



*American University
of Central Asia*

International and Comparative Politics Department

Transfer Policy

Transferring Within AUCA

Students are eligible to apply for a departmental transfer after the first successful year of study. However, please note that, in order to transfer within AUCA, students must meet all admissions requirements for the chosen major 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 chosen 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 chosen major may count the grade as an entrance exam score. Entrance requirement waivers must be approved by the Program Chair and the Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. Moreover, the number of transfers allowed each year within specific departments may be limited based on the enrollment restrictions set by the Ministry of Education and Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic. Each 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 until the second year at AUCA, they are encouraged to start working on proposed major coursework during the second semester of the first year. Students must take a required introductory course from the chosen Major and receive a grade no lower than a «B+». Students need to be advised about the impact of switching majors (especially in terms of time necessary to complete the degree and any changes in financial aid that may occur if students transfer departments). Each program is responsible for specifying its departmental transfer standards and deadlines for transfer applications; please visit the specific major department for further information.

Please Note: All transfers must be initiated prior to the start of the semester.

Transfer Policy at the Department of International and Comparative Politics

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

- Earned a minimum 2.7 GPA at a time of transfer;
- Successfully completed "Introduction to Political Science" and/or "Introduction to Comparative Politics".