

Transfer students who ultimately graduate from UTC obtain just over half their total credit hours from UTC, on average. A new transfer student graduating from UTC typically has earned between 60 and 70 transfer hours and 70 to 80 institutional hours. Those with an associate degree consistently enter with more transfer hours. Among new transfers entering in Fall 2016, those with an associate degree graduated from UTC, on average, with 70.2 institutional hours and 73.7 transfer hours. For those without an associate degree, it was 83.8 institutional hours and 57.7 transfer hours. The transfer hours earned once again suggests that new transfers typically enter after completing two years' worth of credits. Since 30 credit hours is considered a normal annual course load, provided a student is enrolled full-time, one transferring after two years at another institution would be expected to have around 60 credit hours. Compared to first-time, full-time freshmen who entered in 2016, the new transfers starting in the same term graduated with more credit hours. Upon graduation, the new freshmen had, on average, 130.2 credit hours, compared with 143.9 for new transfers with an associate degree and 141.6 for new transfers without an associate degree.

*Figure 12. Average Credit Hours Earned for New Transfer Graduates by Cohort Term*

