



UNIVERSITY OF  
DENVER

# Transfer Guidelines 2026



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# APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

## Admission Standards

While we do not have a declared minimum college GPA for admission, **successful transfer applicants often present a college GPA of 3.3 or higher.** Through our holistic review process, we seek to understand your academic and personal journey, by considering the rigor of your academic coursework, grade trends, extracurricular involvement, and any circumstances that may have influenced your academic performance.

## Transfer Application Requirements

1. **Submit a Completed Transfer Application on the [Common App](#)** which includes:
  - **Open-topic 250–500-word essay**  
Share additional context about your academic record and/or anything you would like us to know as we review your application.
  - \$65 non-refundable application fee
    - Fee waivers may be considered on a case-by-case basis.
    - Active Duty and Military Veteran applicants can use DUMILITARY to waive the fee.
    - [Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society](#) members can use DUPTK to waive the fee and must submit proof of membership.
2. **Submit official transcripts from *all* colleges attended**, including any college credit earned while in high school.
  - If you completed fewer than 30 college credits (45 quarter credits) after graduating from high school, you will also need to submit your final/official high school transcript showing your graduation date.
3. **[Music Majors](#): Audition is required** – see [liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid](http://liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid) for audition requirements.

## Optional Application Supplements

- **Official ACT/SAT test scores.**
- **Letters of recommendation:** submitted through the Common App or emailed to [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu) by your recommender.
- **Professional resume:** submitted through the Common App or through the Applicant Status Portal.
  - 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**. Submitting your materials earlier allows for earlier decision notification.
- Admission decisions are typically released within 3 weeks of receipt and processing of all required materials.
- Please submit all required documents by the deadlines below.

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Summer Quarter
<i>Classes Start mid-September</i>	<i>Classes Start early January</i>	<i>Classes Start late March</i>	<i>Multiple sessions starting mid-June and July</i>
<b>Priority Deadline: April 1</b> <b>*Regular Deadline: June 1</b>	<b>*Regular Deadline: Oct. 18</b>	Not typically recommended as a start term – contact your <a href="#">Transfer Counselor</a> to discuss whether this may be a fit for you.	<b>*Regular Deadline: May 1</b>
Course Registration starts mid-July	Course Registration starts early Nov		Course Registration starts mid-April

\*Applications submitted after Regular Deadlines are considered on a case-by-case basis. Connect with your [DU Transfer counselor](#) for more info.

**Undergraduate Admission**  
2197 S. University Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80208-9401  
[admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu) | 303-871-2036  
[du.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate](http://du.edu/admission-aid/undergraduate)

**International Student Admission**  
2197 S. University Blvd.  
Denver, CO 80208-9401  
[intladm@du.edu](mailto:intladm@du.edu) | 303-871-2790  
[du.edu/admission/international](http://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](mailto: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 review of all application materials.
- Academic performance at your previous institution(s) is a significant factor in scholarship consideration, including GPA, trends in grades, and the rigor of coursework.
- Successful applicants for these awards often present a college GPA of 3.3 or higher.
- 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 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](mailto:admission@du.edu). Acceptable documentation includes a notation on your transcript, a photo of your membership certificate, or confirmation from your PTK advisor.*
- This scholarship is awarded in addition to any 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

A variety of scholarships are available, learn more about specific opportunities and eligibility 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.Kellermeier@du.edu](mailto:Jason.Kellermeier@du.edu) for information or visit [liberalarts.du.edu/art](http://liberalarts.du.edu/art).
- **Music:** Audition required – information found online at [liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid](http://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](http://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 scholarship is awarded in addition to Transfer Merit Scholarships.

## Need-Based Financial Aid

We understand that financing your education is an important part of the transfer decision. Our Financial Aid team is available to answer questions, review options, and help you understand your financial aid offer.

Need-based financial aid is determined after admission and once all the required documents have been received. We encourage you to submit the following documents early in the application process.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) – DU School Code is 001371

- Used to determine eligibility for federal funding such as loans, Pell Grant, and work-study.

**CSS Profile** [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org) – DU School Code is 4842

- Used to determine eligibility for institutional funding such as the **DU Educational Grant** and other need-based scholarships.

## Private Scholarships

Use [private scholarship searches](#) to find additional funding opportunities that may supplement your financial aid.

### **Additional financial information:**

[Undergraduate Financial Aid](#)

[Cost of Attendance](#)

[Apply for Aid at DU](#)

Questions? Email [finaid@du.edu](mailto:finaid@du.edu)  
Call 303-871-4020

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Visit DU

Discover what makes DU an extraordinary place! We offer both in-person and virtual visit options, including one-on-one appointments. Explore options online at [du.edu/visit](https://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](mailto:visits@du.edu) or call 303-871-7711.

### Housing

DU believes living on-campus plays an exciting role in supporting your academic journey and overall success. That's why we [require students to live on campus](#), though exemptions may be available in certain circumstances. [Common exemptions](#) include:

- Living with parent/legal guardians within a 25-mile driving distance of campus.
- Students aged 21 or older before DU housing opens for the academic year.

Transfer students have access to a variety of on-campus [Transfer Housing Options](#). Students age 21+ may also receive guidance for [off-campus housing](#).

**Questions?** Email [housing@du.edu](mailto:housing@du.edu) or call 303-871-2246.

### Student Life

DU offers 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](#)

#### [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 have access various to financial benefits and student services, including Yellow Ribbon funding, here at DU.

**For admission and transfer credit consideration, submit your military transcripts.**

- [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](mailto:VACertify@du.edu)

#### [Veterans & Military Resources](#)

303-871-2074

[veterans@du.edu](mailto:veterans@du.edu)

# TRANSFER CREDIT OVERVIEW

## Transferability of Courses/Credits

- College-level courses with content similar to what is offered at DU may be eligible for transfer.
- A grade of C- (1.7) or better is required for consideration.
  - Pass/Fail courses can transfer *if* a pass is equivalent to a C- (1.7) or better.
- Only credit transfers, not grades.
- 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](http://customviewbohok.du.edu)*

*Access degree/major/minor requirements and course descriptions: [bulletin.du.edu](http://bulletin.du.edu)*

## How Credit is Applied

- **Once admitted, you'll typically receive your official credit evaluation by email within two weeks.**
- Transfer courses may apply to [Common Curriculum](#), your major/minor requirements, or as 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).
- DU requires at least 50% of major and 50% of minor requirements to be completed at DU.
- To earn a degree at DU, the last 45 credits of your degree requirements must be completed at DU (or partner study abroad program).

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](http://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.*

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