Frequently Asked Questions about Transfer Admissions

How to Apply?

**How do I apply as a transfer student?** Transfers applicants must complete the Common Application for Transfers located at this website. https://www.commonapp.org/. The required essay is included within the Common Application.

**Is there an application fee?** The application fee is $75 and non-refundable. If you have a financial hardship you may request a fee waiver by completing the NACAC fee waiver request form.

**What are the application deadlines?** The application deadline is November 1 for the spring semester and is May 1 for the fall semester. Applying after the deadlines may cause your application to be considered on a space-available basis as more popular majors may reach capacity earlier.

**May I submit unofficial college transcripts?** While unofficial transcripts and grade reports may be used to determine your admissions status, official transcripts are required before your Transfer Credit Evaluation can begin. The Registrar’s Office(s) of your previous college(s) should send official transcripts directly to the UD’s Admissions Office. The mailing address is University of Delaware, Undergraduate Admissions Office, Newark, DE 19716.

May transfer applicants apply to the University Honors Program? You may apply to the Honors Program but acceptance is restrictive. Your high school credentials must meet the admissions criteria and you may only be considered if you have fewer than 20 college credits completed at the time of enrollment. If you enroll at UD, you may enroll in Honors level courses if you have at least a 3.0 UD GPA and if there is space in the class.

**When will I receive an admissions decision?** Transfer applicants are reviewed on a rolling basis beginning November for the spring semester or March for the fall semester. You’ll be reviewed beginning those months once we receive all required documents thus making your application complete. Not submitting all required documents will delay your decision. If you have fewer than 60 college credits, request an official copy of your final high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores be sent to the Admissions Office. Also, please send official transcripts from all of your colleges/universities, not just the most recent one.

Decisions take 6-8 weeks once your application is complete. Decisions for majors in the College of Engineering may take additional time since space availability needs to be determined at the end of each semester.

**Should I send mid-semester grades?** In some cases, mid-semester grades will be helpful. However, in other cases, we’ll need to wait for your final grades before a final decision can be made. In that case, we will notify you by email.

**My school sent my documents yet my portal page checklist says you did not receive them. Should I have them resent?** If you know a particular document or piece of information was sent to the Admissions Office, please don’t send it again. It may take a few weeks for information to catch up to your application file and thus appear under your checklist. The Admissions Office will send you a reminder if your file is incomplete or missing pertinent information.

Financial

**I owe money to my previous college and they won’t release my official transcript. What can I do?**

UD will not be able to accept any of your college credits without your official transcript. Your best bet is to settle your financial obligation with this college. Owing money to another college may also impact your ability to receive financial aid.

**Do you offer academic scholarships to transfer students?**

Scholarships are not available for entering transfer students. However, you will be considered for need-based aid once you’re admitted provided you submitted the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and designate UD to receive the report. (UD’s code is 001431.) Your need-based package will be available on your My Blue Hen Home custom portal page. Questions regarding your need-based package should be directed to UD’s Student Financial Services at (302) 831-2126 or sfs-advisor@udel.edu.
Admissions Criteria

I was admitted as a freshman, does that mean I’ll be admitted as a transfer applicant? It depends on the major to which you apply and if you have satisfied the minimum transfer requirements for this major. If you meet the minimum transfer requirements and applied before the deadline, chances are good you will be admitted to your intended major. Please review the Transfer Criteria by Major document available on the transfer website at http://www.udel.edu/admissions/for/transfers.html.

I was denied admissions to UD as a freshman. Can I be admitted to UD after completing one semester at another college? Generally if you were not admitted as a freshman, you should only apply after completing a minimum of 30 credits of transferable college coursework. However, with only 30 completed credits, the admissions decision will still consider the quality of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores. If you do not want your high school transcript and test scores to be considered, complete at least 60 credits before reapplying, or complete at least 45 credits while also enrolled in at least 15 credits.

Is it easier to get admitted if you attend a more competitive college? There is no official policy on what defines a more competitive college. Overall, you must be in good standing academically, socially, and financially with your current or most recent institution. The transfer applicant's total academic credentials are considered including previously achieved grade-point index, the type of institution attended, performance in specific courses pertinent to the proposed field of study, and statement of interest in attending the University of Delaware. If you have completed fewer than 60 credits, we will also consider your official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores.

What’s the minimum college gpa required for my intended major? Minimum gpa’s range 2.0-3.2. Specific college coursework for some more competitive majors (e.g. Engineering majors and majors in the Lerner College of Business and Economics) may be required. We strongly recommend you review the Transfer Criteria by Major document available on the transfer website at http://www.udel.edu/admissions/for/transfers.html.

Just meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admissions. You are welcome to list a lesser competitive major as an alternate on your application. However, enrolling at UD into your alternate major does not guarantee eventual entry into your first-choice major. For more information about restricted majors, please review this website http://www.udel.edu/Registrar/students/Restrmajorsinfo.html.

I have completed more than 30 transferable college credits but not 60 credits. How will my application be evaluated? With fewer than 60 credits, please have your official high school transcript and SAT/ACT scores sent to the Admissions Office. The more college credits you have completed, the less important your high school credentials will be in the decision.

Transferring Credits

Which of my current or previous credits will transfer to UD? Is there someone who will tell me before I apply? University of Delaware automatically accepts credits from regionally-accredited (e.g. Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools) institutions. (Credits from non-regionally accredited institutions may be evaluated.) Non-remedial courses with final grades of “C” or better tend to transfer. Courses with Pass/Fail grades will not be accepted. Once you’re admitted, your credit evaluation will be available via your “My Blue Hen Home” custom portal page. Official college transcripts are needed to complete your evaluation of credits. Although transfer credit evaluations are completed once you’re admitted, we encourage you to access the University's Transfer Website http://www.udel.edu/admissions/for/transfers.html. Before you apply use the Transfer Matrix https://udapps.nss.udel.edu/transfercredit/index.action to see which of your previous courses have UD equivalents. After you’re admitted to UD and if one or more of your courses is not on the Transfer Matrix, you may submit the course syllabus to the departmental transfer contact for evaluation. http://www.udel.edu/Registrar/transfer/contacts.html

What’s the maximum number of credits I can transfer to UD? There is no maximum number of UD equivalents you may acquire via the preliminary transfer evaluation. However, UD policy requires that to earn a four-year degree, 30 of the last 36 credits must be taken at the University of Delaware. Certain majors may have additional requirements. For more information, refer to academiccatalog.udel.edu/Pub_ShowCatalogPage.