



UNIVERSITY^{OF}
DENVER

Transfer Guidelines 2025



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APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Admission Standards

While we do not have a minimum college GPA for admission, a **competitive college GPA is 3.3 or higher**. We have a holistic review process, and our counselors consider the rigor of your academic coursework, trends in grades, extracurricular involvement, circumstances that may influence our academic performance, and more.

Transfer Application Requirements

1. **Submit a Completed Transfer Application on the [Common App](#)** which includes:
 - Open-topic 250–500-word essay
 - Share context on what we see on your transcripts and/or what is important to you to have us know before we make an admission decision.
 - \$65 non-refundable application fee
 - Fee waivers may be considered on a case-by-case basis for demonstrated financial hardship.
 - [TRIO](#) students can email us for a fee waiver.
 - Active Duty and Military Veteran applicants will have their app fee waived automatically.
 - [Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society](#) members qualify for fee waivers with proof of membership.
2. **Submit all official transcripts from all college-level study attempts at all previous and current institutions, including any college credit earned while in high school.**
 - If you took less than 30 college credits (45 quarter credits) after graduating from high school, you will need to submit your final/official high school transcript that shows your graduation date.
3. **[Music Majors](#): Audition** – see liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid for audition requirements.

Optional Application Supplements

- **Official ACT/SAT test scores.**
- **Recommendation letters:** submitted through the Common App or emailed to admission@du.edu by your recommender.
- **Professional resumes:** submitted through the Common App or through the Applicant Status Portal (once your application has been received).
 - **Resume may be submitted instead of, or in addition to, the activity page on Common App.**

Quarter System: Available Terms and Deadlines

- The University of Denver operates on a **quarter system**. The [academic year](#) consists of three 10-week quarters and an optional summer quarter.
- Transfer applications are reviewed on a **rolling, space-available basis**.
- Decisions are typically released within 4 weeks of receipt and processing of all required materials.
- Submit all required documents by the dates below. We recommend submitting materials well before the deadline for earlier admission decision.

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Summer Quarter
<i>Starts mid-September</i> Priority Deadline: April 1 Regular Deadline: June 1	<i>Starts early January.</i> Regular Deadline: Oct. 18 Limited Space	<i>Starts late March.</i> Not recommended as a start term	<i>Multiple sessions starting mid-June and July</i> Regular Deadline: May 1

Undergraduate Admission

2197 S. University Blvd.
Denver, CO 80208-9401
admission@du.edu | 303-871-2036
du.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate

International Student Admission

2197 S. University Blvd.
Denver, CO 80208-9401
intladm@du.edu | 303-871-2790
du.edu/admission/international

INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

English Proficiency Test Scores

Please ensure you send your test scores at least one month before enrollment.

- If you have already completed at least 30 semester credits from an English-speaking school, you are exempt from this testing requirement. Likewise, if you earn a C or better in English Composition I AND English Composition II, you are exempt from the English proficiency testing requirement.
- We accept scores from one of the following as proof of English proficiency:
 - **TOEFL** (Test of English as a Foreign Language)
 - **IELTS** (International English Language Testing System)
 - **DET** (Duolingo English Test):
 - **CAE** (Cambridge Certificate in Advanced English)

International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS)

[International Student and Scholar Services](#) (ISSS) supports students, faculty, and staff with the needs of the international community on campus.

- Advisors are available by appointment: [Schedule Appointment](#)
- Walk-in advising is available in Community Commons Suite 3100 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 1pm to 3pm. [Map](#)
- The ISSS office also offers an [international student orientation](#) for new students.

Questions? Email iss@du.edu or call 303-871-4912.

Credit Evaluation

To support our credential evaluators with the review of your credit evaluation, we recommend that international students also submit a copy of their course descriptions through their DU Application Status portal using the Other Documents option. Official credit evaluations are sent to students within 3-4 weeks of admission.

VISA Information

Most international students at DU are here with [F-1 student status](#). To get an F-1 visa, you will need an I-20 from DU. We issue the I-20 to admitted students after we receive appropriate financial documents. Students that are already studying at a U.S. university/college can receive support from DU's International Student & Scholars Services (ISSS) office to transfer their SEVIS record.

Sponsored Students

A sponsored student is any student with a scholarship or aide from their home university, home country, a company, or a U.S. Governmental agency. Sponsored students must submit a financial guarantee letter from their sponsor.

Need-Based Financial Aid

International students are not eligible for any need-based financial aid, either from DU, the state government, or the federal government. Refugee/asylee students may be eligible for federal aid. Undocumented students are not eligible for federal aid, only some state aid and/or DU aid. We recommend that students who are refugees, asylees or DACA recipients contact financial aid to discuss your situation and eligibility.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Academic Merit Scholarships: \$12,000 – \$25,000

- Eligibility is determined at the time of admission and based on all admission materials submitted.
- Academic performance at your previous institution(s) weighs heavily in awarding scholarships; this includes GPA, trends in grades, and difficulty of coursework.
- A college GPA of **3.3 or higher** is considered competitive for the above merit scholarships.
- If eligible, the scholarship award amount will be included in your decision letter.
- These awards are automatically renewable if the student continues full-time (between 12–18 credit hours) and remains in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or better).

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship: \$2,500

- Available to **transfer students** who are members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK).
 - *Submit proof of membership to admission@du.edu, either through a notation on the transcript, photo of membership certificate, or confirmation from the PTK chapter advisor.*
- This award is in addition to academic merit scholarships.
- This award is automatically renewable if a student continues full-time (between 12–18 credit hours) and remains in good academic standing (2.0 GPA or better).

Native American and Indigenous Transfer Scholarships: Amounts Vary

Various scholarships are available – learn more regarding specific considerations [here](#).

Talent-Based Scholarships: Amounts Vary

Talent-based scholarship eligibility is considered in **early spring** and vary in amount. Apply early for best consideration.

- **Art:** Portfolio reviewed after admission to DU – email Jason.Kellermeyer@du.edu for information or visit liberalarts.du.edu/art.
- **Music:** Audition required – information found online at liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid.
 - *Music students are considered for a comprehensive scholarship that will take talent, academics, and financial need into consideration in lieu of the above academic merit scholarships.*
- **Theatre:** Audition/portfolio submission information found online at du.edu/ahss/theatre/admission.

Summit Scholarship: \$5,000

Students that were previously admitted to DU as first-time, first-year students within the last year and have maintained a competitive GPA in college will be considered for this award. Eligibility may be extended for another year if working on an associate's degree. This would be in addition to Transfer Merit Scholarships.

Need-Based Financial Aid

Need-based financial aid is decided after a student is admitted and has submitted the required documents. For the quickest turnaround of need-based aid information, we recommend sending the following documents early in the application process.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) studentaid.gov – DU School Code is 001371

- Determines eligibility for federal funding such as loans, Pell Grant, and work-study.

CSS Profile cssprofile.collegeboard.org – DU School Code is 4842

- Determines eligibility for institutional funding such as the DU Educational Grant and other need-based scholarships.

Additional financial information:

[Undergraduate Financial Aid](#)

[Cost of Attendance](#)

[Apply for Aid at DU](#)

Questions? Email finaid@du.edu
Call 303-871-4020

Private Scholarships

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH - Use private scholarship searches to find additional funding opportunities that may supplement your financial aid.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit DU

Find out what makes DU an extraordinary place! We currently offer both in-person and virtual visit options, including one-on-one appointments. Explore options online at du.edu/visit.

- Check out our [Virtual Open House](#) videos that feature a student panel and discuss the admission process, academic offerings, and support services.
- Meet with a [Transfer Counselor](#) in-person, virtually, or by phone.

Questions? Email visits@du.edu or call 303-871-7711.

Housing

There is a [two-year live-on requirement](#) - exemptions must be approved by Housing.

Common exemptions:

- Student is living with parent/legal guardians within a 25-mile driving distance of campus.
- Student is age 21 or older before DU housing opens for the academic year.
- [Transfer Housing Options](#) are available in various residential halls on campus.
- [Recovery Housing](#) is a community intended specifically for all students who are pursuing recovery from substance use and are dedicated to a supportive recovery lifestyle.
- For those age 21+, explore [off-campus housing](#) help.

Questions? Email housing@du.edu or call 303-871-2246.

Student Life

You will find a wide variety of programs on campus that will help you get the most out of your DU experience personally, academically, and professionally.

Student Activities and Organizations:

- [Club Sports, Intramural Sports, Fitness & Wellness](#)
- [Collegiate Recovery Community](#) (CRC)

Study Abroad

Student Support Offices & Resources

- [DU Help](#) (Safety/Well-Being/Financial/Social/Identity-Based/Academic/Career & Professional Support)
- [Student Disability Services](#) (SDS); physical and/or learning accommodations.
- [Learning Effectiveness Program](#) (LEP): individualized support for learning differences.
- [Student Success Coaching](#)
- [Career & Professional Development](#)

Military Personnel Education Benefits, Resources, and Credit

Military veterans and their dependents can access various financial benefits and student services, including Yellow Ribbon funding, here at DU. Learn more about setting up your benefits [here](#).

For admission and transfer credit consideration, submit military transcripts.

- Military transcripts are certified documents that can help us understand your military training and qualifications.
 - [Joint Services Transcript](#) (JST) – Army/Navy/Marines/Coast Guard
 - [Air University](#) (AU) – Air Force
- All admitted military personnel will receive 3 PE credits for completing Basic Training.
- Additional military coursework/training can be considered for transfer credit by the most closely related academic department at DU.

Military Education Benefits

303-871-4878
VACertify@du.edu

Veterans & Military Resources

303-871-2074
veterans@du.edu

TRANSFER CREDIT OVERVIEW

Transferability of Courses/Credits

- College-level courses
- Similar content to what is offered at DU
- A grade of C- (1.7) or better must be earned
 - Pass/Fail courses can transfer *if* a pass is equivalent to a C- (1.7) or better.
- Grades do not transfer – only credit.
- Official CLEP exam scores may be reviewed for credit.
- **Official transcripts must be sent from each institution.**

Access information about majors, minors, and life at DU: customviewbohok.du.edu

Access degree/major/minor requirements and course descriptions: bulletin.du.edu

How Credit is Applied

- **Official credit evaluations are emailed to applicants typically within 2 weeks of admission.**
- Courses may transfer in as [Common Curriculum](#), major/minor requirements, or electives.
 - Common Curriculum requirements are part of our liberal arts philosophy, offered across many disciplines and required across all majors (see next page for suggested courses).
- At least 50% of major and 50% of minor requirements must be completed at DU.
- The last 45 credits of your degree requirements must be completed at DU (or partner study abroad program) to earn a degree at DU.

Type of Credit	Maximum Transferable Credit
Advanced Placement (AP)	45 quarter credits
International Baccalaureate (IB)	45 quarter credits
Community College/Junior College (2-yr)	96 quarter credits (64 semester credits)
Any combination of AP/IB/2-Yr/4-Yr/Military	135 quarter credits (90 semester credits)

Academic Standing

First-Year: 0-44 credits
Sophomore: 45-89 credits
Junior: 90-134 credits
Seniors: 135+ credits

The University of Denver uses quarter hours/credits.

When the original college or university is not on the quarter system, the transfer credits are converted to quarter hours.

1 semester credit = 1.5 quarter credits

Full time status at DU is between 12-18 quarter credits/hours.

Most courses are 4 hours; a typical course load is 3-4 courses per quarter.

Courses Approved for Transfer

Our [Transfer & International Education Course Reporting System](#) (TIERS) allows you to search for transferable courses from other institutions as well as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and CLEP exam score conversions.

- The **Colorado Community College System** is the most complete in terms of transferable course listings.
- If you do not see a course for your specific school, please check for a similar title under the Colorado Community College System.
- The absence of a particular course or institution does not necessarily mean that the course is not transferable – **this is not a complete list of transferable courses** – however, this list is updated regularly.
- Course equivalents are determined by available course descriptions.
 - **Keep your syllabi** as you may submit them to determine more specific placement of courses.
- A more detailed listing of transfer credit policies is available online: du.edu/registrar/other-student-services/transfer-study-abroad-credits.

COMMON CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

The course codes listed are for **Colorado Community College System**.
Other courses are considered for core requirements based on similarity to DU Common Curriculum.
Courses that will fulfill the Common Curriculum are subject to change without notice.

First-Year Seminar (FSEM)	DU requires one course to satisfy this requirement. Waived for transfer students	
Writing & Rhetoric (WRIT)	DU requires one year of Writing. ENG 1021 & 1022 English Composition I & II	
Language	DU requires one year or proficiency for most majors. Any foreign language numbered 1011/1012 (Intro level) or 2011/2012 (Intermediate level).	
Ways of Knowing: Analytical Inquiry	Analytical Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World <i>(Computer Science & Mathematics)</i> DU requires one course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSC 1019 Intro to Programming CSC 1050 Visual Basic Programming: 6.0 CSC 1060 Computer Science I CSC 1061 Computer Science II MAT 1230 Integrated Math II MAT 1240 Mathematics for Liberal Arts MAT 1320 Finite Mathematics MAT 1400 Survey of Calculus MAT 2410 Calculus I PHI 1013 Logic PHI 2013 Symbolic Logic <p><i>*College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, and Statistics will not count towards the AI-Natural requirement but will transfer as departmental credit.</i></p>	Analytical Inquiry: Society and Culture <i>(Arts & Humanities)</i> DU requires two courses from two <u>different</u> Arts and Humanities disciplines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 1110 Art Appreciation HIS 1110 The World: Antiquity-1500 HIS 1120 The World: 1500-Present HIS 1210 US History to Reconstruction HIS 1220 US History Since Civil War HIS 1310/1320 Western Civilization I/II HUM 1003 Intro to Film Art HUM 1015 World Mythology HUM 1021/1022/1023 Humanities LIT 1015 Intro to Literature I LIT 2001 or 2002 World Literature I, II MUS 1020 Music Appreciation MUS 1023 Survey of World Music PHI 1011 Intro to Philosophy PHI 1012 Ethics THE 1005 Theatre Appreciation THE 1011 Acting I
Ways of Knowing: Scientific Inquiry	Scientific Inquiry: The Natural and Physical World <i>(Lab Sciences)</i> DU requires twelve quarter credits. <u>All courses must have a lab.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AST 1110 Planetary Astronomy I AST 1120 Stellar Astronomy II BIO 1004 Biology: A Human Approach BIO 1005 Science of Biology BIO 1111/1112 General College Biology I/II CHE 1011/1012 Intro to Chemistry I/II CHE 1111/1112 General Chemistry I/II GEO 1011 Physical Geography Landforms GEO 1012 Physical Geography Weather GEY 1111 Physical Geology GEY 1112 Historical Geology GEY 1155 General Oceanography PHY 1111/1112 Physics: Algebra-based I/II PHY 2111/2112 Physics: Calculus-based I/II SCI 1055/1056 Integrated Science I/II 	Scientific Inquiry: Society and Culture <i>(Social Science)</i> DU requires two courses from two <u>different</u> social science disciplines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CRJ 1010 Intro to Criminal Justice CRJ 2030 Criminology ECO 2001 Principles of Macroeconomics GEO 1005 World Regional Geography GEO 1006 Human Geography JOU 1005 Intro to Mass Media POS 1011 American Government POS 2005 International Relations POS 2020 Intro to Political Science PSC 2025 Comparative Government PSY 1001/1002 General Psychology I/II SOC 1001 Introduction to Sociology I WST 2000 Intro to Women's Studies <p><i>*Intro to Criminal Justice and Microeconomics will not count towards SI-Society requirements but will come in as elective credit.</i></p>
Advanced Seminar (ASEM)	DU requires one course to satisfy this requirement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is to be completed at DU. 	