



ADVANCED STANDING CREDIT WAIVER

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Graduate Program Directors (GPDs) may award Advanced Standing to students admitted into a doctoral program (except for license-eligible programs requiring extensive proscribed credits) with prior relevant graduate level coursework or a master’s degree in the same or related field of study. Courses and credits are waived on a course-by-course basis based upon equivalency and relevance.

Advanced Standing is separate from Transfer credit. Advanced Standing waives courses and credits for doctoral students; Transfer Credit applies courses & credits from another institution directly to the UMass Boston transcript.

Advanced Standing Criteria:

1. Credits were earned from an accredited institution no more than seven (7) years prior to matriculation into UMass Boston.
2. Grade is “B” or better. Pass/Sat grades are unacceptable unless the official transcript states that Pass/Sat is equivalent to “B” or better.
3. Public Service or Professional Development Work/Courses are not acceptable.
4. Students must complete a minimum of 24 credits, including research hours and dissertation credits, at UMass Boston as part of the residency requirement.
5. Students who do not complete their doctoral program cannot use Advanced Standing courses or credits toward a UMass Boston master’s degree.

Advanced Standing is determined by the Graduate Program Director and subject to the final approval of the Registrar’s Office and Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education. Submit completed forms to graduate.records@umb.edu.

Note: unofficial transcripts may be used for GPD review only; official transcripts must be on file with the Registrar’s Office before the credits are posted).

STUDENT INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT OR GPD) (SUBMIT SEPARATE FORMS FOR MULTIPLE SCHOOLS)

Student Name: _____ ID #: _____

UMB Graduate Program/Plan: _____ Term Admitted: _____

Previous Institution: _____

Date Degree Awarded/Enrollment Dates: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

