

Transfer Admission

A sizable number of undergraduates transfer into the University from other colleges and universities each year. The University welcomes applications from all students who are completing work at other two- and four-year colleges.

Academic Preparation and Achievement: To be favorably considered one should have at least an overall *C+* (2.50) average for all college work attempted. The cumulative average necessary for admission will vary, depending on the program and the quantitative background of the applicant. Admission to certain programs (majors) is competitive and is based not only on a required grade point average (GPA) but also on completion of a certain set of prerequisite core courses. The required GPA for applicants to the accounting, business administration, criminal justice, financial market regulation, public health, and social welfare programs is a *B* average or better. The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering requires a minimum 3.50 overall GPA with 24 credits of qualified science and engineering coursework. GPAs are computed using grades earned in all courses attempted. Applicants who lack in the high school program described in the section entitled “High School Preparation” may present an academic experience as a transfer student that is comparable in its totality, demonstrating breadth and achievement and the potential to compete successfully at the University at Albany.

Students enrolled in EOP or EOP-type programs at other colleges are encouraged to apply for transfer admission to our Educational Opportunities Program.

In addition to submitting the basic application and supplemental form, transfer applicants must also submit official transcripts of all work taken at any college or university since high school graduation, whether or not they expect to receive transfer credit. Where only one transcript is offered, such a transcript should include at least one year’s grades. Transfers may be admitted also on the basis of one semester of college coursework, provided their high school preparation meets the quantitative and qualitative requirements for freshman admission. The transfer applicant is not expected to take an admissions examination. A decision as to admissibility may not be made until the previously noted items are received. If there are gaps in an applicant’s educational sequence, the applicant will be asked to provide a brief list of activities during that period.

Ability to Contribute to the University Community: The University at Albany believes that a student body that represents diverse geographic, cultural, racial/ethnic, and socioeconomic backgrounds creates an educational environment that benefits all students. Therefore, in evaluating applicants, the University may also consider non-academic characteristics including involvement in school or community; leadership potential; community service; a student’s ability to contribute to a diverse educational environment as evidenced by his/her geographic, cultural, racial/ethnic, or socioeconomic background; special talents; work experience; and information about the

applicant's ability to overcome obstacles, hardship, disabilities, etc.

An estimate of the total number of credits accepted for transfer will be made when admission is granted. When the student registers for the first time, he or she will be provided with a tentative evaluation of course credits. The tentative evaluation is subject to final approval and modification following the initial advisement and programming session. Transfer students are strongly urged to take advantage of the Planning Conference where a review of the evaluation of coursework is offered.

Transfer Grades: Courses are accepted for transfer credit provided that a grade of C- or higher has been achieved.

a) For students who matriculated before Fall 2000, credit earned with a grade of *D* or the lowest passing grade will transfer only if such credit is balanced by a *B* or *A* at the same institution. *D* grades earned in courses within the major/minor must be balanced by grades of *B* or *A* earned within the major/minor at the same institution.

b) For students who matriculated Fall 2000 through Summer 2001, prematriculation credit earned with a grade of *D* or the lowest passing grade will transfer only if such credit is balanced by a *B* or *A* at the same institution. *D* grades earned in courses within the major/minor must be balanced by grades of *B* or *A* earned within the major/minor at the same institution. Postmatriculation credit graded *D* will not transfer.*

c) For students who matriculate Fall 2001 and thereafter, no credit graded *D* from another institution will transfer.*

* Except for the University's writing requirements, for which a grade of *C* or higher or *S* is required, transfer work graded *D+*, *D* or *D-* in a course that applies to one or more of the University's General Education requirements may be applied toward fulfilling the requirements, even if the student receives no graduation credit for the course.

All transfer applicants are strongly encouraged to indicate the major they plan to pursue once admitted to the University. Since Albany students, with few exceptions, are required to declare a major by the time they have accumulated 42 graduation credits, and may declare a major after accumulating 24 graduation credits, incoming transfer students with 24 or more credits are usually assigned to major departmental advisors for their initial programming. The prospective transfer student should consult the section of this bulletin entitled "Declaration of Major" for a list of those majors that have specific restrictions, and then consult the departmental description of the admission requirements for that program.

The transfer student's designated class standing (class year) is determined by the number of credits accepted for transfer (see the "Class Standing" section of this bulletin). However, for many majors (combined major/minors in the sciences, for example) overall class standing should not be construed to mean that the student is necessarily on schedule within the major/minor sequence. This is especially true for students who transfer to the University

from technical and applied programs, or for those who change major interest and/or career goals at the time of transfer.

The prospective transfer student should examine closely those sections of this bulletin that deal with minor requirements, residence requirements, the General Education Requirements and with the Writing Requirement. These are graduation requirements in addition to those stipulated by the major.

For the B.A. and B.S. degrees, the maximum number of transfer credits from a two-year college, a four-year college, or from a combination of two-and four-year schools are 90.