IIT Europe Transfer Credit Guidelines: ECTS Credits vs. U.S. Credits

IIT Europe Partner School students are allowed to transfer up to 6 credits (two courses) towards their Illinois Tech degree. Students, academic advisers, and academic departments should be aware of the following when selecting European courses to transfer to the IIT degree:

- A careful review of the *number of ECTS credits*, in addition to course content, is necessary to evaluate ECTS credit appropriately.
- 1 ECTS credit is equivalent to half (1/2) of one U.S./IIT credit
  - 3 ECTS credit course = 1.5 IIT credits
  - 4.5 ECTS credit course = 2.25 IIT credits
  - **6 ECTS credit course = 3 IIT credits**
- Some students request courses that are 3 ECTS credits. In order to transfer a 3 ECTS course, it would need to be paired with another 3 ECTS credit course in order to reach the necessary 6 ECTS credits (equivalent to 3 IIT credits).
  - If you are "bundling together" courses in this way, the courses should be within the same area of study and the syllabus for each course should be reviewed carefully.

How to Declare IIT Europe Transfer Credit in eForms for Graduate Degree Works:

- If the student wishes to transfer a 6 ECTS credit course, it can be done as a 1:1 transfer via eForms (because 6 ECTS credits is equivalent to 3 IIT credits).
- To "bundle together" two 3 ECTS credit courses:
  - If the two transfer courses have a direct IIT course equivalent: List the European courses in the eForm, along with the **one** IIT course they will replace. There will be two entries with the same IIT transfer course. Explain in the Comment section how the courses are combined (ie. French Course A + French Course B = INTM 515 Advanced Project Management).
  - If the courses do *not* have a direct IIT course equivalent: List the European courses as above, but the IIT course equivalent will be TRF 999 elective credit. TRF 999 will apply the credit to general electives. Use the Comment section to explain how the courses are combined.
- For help completing the eForm, see the IIT Europe eForm Help Guide.

If you have any questions about this policy or process, please contact Graduate Academic Affairs at gradcoll@iit.edu.