

Applying to Bucknell

Bucknell is interested in bright, well-prepared students who will challenge the faculty and each other. In selecting students, we look at academic achievement in high school and college, evidence of significant talent or ability, and strong personal qualities of character, leadership, and personality. In evaluating your application, we focus on the content of the high school and college experience, particularly your grades and recommendations. We are impressed by students who make a genuine contribution to the community through service and sensitivity to others.

Requirements

Bucknell University requires the following information from each transfer applicant. All materials should be sent to the Office of Admissions by the application deadline.

- The Common Application for Transfer Students
- Common Application - Professor Evaluation and College Official's Report
- Bucknell Transfer Supplemental Application
- Mid-Semester Grade Report
- Transfer Credit Summary Sheet
- Official university transcript(s)
- Official high school transcript(s)
- Application fee of \$60 (waived if you have previously applied to Bucknell)
- SAT I or ACT scores (TOEFL for International Students)
- Course descriptions from college or university (no course catalogues)
- Financial aid forms (if applicable) CSS Profile and FAFSA

Transfer Eligibility

Bucknell considers transfer student applications for either fall or spring semesters. A student may transfer to Bucknell with no less than 15 semester hours and no more than 80 semester hours of college work. To earn a Bucknell degree, a student must spend at least three semesters in residence at Bucknell and complete at least 12 Bucknell courses (48 semester hours). Therefore, students who have completed more than the equivalent of 2 and 1/2 years of college work are not eligible for transfer to Bucknell. A 2.5 (A=4.0) GPA (grade point average) IS REQUIRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

Except for unique cases, freshmen should not apply for mid-year admission; instead, these students should plan to complete their freshman years and seek sophomore admission to Bucknell. There are certain fields of study and degree programs for which admission is highly selective. Admissions decisions for these programs involve consultation between the Office of Admissions and the respective faculty departments, as transfer candidates must compete with all returning Bucknell students for approval as majors. This is subject to review each semester. Currently, management (business administration), accounting, and biomedical engineering are closed for transfer admission.

Transfer into economics, biology, and engineering are highly selective, have a limited number of spaces, and are subject to review by the respective academic departments.

The majority of Bucknell's incoming transfer students were originally enrolled at four-year colleges and universities, though some previously attended a two-year college. An associate degree is not required, but transfer candidates from two-year colleges are strongly encouraged to complete their two-year degree. Students who apply and typically are admitted have an average GPA of 3.4. To be competitive within the applicant pool, a GPA of 3.0 is preferred and often necessary. We typically enroll about 25 to 30 transfers for the fall semester and 10 to 12 for the spring semester. There is traditionally more room available for rising juniors than there is for rising sophomores.

Credit Evaluation

In order to receive credit at Bucknell, each previous course is evaluated by the Registrar's Office to see if it is comparable to a Bucknell course in depth and scope, and applicable to the intended major. Courses in which the student has earned a grade less than C are not given credit.

Bucknell does not automatically accept two years of blanket credit for an associate degree. Courses not compatible with Bucknell's course offerings will not be credited toward a Bucknell degree. Transfer candidates are urged to consult the Bucknell University Course Catalog and the chairperson of the appropriate academic department. Note: Individual credit evaluation is done only after a student has been admitted to Bucknell.

A student may transfer to Bucknell with no less than 15 semester hours and no more than 80 semester hours of college work. Students who have completed more than the equivalent of two and a half years of college study are not eligible for transfer to Bucknell.

Except for unique cases, freshman should not apply for mid-year admission but should plan to complete the freshman year and seek sophomore admission to Bucknell.