ASCSIA Transfer Credit Guidelines

The courses below comprise WGUs new Professional Certificate in Network and Cyber Defense Foundations and Associate of Science, Cybersecurity and Information Assurance program and the residency and transfer credit guidelines for each course.

WGU seeks to provide USNCC students the maximum transfer credit allowable under WGU’s residency requirements. Residency Requirement is the number of credits a student must earn at an institution in order to graduate.

- WGU requires USNCC students to complete at least 16 credit hours at WGU to be awarded the Associate of Science degree.
- WGU requires USNCC students to complete 25% of their credit hours at WGU to be awarded the Professional Certificate in Network and Cyber Defense Foundations.

Transfer credit can come from credit earned at other higher education institutions; ACE recommended credit for military training, external certification (e.g. CompTIA); AP/IB credit earned in high school, and/or credit earned through examination (e.g. CLEP).

(Note: Professional Certificate Courses are indicated in blue)

Transferable Courses: General Education

D269 – Composition: Writing with a Strategy: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in English composition excluding business writing and technical writing. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree.

D339 – Technical Communication: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in technical communication and writing. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree.

D268 – Introduction to Communication: Connecting with Others: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in speech or communications. The course presented must clearly demonstrate an oral speaking component was required. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree.

D265 – Critical Thinking: Reason and Evidence: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in critical thinking, reasoning, argument or logic. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree.

D333 – Ethics in Technology: One course, equivalent to 3 units, on ethical issues regarding technology. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree.
C963 – American Politics and the US Constitution: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in U.S. government and the U.S. constitution. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor’s degree.

Transferable Courses: Core to the Major

D322 – Introduction to IT: One course, equivalent to 4 units, in Introduction to IT or Google IT Support Professional certificate or the CompTIA ITF+ certification. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree in Information Technology or WGUx (Edx) IT Career Framework Microbachelor’s.

D315 – Network and Security – Foundations: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in networking with a security component or one of the following Certifications: CompTIA Network+, CompTIA Security+, PenTest+, CySA+, CASP+; ECC - CEH; Cisco CCENT, CCNA, CCIE, CCNP, GIAC - GSE, GSEC, GCIA, GCED. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor’s degree in Information Technology or WGUx (Edx) IT Career Framework Microbachelor’s.

D278 – Scripting and Programming Foundations: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in software development, introduction to algorithms. Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree in Information Technology or WGUx (Edx) IT Career Framework Microbachelor’s.

D276 – Web Development Foundations: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in web programming or one of the following Certifications: CIW Web Design Specialist (CIW 1D0-520), CIW Web Design Professional (CIW 1D0-520 + 1D0-525) CIW Web Foundations Associate (CIW 1D0-610), CIW Advanced HTML5 and CSS Specialist (CIW 1D0-620). Can be satisfied by an Associate or bachelor's degree in Information Technology.

Additional Transferable Courses

D430 – Fundamentals of Information Security: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in computer security, must have been taken within the last 5 years. Or one of the following Certifications: EC-Council - CEH, CCISO, ECSS; CompTIA - CASP+; CompTIA Security+; ISC2 - CISSP or Associate of ISC (2) with CISSP Exam Passed; ISACA - CISA, CISM, CRISC, GIAC - GISF, GCED, GSEC.

D431 – Digital Forensics in Cybersecurity: One course, equivalent to 4 units, in digital or data or computer forensics or one of the following Certifications: EC-Council CHFI; GIAC Certified Forensic Analyst (GCFA), GIAC Certified Forensic Examiner (GCFE).

D340 – Cyber Defense and Countermeasures: One course, equivalent to 4 units, in cyber defense or countermeasures or cyber security incident handling or response, or one of the following Certifications: EC-Council ECIH; GIAC Certified Incident Handler (GCIH); CompTIA CySA+. 
D316 – IT Foundations: CompTIA A+ or CompTIA A+ 220-1101 exam.

D317 – IT Applications: CompTIA A+ certification.

D325 – Networks: CompTIA Network+ or Certification in one of the following: CISCO - CCENT, CCNA, CCIE, CCNP.

D329 – Network and Security – Applications: One of the following Certifications: CompTIA Security+, Pentest+, CySA+, CASP+; ECC - CEH; Cisco CCNA, CCNP, CCIE; GIAC - GSE, GSEC, GCIA, GCED.

Non-Transferable Courses

Non-transferable WGU Requirement
- D199 – Introduction to Physical and Human Geography: One course, equivalent to 3 units, in geography. This requirement can also be satisfied by one course equivalent to 3 units, in the behavioral or social sciences (history, anthropology, sociology, psychology, economics, or political science). Non-transferable USNCC/WGU Requirement

- NAV 105 - Introduction to the Geopolitical Environment (equivalent to D199 - Introduction to Physical and Human Geography)

Naval Studies Course Equivalents & Transfer Credit for USNCC Naval Studies Courses

The Naval Studies Certificate provides students with the foundations to be effective service members and leaders. As such, it is an integral, required part of the program. USNCC students must complete all 5 Naval Studies courses in order to graduate with an associate degree. Only 2 course requirements can be fulfilled using transfer credit. As part of the admission process, academic transfer credit for courses taken prior to matriculation to replace a Naval Studies course(s) will be reviewed by both USNCC and WGU to be considered for transfer credit according to WGU policy and USNCC recommendations.

Students who leave USNCC but wish to continue with WGU can substitute the following classes in place of USNCC courses that had not been completed prior to leaving USNCC.

- NAV 104 - Civil/Military Organization and Politics (equivalent to WGU C963 -American Politics and the US Constitution)

- NAV 103 - Naval Force Design (equivalent to WGU D265 Critical Thinking: Reason and Evidence)

- NAV 101 - Naval Ethics and Leadership (equivalent to WGU D333 Ethics in Technology)
- NAV 102 - Modern Naval History (equivalent to WGU D268 Introduction to Communication: Connecting with Others)

- NAV 105 - Introduction to the Geopolitical Environment (equivalent to WGU D199 Introduction to Physical and Human Geography)