Don’t be disappointed.

If you plan to transfer religion credits from an Institute to BYU please understand these important facts:

**FACT:** Institute credits transferred to a BYU school do not reduce the number of required BYU religion credits.

**FACT:** Institutes transfer credits to BYU as Pass/Fail. Therefore they will not affect your GPA.

**FACT:** When you transfer to BYU you are assigned a specific number of required religion credit hours over and above any that you may have completed previously at an Institute.

**FACT:** If you plan on transferring Institute credits to a BYU school you should first check with the school to determine how they will be accepted.

**SUMMARY:** Don’t be disappointed. You cannot reduce your required BYU religion hours by transferring Institute courses.

Please call or email with any additional questions that you may have.

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The questions and answers below are intended to assist students who desire to transfer religion credits from an Institute of Religion or another BYU to BYU Provo. It is incorrect to assume that religion courses transferred to BYU will fulfill their religion requirement. Be careful and be sure you understand the discussions below so that you will not be disappointed.

1. IS EVERY STUDENT ATTENDING BYU REQUIRED TO TAKE RELIGION COURSES? Each student attending BYU must take a required number of BYU religion credits while enrolled at BYU. Religion credits transferred from Institutes of Religion will not reduce or satisfy this requirement.

2. WHAT RELIGION COURSES ARE REQUIRED AT BYU? BYU requires that all students take 14 hours of religion credit to graduate. Transferred religion credits do not fulfill this requirement. However, the required number of religion hours is reduced for transfer students. [See BYU Catalog for further information.] The religion requirement for BYU is below.

3. HOW ARE TRANSFERRED INSTITUTE CREDITS COUNTED BY BYU? Each BYU admissions office evaluates transferred courses and evaluates them for acceptability. If accepted, the following happens:

   • Selected religion courses transferred to BYU may be assigned to fulfill specific required courses (i.e. Book of Mormon) but will not be used to reduce the required number of religion credit hours.

   • Institute credits are entered in the BYU student record as Pass or Fail and do not affect the student’s GPA.

4. HOW CAN I TRANSFER INSTITUTE CREDITS TO BYU? In order for your Institute class to be accepted for BYU credit, it must fulfill four requirements. Not all Institute courses qualify for transfer to BYU.

   • The course number must correspond to a religion course taught at BYU.

   • The course must be taught by a CES-certified instructor.

   • The student must inform the instructor at the beginning of the semester that they want to take the class for BYU credit. The instructor will then ensure that specific criteria are met.

   • Students will receive only a Pass or Fail grade for the course.

Once admitted to BYU, notify the Institute director that you would like your Institute credits transferred to BYU. He will then transfer those courses that meet the transfer criteria. BYU will review the course and determine if it is acceptable for transfer.

Example: Once Jim was admitted to BYU, he notified the Institute director that he would like to have his Institute credits transferred to BYU. The director prepared an official transcript and sent it to the BYU Admissions Office. BYU reviewed the transcript and posted the credit as a general elective to his academic record.

5. WHAT RELIGION COURSES MUST A TRANSFER STUDENT TAKE? Once accepted to BYU, the university assigns a specific number of religion credits to complete for graduation. The number of required credits is based on the total number of hours being transferred. It is important that you review the BYU Catalog or speak with a BYU advisor for specific details. The assigned required religion credits are over and above any religion courses previously taken at an Institute or another BYU.

Example: Mary transfers to BYU from a community college with 40 total credits, six of which are Institute credits. Four of her Institute credits are in Book of Mormon. BYU will require her to complete additional credits of religion to graduate. Because she transferred Institute Book of Mormon credits she will not need to repeat those courses, but will still need to complete the assigned number of religion hours.

6. DO ALL TRANSFERRED INSTITUTE CREDITS APPLY TOWARD BYU GRADUATION? All Institute credits transferred to BYU will count toward the general graduation requirement as elective credits. However, transferred credits will not fulfill the religion requirement assigned each student when accepted to BYU. Transfer students are required to complete an assigned number of credits in religion regardless of the number of religion credits transferred to BYU.

Example: Susan transferred 80 credits to BYU, some of them in religion. Upon admission, BYU Provo assigned her 4 credits of religion to complete while at BYU. This requirement is over and above any previous religion classes she has taken. Her previously completed courses in religion cannot be used to fulfill her 4 credit requirement assigned by BYU Provo.

7. WHAT IF I AM A FULL-TIME BYU STUDENT WHO TAKES AN INSTITUTE CLASS WHILE AT HOME DURING THE SUMMER BEFORE RETURNING TO BYU? You can transfer that course to BYU as described in item 4. However, this course will not reduce the total number of BYU religion credits you will need to complete to graduate.

Example: John takes a Doctrine and Covenants course during the summer at the local Institute and has it transferred to BYU. The credit will be entered on his academic record as a completed elective and will not decrease the 14 credits required by BYU.

8. WHO CAN HELP ME IF I HAVE QUESTIONS? Each college at BYU has an advisement center that exists to help students with course selection. This is the best place to get current information on transferring credits to BYU. Religious Education can also provide help to students if they have questions about transferring religion courses from an Institute or another BYU.