



INTERNATIONAL AND COMPARATIVE POLITICS TRANSFER POLICY

Transferring Within the American University of Central Asia

AUCA students are eligible to apply for a departmental transfer after the first successful semester of study. However, to transfer to the ICP Department, students must meet all admissions requirements for the ICP department and receive permission from both Department Chairs.

Admissions exam results from the previous program may be sufficient if exams are comparable between the programs. Otherwise, if admission exam scores do not satisfy the requirement of the ICP major, the student must retake the admission exam(s) along with prospective students.

If a student has taken an advanced math course and received a B+ grade or above, the chair of the ICP program may count the grade as an entrance exam score.

The ICP Program Chair, the Vice President of Academic Affairs, and the Vice President/Chief Operating Officer must approve entrance requirement waivers.

Moreover, the number of transfers allowed each year may be limited based on the enrollment restrictions set by the Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic. The ICP department also has the authority to specify additional selection criteria required for transfer. However, there is a university-wide GPA requirement that all departments have to follow; transfer students must have a minimum **2.7 GPA**.

Although students are not permitted to transfer departments, the first year students are encouraged to start working on the ICP major coursework during the second semester of the first year. Students should take a required introductory course, Intro to Comparative Politics or Intro to Political Science, in the Fall semester and receive a grade no lower than a «C+.» Students need to be advised about the impact of switching majors (especially regarding the time necessary to complete the degree and any changes in financial aid that may occur if students transfer departments).

The ICP program is responsible for specifying its departmental transfer standards and deadlines for transfer applications. Transfer form can be found:

<https://auca.kg/uploads/stock%20Aibike/2023%20TransferForm.pdf>

Transfer Policy at the Department of International and Comparative Politics

The transfer policy to the Department of International and Comparative Politics at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) is designed to facilitate the seamless transition of students from other programs within AUCA while ensuring that they will meet the academic standards and requirements of the ICP department. This policy is crucial in maintaining the integrity of the ICP program and ensuring that incoming students are adequately prepared for the rigors of study in the Department of International and Comparative Politics.

Students typically transfer to the ICP department at the end of their first academic year, and by that time, they should have the following:

- Earned a minimum 2.7 GPA at the time of transfer;
- Completed "Introduction to Political Science" or "Introduction to Comparative Politics" with a minimum C+ grade or above. The Chair of the ICP Department may review the cases by individually, and under some circumstances, students might be allowed to transfer to the ICP program.