



Transfer Student Information

What is a transfer student?

Any student with college course work completed after graduation from high school is considered a transfer student for admission purposes. Students who completed college courses before high school graduation are considered as entering freshmen for admission purposes and should visit www.ucdenver.edu/admissions for information about freshman admission standards and application procedures. College-level course work earned prior to high school graduation can be considered in transfer to CU Denver, but is not counted as credit hours in our transfer admission standards.

Do you offer guaranteed admission for Colorado Community College students?

Colorado Community College students are guaranteed admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences if they meet all the admission standards outlined in the University of Colorado Guaranteed Admission Policy which can be viewed at www.ucdenver.edu/admissions/transferpolicy.

What are the general transfer admission standards?

If you have completed 12 or fewer semester credit hours of college-level course work at the time you apply, you will be considered for admission based upon your high school grade point average (gpa), high school units completed, rank in class, ACT or SAT scores and college gpa. Submit official high school and college transcripts along with your ACT or SAT scores at the time you apply. If you apply during your first semester of college enrollment, a progress report form is also required and will be provided to you to assess your academic progress in current classes.

If you have completed between 13 and 29 semester credit hours of college-level course work at the time you apply, you will be considered for admission based primarily upon performance in your college courses, but high school transcripts are still required and must be submitted at the time of application. Transfer students who graduated from high school in 2008 and later are subject to the State of Colorado Higher Education Admission Requirements (HEAR). Students with high school HEAR unit deficiencies not addressed by completion of college courses may need to defer admission consideration until 30 college credits are completed.

If you have completed 30 or more semester credit hours of college-level course work at the time you apply, you are considered for admission based on college course work alone, and you are not subject to HEAR requirements. High school transcripts are not required.

College of Arts & Media: A minimum 2.4 cumulative gpa is required, but anyone with at least a 2.0 cumulative gpa may be considered. Music majors have additional application requirements, other selective admission criteria, earlier application deadlines and are considered for admission only for fall semester. Visit <http://cam.ucdenver.edu/meis> for additional information.

Business School: For assured admission, students must have a 3.0 cumulative gpa or a 3.0 gpa in the 24 most recent credits that apply to the degree program. Students with fewer than 80 college credits who apply for Business School admission but do not meet these admission standards will be automatically considered for the “pre-business” program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Students with an undergraduate degree in business are not accepted for undergraduate admission in the Business School.

College of Engineering and Applied Science: For assured admission, a full year of college calculus and calculus-based physics (or calculus-based physics I and general college chemistry I) must be completed with “B” or better grades, and the cumulative gpa must be at least 2.75. Students with fewer than 80 college credits who apply for engineering admission but do not meet these admission standards will be automatically considered for the “pre-engineering” program in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and School of Public Affairs: A minimum 2.4 cumulative gpa is required, but anyone with at least a 2.0 cumulative gpa may be considered.

How do I apply?

Submit an application for admission (online preferred), \$50.00 non-refundable application fee, official high school transcripts, ACT or SAT scores (if required), and an official transcript from each regionally accredited college or university you have attended. Official transcripts from foreign institutions are also required and must be accompanied by a certified translation if not in English. Essays and letters of recommendation may be submitted, but are not required. We will notify you promptly of your admission status.

How will I know what credits are accepted?

Following admission, we will automatically evaluate your official transcripts. We will notify you when your transfer credit evaluation is completed and refer you to your academic advisor. Your advisor will assist you with applying credit to your degree program and provide additional advising assistance. Advising is required before you may register for classes in your first semester.

What are the guidelines for transfer of credit?

We consider course work for transfer only if a "C-" or better grade was earned. Remedial/developmental, vocational or religious doctrinal courses are not accepted. General education courses are usually accepted, and courses identified as State of Colorado GT Pathways courses are always accepted. Seminar, special topics or independent study courses require departmental review for transfer consideration. There is no time limit for acceptance of general credit, but certain majors have time limits on how credit can apply to requirements.

What are the transfer credit limits?

A maximum of 60 credits may be accepted from community or junior colleges and a maximum of 90 credits may be accepted from four-year institutions or a combination of two and four-year institutions (with no more than 60 from a community or junior college).

What about AP, CLEP, IB or military credit?

If you have been accepted, submit official score reports and/or SMART transcripts to the Office of Admissions. We will automatically consider the credit in transfer and notify you when the evaluation is completed.

What about transfer credit for professional health programs at the Anschutz Medical Campus?

Professional health programs have differing transfer credit policies and time limits for fulfillment of prerequisite requirements. The above information applies only to degree programs offered entirely at the Denver Campus.

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