Transfer, Correspondence Study, Non-degree Credit, and Over-aged Credit Limitation. The combined total of transfer credits, correspondence credits, non-degree credits, credits moved from an undergraduate transcript that were not used toward an undergraduate degree, and approved credits more than eight years old at the time the degree is awarded shall not exceed 12 credits for master's programs designated as requiring 36 or fewer credits, and shall not exceed one-third of the total credits in designated programs requiring more than 36 credits. The student's program may set a lower limitation. Credits can be transferred to UI, with the consent of the student's committee and the dean of the College of Graduate Studies, only if the institution from which the course credits are being transferred has a graduate program in the course's discipline or, should there be no graduate program in the course's discipline, if an exception has been granted by the dean of the College of Graduate Studies. All credits used toward graduate degrees must be from regionally accredited American institutions or from non-US institutions recognized by the appropriate authorities in their respective countries. Transfer credits are subject to all other Graduate College rules and regulations. Also refer to Subsequent Graduate Degree section.

Rationale: Currently, students are allowed to use up to 9 credits that were not used toward an undergraduate degree. This change would include these credits under the “12 credits rule” and treat them the same as other pre-graduate matriculation credits.