A student may petition to transfer up to 9 semester hours of his or her program using credits from another institution, provided that the credits transferred consist of a grade of B (3.000) or better in graduate-level courses, have been earned at a U.S.–accredited institution, and have not been used toward any other degree. Note: If approved by the College of Science, credits from Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies (CPS) transfer to the College of Science as external credits and count toward the 9-semester-hour maximum of transfer credit. As courses at other institutions may not parallel courses at Northeastern, the student's academic department will determine the number of semester hours the external course will be worth. This calculation may result in fewer semester hours than the course was assigned at the institution at which the student completed the course. In addition, courses accepted for transfer credit must have been completed within five years of the date the student is admitted to graduate study. Grades are not transferred. Some departments may accept fewer than 9 transfer credits.