

We welcome a small number of transfer students every year at the beginning of the fall semester. Maybe you are applying to Duke for the first time, or you have applied previously. You may even have been admitted to Duke, but began your college career elsewhere. We seek students with many of the same characteristics of talent and engagement as our current undergraduates (see [Who We're Looking For](#)).

For Fall 2012 entry, we expect to have a very limited number of places for transfer students who will be sophomores, and we expect to have no places for transfer students who will be juniors.

Should I apply as a first-year or transfer applicant?

- If you have attended any college or university in the past four years and will have successfully completed at least one year of college work by August 2012, you qualify to apply to Duke as a transfer applicant.
- If you have completed only one semester of college work by August 2012, you should apply as a first-year applicant.
- If you are a high school student in an “early college” or dual-enrollment program, who will earn an Associate’s degree while finishing high school, you should apply as a first-year applicant.
- If you have already completed an undergraduate (Bachelor’s) degree at a four-year college, you cannot be considered for transfer admission.

Please contact Duke's [Office of Continuing Studies](#) if you are:

- A student with an undergraduate degree needing one or two more courses in order to enroll in a graduate program
- A transfer applicant who has not attended college in the last four years

Evaluation

Unfortunately, Duke has very few spaces available for transfer students. The transfer admission process is significantly more competitive than the first-year admission process.

While our review of applications is a holistic one and there is no required GPA or minimum test score, you may find the following statistics to be helpful:

	Fall 2011	Fall 2010	Fall 2009	Fall 2008
Applied	920	820	667	634
Admitted	26	79	44	17
Acceptance Rate	2.8%	9.6%	12.4%	3.5%

Successful transfer applicants typically have at least a 3.8 college GPA in a challenging academic program. Standardized testing is required for all transfer applicants. Our middle-50% range for SAT scores is as follows:

	Arts & Sciences	Engineering
SAT Verbal/Critical Reading	650-770	730-800
SAT Math	690-780	800-800
SAT Writing	680-740	680-750

Regrettably, given the selective nature of the transfer admissions process, we are often unable to admit students even with outstanding academic credentials.

To be considered for transfer admission, students' academic records cannot include any failing, conditional or incomplete grades.

Transfer students matriculating at Duke have previously attended hundreds of different colleges and universities. Here is a sampling of some prior institutions attended: Boston College, Caltech, Columbia University, Emory University, Georgetown University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Middlebury College, Morehouse College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Northwestern University, Princeton University, University of California at Berkeley, University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California, and the United States Naval Academy.

Required Materials

- The [Common Application for Transfer Students](#) or the [Universal College Application for Transfer Students](#) (the application includes the required essay and short answer questions)
- Duke Student Supplement
- Final high school transcript
- College Official's Form
- Transcripts from all colleges attended
- Official SAT or ACT scores, sent directly from the testing agency. Please note that SAT or ACT scores are required, but SAT Subject Test scores are not.
- Two academic letters of recommendation, at least one of which must be from a college professor or instructor

Application Deadline

Transfer applicants may only begin study in August (fall semester). There is no transfer admission for January (spring semester).

Transfer applications must be postmarked or submitted electronically by March 15, 2012. Transfer decisions are posted in mid-May. The reply is due by May 31, 2012, for those who accept the offer of admission.

Transfer of Credit

Duke will grant credit for only two years of work done elsewhere, regardless of the number of credits a student has previously earned. In order to earn a Duke degree, a transfer student must spend at least two years at Duke. Please note, however, that we expect to have no places for transfer students who will be juniors in August 2012.

The classes for which a student will receive credit are determined by the academic dean, not by the Undergraduate Admissions Office. We do not offer a preliminary evaluation of transfer credit; however, you may review the [Trinity College of Arts & Sciences transfer academic advising site](#) to get a sense of the courses that might transfer.

We do not accept credits for courses which have been taken online.

Financial Aid

Transfer students are eligible for financial aid for nine minus the number of semesters enrolled elsewhere. For example, for a student who has been enrolled two semesters elsewhere, only seven semesters' worth of financial aid will be available at Duke.

There is no need-based financial aid available for international transfer students.