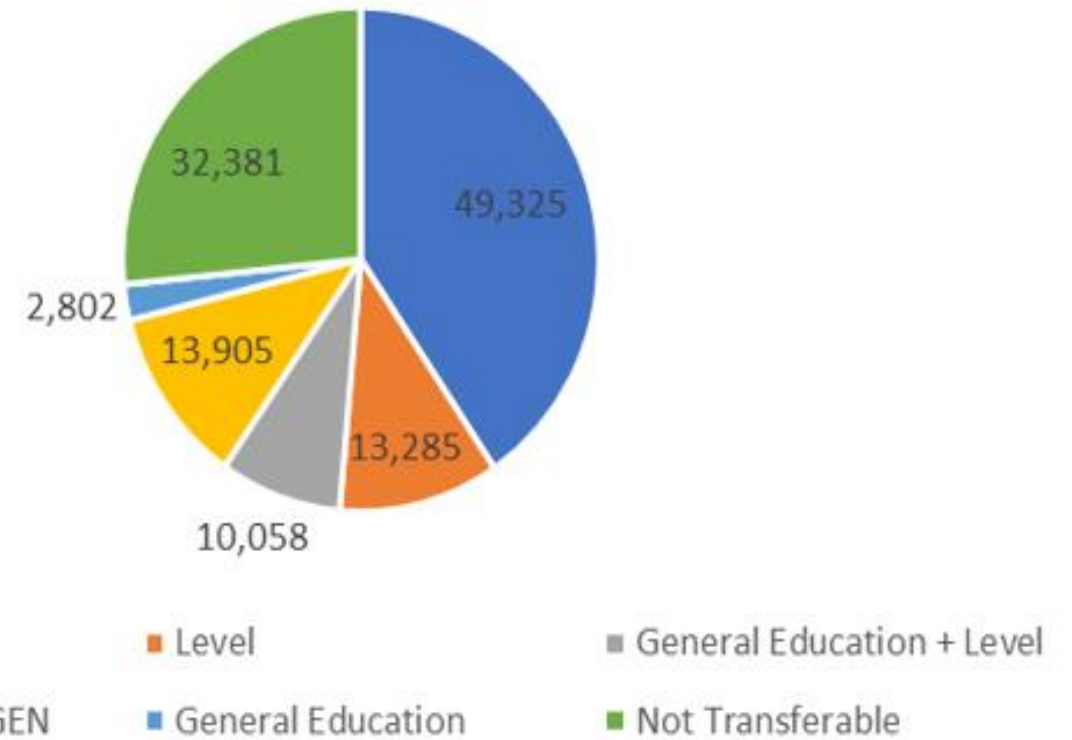
- Transfer
- Advanced Placement (AP)
- Nursing Portfolio
- Portfolio
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP)
- Credit by Exam (local)
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Educational Support (DANTES) Subject Standardized Tests (DSSTs)



# Transfer Numbers

Breakdown of all course rules (evaluations) in LionPATH, as of April 2019

Transfer Database/LionPATH





# Recent Faculty Senate Revisions

- Credit by Exam and Portfolio are now available to all enrolled students (Senate Policy 34-20) and those who have accepted an offer of admission.
- Credit by Validation: sent to faculty via CSRS
- ACE-credited workplace training: sent to faculty via CSRS
- CLEP no longer limited to 60 credits (residency requirement)
- Now able to award direct equivalents for 400-level courses

# Faculty Senate Revisions (Cont'd)

- Military Basic Training: up to 3 credits of KINES XFRGHW may be added
- Military training/occupations: send to faculty via CSRS
  - To be implemented by Fall 2019
  - Admissions will provide course syllabi from ACE website



# CSRS Student Portal

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# CSRS Student Portal

- For any current PSU student—or staff or faculty member—to submit course syllabi for faculty review
- Portal will bounce against existing rules and inform student if rule already exists
- If no rule exists, UAO will receive syllabi and distribute to faculty review committees
- Users able to track progress and receive outcome through Portal as well





### Search for courses from other institutions

Prior to using this search page, please visit our [Transfer Credit Tool](#). If the course you wish to transfer from another school is not listed or is listed as TRN XFRPEN (TRN - Transfer Pending Review) on the Transfer Credit Tool, please proceed with the search instructions below.

In the spaces below, please list course information from another college/university.

- All course information should be listed as identified at the other institution, not the Penn State equivalent (example: SPCH 105, as opposed to Penn State's CAS 100).
- Credits/units should be listed as identified at the other institution—do not convert to semesters if course credits/units are not equivalent to semesters at the other institution.

At this time, only college coursework taken within the United States can be reviewed through this tool. If you wish to have international coursework evaluated, please email [admissions@psu.edu](mailto:admissions@psu.edu).

For students taking study abroad coursework through a non-PSU program, and the abroad coursework will be listed on a US college transcript, please search for courses on the Transfer Credit Tool. For any non-PSU study abroad coursework that will be listed on a US college transcript that is not listed on the Transfer Credit Tool, or is listed as TRN XFRPEN, please proceed with the search instructions below.

Institution Name:

Course Subject Code:

Course Number:

Course Title:

Credits/Units:



# Questions???



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