

When Considering a Transfer

- Understand that the receiving college or university decides what credits transfer and whether or not those credits meet its degree requirements.
- Realize that the accreditation of both the originating and the receiving institutions can affect the transfer of credits earned.
- Understand that chosen courses need not only transfer, but, more important, meet requirements for a major at the baccalaureate institution. Baccalaureate degree programs usually count credits in three categories: general education, departmental requirements and electives. A change in a career goal or major will probably increase the number of credits a student must take to graduate.
- Students should visit their chosen transfer college if possible. They will learn more about a school by visiting. While they are there, they should talk to everybody they can: students, admissions officers, financial aid staff, counselors and instructors.
- Students should call or e-mail their transfer college to get answers to their questions. Their chosen school is your best source of information. Students should keep copies of all e-mail or written responses.
- Students can request that all the written information their transfer school has to offer, such as catalogs, brochures, applications and departmental publications, be sent to them. They should do this as early as possible in your academic career.
- The Final Step: Applying for Transfer Admission