Out-of-State or Private School Transfer Science Courses

At USF, the science departments strictly enforce their prerequisites. Therefore, course equivalency is necessary for students who have transfer science credit from an institution other than USF. This ensures that a student has the necessary foundational information to succeed in the next course of the sequence.

Each transfer science course must be evaluated to see if it is equivalent to the courses taught by a science department at USF or is eligible to count towards science elective credit if we don't teach the same course. Sometimes students transfer to a different Fl state school before transferring to USF. However, previous evaluations by Fl state institutions other than USF science departments will not supersede our evaluations for all non-Florida State Institution transfer credit.

For example, all biology transfer courses are evaluated by the faculty in the Integrative Biology Department (IB) and the Cell Biology, Microbiology, and Molecular Biology Department (CMMB). Biology courses vary widely, even if they have the same name. This can be confusing because you received a letter from USF telling you that your courses were accepted. This just means that courses from an accredited school were accepted. It does not mean that equivalency by a Department has been determined. Students must initiate this process by submitting their request for an evaluation to the Biology Undergraduate Office (BioAdvise).