



Transfer Students

As someone who has been through the college search process before, you know how important it is to find a college that feels right for you. We want to make sure you have all the information you need to determine whether CUC is a good fit.

Whether you plan to live in one of the residence halls or [commute to class](#), as a transfer student you will find a strong sense of community at Concordia. Faculty and staff want you to succeed as you complete coursework that leads to your bachelor's degree. As a residential student your circle of friends includes those in your classes as well as the people you get to know on your hall floor. Commuter students make campus connections as well – meeting up with friends at Charlie T's or studying in small groups at the Library Café. If you are a commuter student check out our special programs designed especially for you.

In 2009-2010, transfer students received financial aid packages that averaged \$19,100.

Concordia University Chicago considers you a transfer student if you have previously enrolled in any course for college credit *after* graduating from high school.

Please check the [Transfer Student Admission](#) section if you would like information about application requirements and the transfer of credits. You'll find answers to other frequently asked questions by transfer students below.

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What are the requirements for a transfer application?

Transfer applicants must submit a completed application and official transcripts of all college coursework from each institution attended. The minimum cumulative GPA for all coursework must be a 2.00 on a 4.00 scale, with evidence of good academic standing at the last college attended. You may apply as a transfer student even if you have completed fewer than 15 college-level credit hours to date.

What if I have completed fewer than 15 college-level credit hours?

If you have completed fewer than 15 college-level credit hours (22.5 quarter hours), you will need to submit an official final **high school** transcript, complete with graduation dates, or written documentation of successful completion of the G.E.D., and official ACT or SAT1 scores.

I plan to transfer to Concordia. What are my first steps?

You should first schedule an appointment with [your CUC admission counselor](#), either at Concordia's campus or at your current college (local students only). You may also attend [Walk-in Wednesdays](#) on Concordia's campus, bringing official transcripts for an on-the-spot admission decision. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis prior to each term. In order for us to serve you best, we encourage you to apply as soon as possible. The sooner you complete your admission file, the sooner we will offer you a scholarship package.

How do I apply?

The easiest and quickest way to apply for admission is to complete the [online application](#). You may also [download the application](#) and send it to us or call our office. Send your official transcripts from ALL institutions you have attended to Concordia University Chicago (7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, IL 60305). As noted above, transfer students with fewer than 15 semester hours to date should send their official final high school transcript along with appropriate documentation and official ACT or SAT1 scores.

How will I know if I'm accepted to Concordia?

Once your completed application has been received and reviewed, an admission counselor will personally contact you by phone with your admission status. After this acceptance phone call, you will receive an acceptance letter and merit scholarship award letter in the mail. A packet of general information including housing, student life, financial aid, etc. will be mailed following your acceptance letter.

What is the Illinois Articulation Initiative?

Concordia University is a participant in the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), a statewide agreement that allows transfer of the completed Illinois General Education Core Curriculum between participating institutions. Completion of the transferable General Education Core Curriculum at any participating college or university in Illinois assures transferring students that lower-division general education requirements for an associates or bachelor's degree have been satisfied, excluding graduation and mission-related requirements. This agreement is in effect for students entering an associate or baccalaureate degree-granting institution as a first-time freshman in summer 1998 and thereafter. You can learn more about IAI on-line at www.itransfer.org

What is Transfer Jump Start and do I have to attend?

To help you become better acquainted with campus, all new students are required to attend an orientation program. *Transfer Jump Start* is designed especially to give transfer students the opportunity to get a "Jump Start" on their CUC experience. Offered in the week leading up to the start of classes, the half-day orientation program introduces you to the unique aspects of the University and gives you the chance take care of the final details before the semester begins. Everyone in Student Support Services from Academic Advising to Financial Planning to Student Life is committed to making your transition to Concordia as smooth as possible. *Transfer Jump Start* programs include opportunities to learn about spiritual life on campus, become familiar with our computer system, and obtain your CUC campus ID and vehicle registration while getting your questions answered by CUC staff and current students. You are encouraged to get to know your fellow classmates by attending the social event at Dave & Buster's offered especially for new transfer students.

Transfer Credit

Any currently enrolled student wishing to earn transfer credit must first consult with the Academic Advising office regarding the transferability of courses and then receive approval from the Registrar. The Transfer Credit Approval Form is available from your Academic Advisor. The University reserves the right to determine the number and type of transfer credits accepted toward a student's degree. The last two years of college work should be at the senior college level. No more than 67 semester hours of lower-level transfer credit from a regionally accredited institution will be counted toward graduation, unless extra hours are used to fulfill general education requirements for students in the Accelerated Degree Program for Adults. One-half of all credits toward a major must be completed at Concordia. Courses with a grade of 'F' are not transferable. All courses completed at a college or university in the Concordia University System will be included in the calculation of final grade point average used for graduation honors for undergraduate students.