Getting Started at the University of Minnesota

The University of Minnesota welcomes new undergraduate students as both freshmen and transfers. **Freshmen** are those who have graduated from high school but haven’t enrolled at a college, university, or any other school after high school (regardless of total college credits completed while in high school). **Transfer students** are high school graduates who have registered or enrolled at a college, university, or any other school after graduating from high school.

Admission Requirements for New Transfers

Students may be considered for majors only in the colleges or programs that admit transfer students (see list on back). All students are considered for admission based on an individual overall assessment of their application. Individual colleges and programs review each application using the primary and secondary review factors listed here, in addition to specific requirements for the college or program.

**Primary review factors include:**

- Grade point average (GPA), both cumulative and in specific courses related to the student’s intended major.
- An especially challenging pattern of coursework, especially in courses related to the student's intended major

**Secondary review factors include:**

- Evidence of exceptional achievement, aptitude, or personal accomplishment not reflected in the academic record
- Pattern of steady improvement in academic performance
- Participation in extracurricular programs related to the intended major
- Non-academic experience in a field related to the intended major
- Evidence of exceptional talent or ability in artistic, scholarly, leadership, or athletic performance
- Evidence that enrollment would enhance the cultural, gender, age, economic, racial, or geographic diversity of the student body
- Outstanding high school, college, or community involvement
- Work experience, paid or unpaid
- Evidence of having overcome social, economic, or physical barriers to educational achievement
- Extenuating circumstances

Transfer Credit from Other Institutions

The Office of Admissions reviews the student’s coursework taken at other postsecondary domestic or international institutions to determine:

- If the courses transfer to the University of Minnesota
- If the courses meet any of the University of Minnesota’s **liberal education requirements** (see http://www.onestop.umn.edu/degree_planning/lib_eds/)

Credit will be transferred subject to the following considerations:

- For institutions in the U.S., primary consideration is whether the institution is regionally accredited. For institutions in countries outside the U.S., the degree-awarding institution must be officially recognized as degree-granting by the authorities who have jurisdiction over tertiary education in the country in which the institution operates.
- The coursework must be comparable with U of M coursework.
- The coursework must be appropriate for meeting baccalaureate degree requirements at the U of M.
- Mission of the institution. Credit is usually not transferred from specialized/proprietary institutions, military schools, or industry-based education programs. Such courses are usually highly specialized or vocational in nature. Remedial or developmental courses, including ESL, are not considered university-level and do not transfer.

There is no absolute limit on the number of credits in appropriate coursework that may be transferred to the University of Minnesota. However, regardless of the number of transferable credits, in order to complete a degree at the U of M a student must take a minimum of 30 semester credits offered through the University. This must include 24 credits taken after admission to the major or program. The minimum grade for transfer is D; however, a grade of D does not count toward major requirements. If your transfer coursework needs to be reviewed to determine if it fulfills major, college, or liberal education requirements, you may be asked to submit a petition to the appropriate office with further information about the transfer course in question.
Academic Profile of Admitted Transfer Students

The table below provides a general overview of the academic qualifications of fall 2012 admitted transfer applicants, as reflected in students’ college grade point averages (GPA). The data are a composite picture of admitted transfer applicants; they are not admission criteria. Admission decisions are based on an individual, overall assessment of each application.

Application Deadlines

Fall and spring application deadlines are listed below. Please confirm application deadlines at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/admissioninfo/trans_deadlines.html. Deadlines are subject to change; some colleges or programs may close their admission before the final deadline.

--- Academic Profile of 2012 Admitted Students ——

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<th>Colleges/Programs that Admit Transfers</th>
<th># of Admitted Students</th>
<th>Average Transfer GPA¹</th>
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Undergraduate Health Science Programs:

- Dental Hygiene                          | 14                     | 3.42                   | ————                  | Final: Jan. 10            |
- Dental Therapy                          | 1                      | **                     | ————                  | Contact Dental Therapy    |
- Clinical Laboratory Science              | 28                     | 3.52                   | ————                  | Final: Feb. 1             |
- Mortuary Science                        | 18                     | 3.10                   | Priority: Feb. 1        | Final: Aug. 15            |
- Nursing                                 | 44                     | 3.50                   | ————                  | Final: Feb. 1             |

¹ GPA is calculated on a 4.0 scale.
² CSE lists average cumulative GPA here; however, admission is also based on grades in selected engineering, science, and math courses. Visit CSE’s transfer student admissions web page for more information.
* Only Landscape Design and Planning, Pre-Graphic Design, and Housing Studies majors accept spring admissions.
** Contact Dental Therapy for more information.

For More Information

Complete and official application and admission information—including the online application—is provided on the Office of Admissions website at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu.