
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT LAW PROGRAM

DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY TRANSFER OF CREDITS FOR THE MSL DEGREE GUIDANCE AY 2022-2023

The George Washington University Law School (GW Law) offers a 24-credit hour Master of Studies in Law (MSL) for Government Procurement Law to help meet the growing demand for non-lawyers to be familiar with how law and policy influence the field of government procurement. In recognition of the training that many of our MSL candidates have received prior to enrolling at GW Law, the Law School has developed a partnership with the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) to further our shared mission of educating the acquisition workforce.

Pursuant to a Strategic Partnership Program Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DAU and GW Law, Level 2 and Level 3 certified acquisition professionals can now transfer DAU credits toward the MSL degree, as detailed below. Students receiving academic funding from their employer should check whether their employer allows transfer credit to be applied to the MSL degree.

I. TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY OVERVIEW

1. Any member of the Defense Acquisition Workforce who possesses a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited university, has at least five years of substantial public management experience and has at least a Level I Certification in at least one Defense Acquisition Workforce Improvement Act (DAWIA) career field is eligible to apply for the MSL for Government Procurement degree.
2. Defense Acquisition Workforce members possessing a **Level II Certification** are eligible to receive **up to three (3)** course hours of credit toward the MSL for Government Procurement degree, subject to a GW Law review of their credentials.
3. Defense Acquisition Workforce members possessing a **Level III Certification** are eligible to receive **up to six (6)** course hours of credit toward the MSL for Government Procurement degree, subject to a GW Law review of their credentials.

4. Credit hours received toward the MSL for Government Procurement degree will count toward elective credits only. MSL candidates will be required, regardless of any applicable DAU transfer credits, to take the required foundational courses for the MSL for Government Procurement degree.
5. GW Law will determine whether a DAU course qualifies for transfer credit and will take into account whether American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended that course for graduate-level transfer credit. The following table displays the DAU courses, and the amount of transfer credit, that ACE determined are acceptable for transfer:

Course ID	Course Title	Transfer Credits
CON 091	Contract Fundamentals	3 credits
CON 280	Source Selection and Administration of Service Contracts	3 credits
CON 290	Contract Administration and Negotiation Techniques in a Supply Environment	3 credits

ACE’s transfer credit recommendations can also be found on DAU’s website [here](#).

II. DAU PREDECESSOR COURSES

Students may receive transfer credit for DAU courses designated as predecessors to the courses listed in Section I of this Guidance only if DAU is currently accepting the predecessor course as a “course equivalent.” If a predecessor course’s designation as a “course equivalent” has expired,¹ we will not grant transfer credit. The list of predecessor courses currently accepted by DAU as equivalents, as well as their expiration date, is accessible [here](#).²

¹DAU sets the expiration dates for a predecessor course’s designation as an equivalent.

²At times, DAU may accept a predecessor course as an equivalent for which ACE-approved graduate credit is no longer available. On these rare occasions, the Assistant Dean for Government Procurement Law may exercise her discretion to approve transfer credit for this predecessor course.

III. MSL DEGREE REQUIRED FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

MSL candidates, regardless of any applicable DAU transfer credits, are required to take the following GW Law foundational courses for the MSL degree:

- 6518 - Overview of Government Contracts
- 6519 - Analytical Writing or GCON Advanced Writing
- 6502 - Formation of Government Contracts
- 6503 - Performance of Government Contracts
- 6506 - Government Contracts Cost & Pricing
- 6511 - Anti-Corruption & Compliance

We make no exceptions for this requirement.

IV. APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the transfer of DAU credits, MSL candidates should complete the following transfer credit request [application](#) and attach the requested transcripts and certifications. If the request is approved, the GW Government Procurement Law Program will notify the Records Office of the transfer credits, which will be reflected on MSL candidates' GW Law transcript.