



Credit Conversion

Frequently Asked Questions for MPA (PNP, Health, and Executive), MUP, Non-Degree and Advanced Certificate Students

Wagner is pleased to announce that it is converting to a 3-credit (and 1.5-credit) system. This modification will increase the school's parity with other NYU graduate schools and create a more streamlined process for students. For specific questions not addressed here, please email wagner.academicservices@nyu.edu.

General Information

(1) Q: How will the credit system conversion work?

A: Starting with the Fall 2015 term, current 4-credit courses will become 3-credit courses, and current 2-credit courses will become 1.5 credit courses.

(2) Q: Why is NYU Wagner converting its curriculum to a 3/1.5-credit system and how does it benefit me?

A: 3-credit courses are the norm for our peer NYU graduate schools (including Steinhardt, Stern, some GSAS departments). Counting approved non-Wagner NYU graduate school electives toward the MPA and MUP degree will become more streamlined.

(3) Q: Will the credit system conversion affect all programs?

A: The changes will be implemented for all master's programs at Wagner (MUP; MPA PNP, Health, Executive) as well as the Non-Degree and Advanced Certificate programs. The doctoral program will remain on a 4-credit system.

(4) Q: With the credit system conversion, will I still be able to graduate on time?

A: Your graduation will not be delayed by the conversion. Current students will be required to complete the same number of courses as previously required.

(5) Q: Does this credit system conversion have an impact on the value of my degree?

A: No, nothing about the degree is changing; graduate schools across the US and throughout the world have varying credit structures. You will continue to attend classes for the same amount of time and faculty will cover the same content as before the conversion.

Calculating Credits

(6) Q: If I've already earned credits at Wagner and I am not graduating until after Summer 2015, how do I calculate the total number of credits I must now earn in order to graduate under the 3-credit/1.5 credit system?

A: For MPA-Health, MPA-PNP and MUP students, at the end of Summer 2015 subtract the number of credits you have earned from 60, and then multiply the difference by 0.75. The result equals the credits you have remaining to complete the degree.

For Executive program [EMPA] students, subtract the number of credits you have earned from 36, and then multiply the difference by 0.75. The result equals the credits that you have remaining. [The EMPA degree program will require 30 credits for all students *entering* as of Fall 2015, which is 10 full courses.]

For Non-Degree and Advanced Certificate students, subtract the number of credits you have earned from 16, and then multiply the difference by 0.75. The result equals the credits that you have remaining.

See examples in the table at the end of this document. Program Requirement Checksheets have been updated for you to use as a worksheet. Please visit the [Courses page](#) to download your updated Program Requirement Checksheet.

(7) Q: I have already successfully completed credits at Wagner. Will the classes I have completed be converted to the new credit system?

A: No, all Wagner courses taken in Summer 2015 and earlier will remain as they appear on the transcript under the 4-credit/2-credit system. Please see Q&A and grid above to learn how to calculate remaining credits needed.

(8) Q: How many credits will Capstone be in the new credit system?

A: Capstone will be a total of 3 credits. Students who successfully complete Capstone will earn 1.5 credits in the fall and 1.5 credits in the spring. No other aspect of Capstone will change with the conversion to the new system.

(9) Q: I have already taken a course outside of Wagner that was 3 credits, how do I calculate that?

A: If you have taken a 3-credit course outside of Wagner prior to the end of Summer 2015, add 1 credit to your total per class taken and then subtract the number of credits you have earned from 60, then multiply the difference by 0.75.

Financial Aid

(10) Q: Will the credit system conversion increase student costs?

A: The conversion will not change the total cost to obtain a degree. The tuition cost per credit will increase but because we are moving to a 3-credit system, fewer credits will be required to obtain a degree. Tuition rates will be published [here](#).

(11) Q: Will the credit system conversion impact my financial aid?

A: Students will continue to qualify for full-time status by enrolling in 12 credits. Previously, 12 credits were earned by taking three 4-credit courses. As of Fall 2015, 12 credits will be earned by taking four 3-credit courses. Half-time status remains at 6 credits.

(12) Q: Will the credit system conversion affect half-time and full-time equivalency?

A: Students will continue to qualify for full-time and half-time equivalencies as per the criteria. More information about equivalencies and the criteria is posted on the Wagner website [here](#).

(13) Q: Will the credit system conversion impact my scholarship?

A: The conversion will not change the total cost of tuition; therefore, scholarships will not be affected. Awards will continue to be disbursed based on the same registration and academic progress parameters. For specific scholarship questions, email wagner.financialaid@nyu.edu.

Quick View Examples: MPA and MUP Degree Credit Conversion/Remaining Credits

Credits Completed by End of Summer 2015	Conversion Calculation	Credits Remaining	Explanation of Example
36	$60 - 36 = 24$ $24 \times 0.75 = 18$	18	You are a full-time student who completed four 4-credit courses in Fall 2014, four 4-credit courses in Spring 2015, and 4 credits in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 6 full courses remaining, including Capstone (6 courses x 3 credits = 18).
32	$60 - 32 = 28$ $28 \times 0.75 = 21$	21	You are a full-time student who completed four 4-credit courses in Fall 2014 and four 4-credit courses in Spring 2015; you do not plan to take any courses in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 7 full courses remaining, including Capstone (7 courses x 3 credits = 21).
31	$60 - (31 + 1) = 28$ $28 \times 0.75 = 21$	21	You are a full-time student who completed four 4-credit courses in Fall 2014 and three 4-credit courses and one 3-credit course outside Wagner in Spring 2015; you do not plan to take any courses in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 7 full courses remaining, including Capstone (7 courses x 3 credits = 21). If you have taken a 3-credit course at NYU outside of Wagner prior to the end of Summer 2015, add 1 credit to your total per class taken and then subtract the number of credits you have earned from 60, then multiply the difference by 0.75.
20	$60 - 20 = 40$ $40 \times 0.75 = 30$	30	You are a part-time student who completed two 4-credit courses in Fall 2014, two 4-credit courses in Spring 2015, and one 4-credit course in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of

			10 full courses remaining, including Capstone (10 courses x 3 credits = 30).
18	60-18 = 42 42 x 0.75 = 31.5	31.5	You are a part-time student who completed two 4-credit courses in Fall 2014 and two 4-credit courses plus one 2-credit course in Spring 2015; you do not plan to take any courses in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 10.5 courses remaining, including Capstone (10.5 courses x 3 credits = 31.5).
60		0	You will not be affected by the conversion. You will graduate with 60 credits in Spring 2015 or Summer 2015.

Quick View Examples: Executive MPA Degree Credit Conversion/Remaining Credits

Credits Completed by End of Summer 2015	Conversion Calculation	Credits Remaining	Explanation of Example
20	36-20 = 16 16 x 0.75 = 12	12	You are a part-time student and you completed two 4-credit courses in Fall 2014, two 4-credit courses in Spring 2015 and you plan to take 4 credits in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 4 full courses remaining (4 courses x 3 credits = 12).
19	36-(19+1)= 16 16 x 0.75 = 12	12	You are a part-time student and you completed two 4-credit courses in Fall 2014, two 4-credit courses in Spring 2015 and you plan to take one 3-credit course at NYU outside of Wagner prior to the end of Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 4 full courses remaining (4 courses x 3 credits = 12). If you have taken a 3-credit course at NYU outside of Wagner prior to the end of Summer 2015, add 1 credit to your total per class taken and then subtract the number of credits you have earned from 36, then multiply the difference by 0.75.
22	36-22 = 14 14 x 0.75 = 10.5	10.5	You completed two 4-credit courses in Fall 2014, two 4-credit courses in Spring 2015, and 6 credits in Summer 2015. You will have the equivalent of 3.5 courses remaining (3.5 x 3 = 10.5).
36		0	You will not be affected by the conversion. You will graduate with 36 credits in Spring 2015 or Summer 2015.