



UNIVERSITY *of*  
DENVER

TRANSFER GUIDELINES  
ACADEMIC YEAR  
2021

# APPLICATION INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

## Admission Standards:

Consideration for admission includes a competitive GPA (generally, a **3.0 or higher** in coursework that demonstrates a commitment to academic success), trends in grades, circumstances that may have influenced your academic performance in college, and other information included in your application.

## Transfer Application Requirements:

- **Submit a completed Transfer Application**
  - Links to both the Common Transfer Application and the Pioneer Transfer Application can be found on our website [du.edu/apply/admission/apply/transfer](https://du.edu/apply/admission/apply/transfer)
  - No preference is given for either the Common Application or the Pioneer Application
- **Submit a 250-500 word open-topic essay** (included within either transfer application)
  - This is your chance to demonstrate your writing ability as well as add your personal information to the application. Why do you want to transfer to DU? What would you like us to know about you and your academic history and experiences?
- **Pay the \$65 non-refundable application fee** online through either application
  - Fee waivers may be considered on a case-by-case basis for demonstrated financial hardship
  - Active Duty and Military Veteran applicants will have their app fee waived automatically
  - Current Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society members qualify for fee waivers with proof of membership
- **Submit official transcripts from all college-level study attempted at previous and/or current institutions** (including concurrent credit earned in high school)

If **all** your college transcripts combined show that you completed less than 30 graded semester credits (45 quarter credits), you **must** also submit:

- A final/official high school transcript that shows your graduation date or G.E.D.
- Official ACT/SAT scores are optional. To learn more, go to [du.edu/test-optional](https://du.edu/test-optional).

## Major-Specific Application Requirements:

- **Business:** Submit a professional resume – this may be emailed to: [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu)
- **Music:** Complete an audition – see [liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid](https://liberalarts.du.edu/lamont/admission-aid) for audition requirements

## Optional:

- Teacher, professor, advisor, and/or employer recommendations can be emailed to [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu)
- Professional resumes can be emailed to [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu) (required for Business majors)
- Create a [ZeeMee](https://www.zeemee.com/) account (<https://www.zeemee.com/>), a free service that allows you to upload photos, videos, and text to help bring your application to life. Just copy your ZeeMee link into your application or email it to [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu)

## Available Terms and Deadlines:

Transfer applications are considered on a **rolling, space-available basis**. All materials need to be received by the dates below; however, we strongly recommend submitting materials well before the deadline. Decisions are typically released within three weeks of receipt of all required documents.

Fall Quarter	Winter Quarter	Spring Quarter	Summer Quarter
Starts mid-September <b>Priority Deadline: April 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>General Deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Starts early January <b>General Deadline: Oct. 15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Limited Space</b>	Starts late March <b>General Deadline: Feb 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>Very Limited Space</b>	Starts mid-June <b>General Deadline: May 1<sup>st</sup></b>

### Undergraduate Admission

2197 S University Blvd  
Denver, CO 80208-9401  
Phone: 303-871-2036 Fax: 303-871-3301  
Email: [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu)  
[du.edu/admission](https://du.edu/admission)

### International Student Admission

2197 S University Blvd  
Denver, CO 80208-9401  
Phone: 303-871-2790 Fax: 303-871-3522  
Email: [INTLADM@du.edu](mailto:INTLADM@du.edu)  
[du.edu/admission/international](https://du.edu/admission/international)

# FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

## Academic Merit Scholarships

**Merit Scholarships range between \$5,000 - \$21,000**

- Your application to the University of Denver will determine your admission as well as your eligibility for an Academic Merit Scholarship.
- Academic performance at your previous institution(s) weighs heavily in awarding scholarships; this includes GPA, trend in grades, and difficulty of coursework.
- A college GPA of **3.0 and higher** is competitive for the above merit scholarships.
- 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).

## Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship - \$2,500

- This scholarship is available to transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) immediately prior to attending DU.
  - *Submit proof of membership to Undergraduate Admission, either through a notation on the transcript, photo of membership certificate or confirmation from the PTK chapter advisor.*
  - *No separate scholarship application is required.*
- This award is separate, and 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).

## Talent-Based Scholarships

*Talent-based awards vary in amount and tend to be determined in early spring. Apply early for best consideration.*

**Art:** portfolio-based - information found by emailing [Jason.Kellermeyer@du.edu](mailto:Jason.Kellermeyer@du.edu) | [liberalarts.du.edu/art](http://liberalarts.du.edu/art)

**Music:** audition-based - 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-based - information found online at [du.edu/ahss/theatre/admission](http://du.edu/ahss/theatre/admission)

## Need-Based Awards

Need-based financial aid is determined using a number of factors, including family income, household size, assets, the number of siblings enrolled in college, and academic record. There are two required forms for need-based awards. We recommend that you submit these forms as early as possible in the application process for faster award packaging if admitted. *You do not need to wait for an admission decision to submit the FAFSA or CSS Profile.*

- **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** – determines eligibility for federal funding such as loans, Pell Grant, & work-study
  - [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) DU School Code is 001371
- **CSS Profile** – determines eligibility for institutional funding such as the **DU Educational Grant** and other need-based scholarships
  - [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org) DU School Code is 4842

### Financial Aid

Phone: 303-871-4020

Fax: 303-871-2341

Email: [finaid@du.edu](mailto:finaid@du.edu)

Web: [du.edu/financialaid](http://du.edu/financialaid)

### SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH:

Utilize private scholarship searches to find additional funding opportunities that may supplement your financial aid award package [du.edu/financialaid/resources/scholarshipsearch](http://du.edu/financialaid/resources/scholarshipsearch)

# VISITING, HOUSING, and STUDENT LIFE

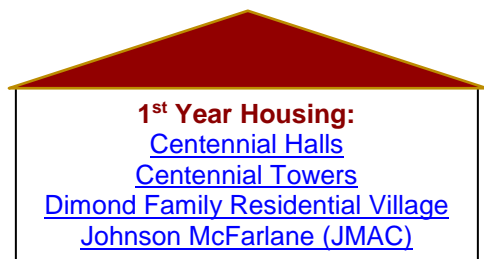
## VISIT DU: [du.edu/visits](https://du.edu/visits) - 303-871-7711 - [admission@du.edu](mailto:admission@du.edu)

Find out what makes DU an extraordinary place. Due to COVID, we are offering virtual information sessions, tours, and individual appointments – sign up online. Find the virtual tour here: [du.edu/virtualtour](https://du.edu/virtualtour).

Learn more about how DU is handling the COVID-19 pandemic here: [du.edu/coronavirus](https://du.edu/coronavirus).

## HOUSING: [du.edu/housing](https://du.edu/housing) - 303-871-2246 - [housing@du.edu](mailto:housing@du.edu)

There is a two-year live-on requirement for your first two years out of high school, unless living with a parent or guardian close to campus. *For best availability, submit your application as early as possible.* Additional information and virtual tours are online.



\*[Recovery Housing](#) is a community intended specifically for all students who are pursuing recovery from substance use and serves a community that is dedicated to a supportive recovery lifestyle.

\*\*[The Transfer House](#), home to the Transfer Living Community (TLC) is a house with mostly double rooms, located in the center of campus.

Both the Recovery Housing and The Transfer House require community applications in addition to the general housing application.

## STUDENT LIFE: [du.edu/studentlife/engagement](https://du.edu/studentlife/engagement) - 303-871-3111

You will find a great variety of programs on campus that will help you get the most out of your DU experience - personally, academically, and professionally. Below, you will find a sampling of these programs and resources:

### Academic

- Academic Advising: [du.edu/studentlife/advising](https://du.edu/studentlife/advising)
- Center for World Languages & Culture (CWLC): [du.edu/cwlc](https://du.edu/cwlc)
- Disability Services Program (DSP): [du.edu/dsp](https://du.edu/dsp)
- Learning Effectiveness Program: (LEP): individualized support for learning differences [du.edu/lep](https://du.edu/lep)
- Math Center: [math.du.edu](https://math.du.edu)
- Research Center: [du.edu/urc](https://du.edu/urc)
- Writing Center: [du.edu/writing/writingcenter](https://du.edu/writing/writingcenter)

### Student Activities and Organizations: [du.edu/campus-life/arts-activities/student-organizations](https://du.edu/campus-life/arts-activities/student-organizations)

- Access & Transitions – support for 1<sup>st</sup> generation and underrepresented students: [du.edu/studentlife/affinity](https://du.edu/studentlife/affinity)
- Center for Community Engagement to advance Scholarship & Learning (CCESL): [du.edu/ccesl](https://du.edu/ccesl)
- Club Sports, Intramural Sports, Fitness & Wellness: [ritchiecenter.du.edu/students](https://ritchiecenter.du.edu/students)
- The Cultural Center: [du.edu/cme](https://du.edu/cme)
- Office of Diversity and Inclusion at DU: [du.edu/diversity-inclusion](https://du.edu/diversity-inclusion)
- Office of Internationalization (I House): [du.edu/intz](https://du.edu/intz)
- **P**ride Portal: [du.edu/pride](https://du.edu/pride)
- Religious & Spiritual Life: [du.edu/studentlife/religiouslife](https://du.edu/studentlife/religiouslife)
- Sorority & Fraternity Life: [du.edu/studentlife/engagement/get-involved/fraternity-sorority-life](https://du.edu/studentlife/engagement/get-involved/fraternity-sorority-life)

### Student Support:

- Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC): [du.edu/crc](https://du.edu/crc)
- Career & Professional Development: [du.edu/career](https://du.edu/career)
- DU Information Technology: [du.edu/it](https://du.edu/it)
- Health and Counseling Center: [du.edu/health](https://du.edu/health)
- Student Outreach & Support: [du.edu/studentsupport](https://du.edu/studentsupport)
- Student Success Coaching: [du.edu/ace](https://du.edu/ace)

# VETERAN BENEFITS, STUDY ABROAD, and GUIDED PATHWAYS

## VETERAN BENEFITS and SERVICES

There are a variety of financial benefits and student services available to military, veterans, and their dependents, including **Yellow Ribbon** funding. You will need to apply for your VA education benefits online through the VA at [benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp](https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/apply.asp) **and** DU at [du.edu/registrar/gibill](https://du.edu/registrar/gibill). It is best to contact our Military Programs Coordinator at 303-871-4878 for more information.

*As a small thank you for your service, the \$65 application fee for Common App and Pioneer App is waived for all active duty and veteran applicants.*

**Veteran Benefits:** (VA Paperwork)  
303-871-4878 | [VACertify@du.edu](mailto:VACertify@du.edu)  
[du.edu/registrar/gibill](https://du.edu/registrar/gibill)

**Veteran Services:** (Student Services)  
303-871-2074 | [veterans@du.edu](mailto:veterans@du.edu)  
[du.edu/veterans](https://du.edu/veterans)

For admission purposes, please submit military transcripts or your DD214.

- Military transcripts are certified documents that can help us understand your military training and qualifications. You may request to have a [Joint Serviced Transcript](#) (JST) sent electronically.
  - Air Force personnel do not have a JST, so you must request transcripts from the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) to show military training. Use the [transcript order form](#) to have an official copy mailed to us.

## STUDY ABROAD: [du.edu/abroad](https://du.edu/abroad) - 303-871-4912 - [duabroad@du.edu](mailto:duabroad@du.edu)

The University of Denver strongly invests in study abroad because we believe as many students as possible should have the opportunity to discover how education really comes to life in an international context.

- Undergraduate students are eligible for the Cherrington Global Scholars Program after attaining Jr status (90 quarter hours) and 3.0 GPA at DU – **a minimum of 2 quarters of full-time enrollment must be completed at DU before studying abroad.**
- Advising is available to determine how study abroad credits will be applied to your degree.
- **It is recommended to begin advising a year in advance of your study abroad term.**

*Cherrington Global Scholars receive benefits that help offset additional costs associated with studying abroad, such as airfare stipends and visa fee coverage*

## GUIDED PATHWAYS: [du.edu/registrar/transfer-studyabroad/cccsguide](https://du.edu/registrar/transfer-studyabroad/cccsguide)

The University of Denver is beginning to review the Degrees with Designation for the schools in the Colorado Community College System. This will enable students to see how courses taken in the community college system will work within given majors. As more majors complete the review process, they will be added to the website above.

## THE QUARTER SYSTEM: [du.edu/registrar/calendar/](https://du.edu/registrar/calendar/)

The University of Denver runs on a **quarter system**. The academic year consists of three 10-week quarters and an optional summer quarter.

Fall Quarter	Winter Break	Winter Quarter	Spring Break	Spring Quarter	Summer Break/Optional Quarter
September 14 <sup>th</sup> – November 20 <sup>th</sup>	~6 weeks	January 4 <sup>th</sup> – March 19 <sup>th</sup>	~1 week	March 29 <sup>th</sup> – June 10 <sup>th</sup>	June 14 <sup>th</sup> – August 21 <sup>st</sup>

Full time status is between 12-18 credit hours. The majority of courses are 4 credit hours; a typical course load is 3-4 courses.

# TRANSFER CREDIT OVERVIEW

## TRANSFERABILITY OF COURSES

- College-level courses
- Similar content to what is offered at the University of Denver
- 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 and are not included in a student's University of Denver GPA
- Official transcripts must be submitted from each institution
- CLEP and DSST exams are not accepted for credit

*Our Bulletin is a great resource to view major/minor options, requirements, and course descriptions:*  
[bulletin.du.edu](https://bulletin.du.edu)

*You can also access our Custom Viewbook to get information about majors, minors, and life at DU:*  
[customviewbook.du.edu](https://customviewbook.du.edu)

## HOW CREDIT IS APPLIED

- 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 are required across all majors (see next page for suggested courses)
- [go.du.edu/transfers](https://go.du.edu/transfers) allows you to search for transferable courses as well as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) 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
  - Courses and institutions will continue to be added, as DU equivalents are determined
  - Course equivalents are determined by available course descriptions. Keep your syllabi, as you may submit them to determine more specific placement of courses
- Military coursework that is listed on an official Joint Services transcript or Air Force Community College transcript may be approved by the most closely related department at the University of Denver

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

- **The University of Denver uses quarter hours or quarter credits** (instead of semester credits)
  - When the original college or university is not on the quarter system, the transfer credits will be converted to quarter hours **1 semester hour = 1.5 quarter hours**
- **The final 45 credits must be earned *in residence* at the University of Denver** (meaning you cannot transfer in credits from other institutions in your last year of study)
  - Partner programs within our study abroad program will count as *in residence* if you are traveling abroad your senior year

A more detailed listing of transfer credit policies is available online: [du.edu/registrar/transfer-studyabroad](https://du.edu/registrar/transfer-studyabroad)



# SUGGESTED COURSES THAT FULFILL COMMON CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS

For students entering DU in the 2021 academic year  
*Course codes listed are for Colorado Community Colleges*  
*Other courses may be considered based on similarity to DU Common Curriculum.*  
*Courses that will fulfill the Common Curriculum are subject to change without notice.*

AREAS OF INQUIRY → EXPERIENCES ↓	The Natural & Physical World	Society & Culture
First-Year Seminar (FSEM)	<b>DU requires 1 course to satisfy this requirement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waived for transfer students</li> </ul>	
Writing & Rhetoric (WRIT)	<b>DU requires one year of Writing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENG 121 &amp; 122 English Composition I &amp; II</li> </ul>	
Language	<b>DU requires 1 year or proficiency for most majors</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any foreign language numbered 111, 112 (Intro Level) or 211, or 212 (Intermediate Level)</li> </ul>	
Ways of Knowing: Analytical Inquiry	<b>AI-Natural</b> (Computer Science or Math) <b>DU requires 1 course or the equivalence of 4 quarter hours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSC 116 Logic &amp; Program Design</li> <li>CSC 119 Intro to Programming</li> <li>CSC 160 Computer Science I</li> <li>CSC 200 Game Programming I</li> <li>CSC 233 Object-Oriented Programming in C++</li> <li>CSC 240 Java Programming</li> <li>MAT 120 Mathematics for Liberal Arts</li> <li>MAT 123 Finite Mathematics</li> <li>MAT 125 Survey of Calculus</li> <li>MAT 156 Integrated Math II</li> <li>MAT 201, 202 Calculus I, II</li> <li>PHI 113 Logic</li> </ul> <p><i>*College Algebra, Pre-Calculus, and Statistics will <b>not</b> count towards the AI-Natural requirement, but will count as departmental credit</i></p>	<b>AI-Society</b> (Arts & Humanities) <b>DU requires 2 courses from two <u>different</u> arts and humanities disciplines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ART 110 Art Appreciation</li> <li>HIS 101 or 102 Western Civilization I, II</li> <li>HIS 111 or 112 World Civilization</li> <li>HIS 121 or 122 US History I, II</li> <li>HUM 103 Intro to Film</li> <li>HUM 115 World Mythology</li> <li>LIT 115 Intro to Literature I</li> <li>MUS 120 Music Appreciation</li> <li>MUS 121, 122 Music History</li> <li>PHI 111 Intro to Philosophy</li> <li>PHI 112 Ethics</li> <li>THE 105 Intro to Theatre Arts</li> <li>THE 111 Acting I</li> </ul>
Ways of Knowing: Scientific Inquiry	<b>SI-Natural</b> (Natural Science) <b>DU requires 2 courses if taken on a semester system/ 3 courses if taken on a quarter system; all courses must have a lab – online labs do NOT count without approval</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AST 101, 102 Astronomy I, II with lab</li> <li>BIO 104, 105 Science of Biology with lab (non-major)</li> <li>BIO 111, 112 General College Biology I, II with lab</li> <li>CHE 101, 102 Intro to Chemistry I, II with lab (non-major)</li> <li>CHE 111, 112 General College Chemistry I, II w/lab</li> <li>CHE 211, 212 Organic Chemistry I, II</li> <li>GEO 111/112 Physical Geology Landforms/Weather</li> <li>GEY 111/112 Physical/ Historical Geology</li> <li>PHY 105 Conceptual Physics with lab (non-major)</li> <li>PHY 111, 112 Physics: Algebra-based I, II with lab</li> <li>PHY 211, 212 Physics: Calculus-based I, II with lab</li> </ul>	<b>SI-Society</b> (Social Science) <b>DU requires 2 courses from two <u>different</u> social science disciplines</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CRJ 230 Criminology</li> <li>ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics</li> <li>GEO 105 World Regional Geography</li> <li>GEO 106 Human Geography</li> <li>JOU 105 Intro to Mass Media</li> <li>POS 105 Intro to Political Science</li> <li>POS 111 American Government</li> <li>POS 125 American State &amp; Local Gov't</li> <li>POS 225 Comparative Government</li> <li>PSY 101 or 102 General Psychology I, II</li> <li>SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology I</li> </ul> <p><i>*Intro Criminal Justice and Microeconomics will <b>not</b> count towards SI-Society requirement, but will come in as elective credit</i></p>
Advanced Seminar (ASEM)	<b>DU requires 1 course to satisfy this requirement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Must be taken at DU</li> </ul>	