



APPLICANT GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER STUDENTS

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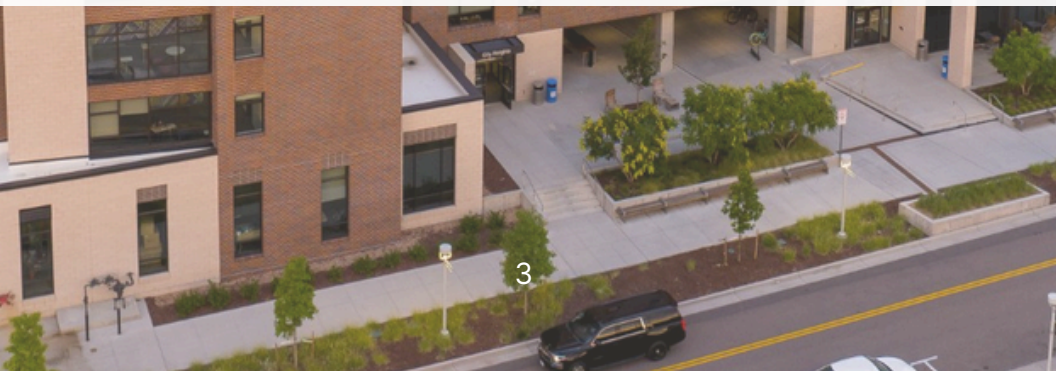
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ABOUT

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER

- Undergraduate Scholarships
- Career-Connected Campus
- 150+ programs (50+ STEM OPT)
- 15,000 students (7% international)
- R1 Research University



GUIDE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER APPLICANTS

Transfer Planning

Thinking of transferring to CU Denver? Whether you're coming from Colorado, out of state, or even from another country, we have pathways to make your move seamless.



Option 1: Transfer from Inside Colorado

CU Denver partners with Colorado colleges and universities through statewide transfer agreements. These agreements let you:

- Earn a 60-credit Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree at a community college.
- Transfer to CU Denver with junior status.
- Complete your bachelor's degree with no more than 60 additional credits (for a total of 120 credits).

Option 2: Transfer from Outside Colorado

Use [Transferology](#) to see how your courses may transfer and apply to your CU Denver degree.



TRANSFER APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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- ☐ **Online application**
- ☐ **\$75 application fee**
- ☐ **Proof of English Language Proficiency (see pages 6-8)**
 - You do not need proof of English language proficiency (ELP) in order to submit application!
- ☐ **Complete transcripts (see below)**
 - If the transcript is not in English, a certified English translation must be included.

Transcript Requirements

Transferable College Credits Completed	High School Transcript Required	College Transcript Required
24 or more credits	No	Yes – from all institutions attended
Less than 24 credits	Yes	Yes – from all institutions attended

Tip: 24 credits typically equal to two full-time semesters (about one year) of college study.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

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You may meet the ELP requirement by fulfilling ANY of the options listed below. You are required to submit documentation to prove your English ability.

Option 1: Completion of Coursework

Region	Credential	Details
United States	Associate or Bachelor Degree	Earn an associate or higher degree in the United States.
United States	Transferable Coursework	Earn 24 or more semester credits at another US institution AND <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earn an overall college-level GPA of 2.7 or higher, OR• Earn a final grade of B- or higher in English Composition 1, or equivalent, or a higher English composition course.
Colorado	GTPathways	Complete the GTPathways designation at a Colorado community college.
Worldwide	High School Credential Options	Please see the ELP section of the First-Year Admission Page for information on high school credentials and exam scores accepted as proof of ELP.
Worldwide	Associate or Bachelor Degree	Earn a post-secondary credential, comparable to a US associate degree or higher, which was taught fully in English at an institution located in one of the countries listed on our website here .

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (CONT.)

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Option 2: Citizenship Exemption

International applicants holding citizenship from the following countries do not need to prove their English Language Proficiency for admission to CU Denver:

No English Test Required	Antigua & Barbuda Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Ireland, Jamaica, Malta, New Zealand, St Kitts & Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent & the Grenadines, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United Kingdom
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Note: This list is based on the United Kingdom government’s list of countries exempt from proving English ability when applying for a UK student visa.

Option 3: Exception for Certain Visa Types

If you are the primary holder of an employment-based U.S. visa (e.g., H-1B), and you have lived in the U.S. for at least one year, you are not required to provide proof of English language proficiency for admission.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY (CONT.)

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Option 4: English Language Proficiency Tests

If you cannot meet ELP through the previous requirements, you will need to submit standard [ELP test scores](#) (TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo etc.).

Test	Required Score
IELTS	Overall: 6.5 minimum Sub scores: 5.5 minimum
TOEFL	Overall: 79 Reading: 8 Listening: 7 Speaking: 18 Writing: 16
Duolingo	Overall: 105 minimum Sub scores: 85 minimum
PTE Academic	Overall: 58 minimum Sub scores: 42 minimum
ACT English Section	18
SAT (English Section)	480
AP (English Section)	3
IB - English A Literature (HL or SL) - English A Language and Literature (HL or SL)	4
IGCSE Ordinary Level Certificate, General Certificate of Education (GCE) A and AS-Level	E or higher

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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CU Denver uses rolling admission processing for transfer applications. You will receive your admission decision within 10 business days of submitting a complete application.

Term	Outside the U.S.	Inside the U.S.
Fall (August)	July 10	August 2
Spring (January)	December 3	January 1
Summer (June)	May 1	May 23

UNDERGRADUATE COST OF ATTENDANCE

Your total cost to attend CU Denver includes more than your tuition & fees – you will also need to consider your housing, food, travel, etc. Before you can apply for your U.S. student Visa, you must prove to CU Denver that you have the necessary funding to support your first year of study.

Tuition & Fees	Living Expense	Books & Insurance	Total (I-20 Amount)
\$33,645	\$20,380	\$5,293	\$59,318

***The cost estimates above are for the academic year 2025-2026.**



TRANSFER EVALUATION PROCESS

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After all transcripts have been received, a **transfer credit evaluation** will be performed, indicating which courses are accepted in general transfer by CU Denver.

- Students will receive their transfer evaluation with their admission decision.
- Upon receiving the evaluation, students are encouraged to contact their academic advisor, who will determine how transferred credit applies to specific degree requirements.
- Students are **required** to register for [New Student Orientation](#) to meet their academic advisor and enroll in classes.

Please Note:

- Academic units make all final decisions regarding application of transfer credit to degree requirements.
- Transfer credit evaluations are valid only for degree programs offered entirely at CU Denver.





SEVIS TRANSFER REQUEST

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International Student & Scholar Services (ISSS) supports you through the online portal MyISSS, which you can access by following the steps outlined in the email below:

1. Accept your offer of admission from your Application Portal.
2. Check your e-mail for a message from iss@ucdenver.edu with the subject **"Get Ready for CU Denver Spring, 2026: Request Your I-20 or DS-2019"**.
3. Click into the link at the bottom of the message titled **"U.S. Immigration Questions"** to start the request for your transfer-pending I-20.
 - a. Be sure to accurately answer the questions related to whether you are inside or outside of the U.S. and if you have a visa.
4. Look for your next e-mail entitled, **"CU Denver I-20 or DS-2019: Your Next Step"**.
5. Click the link provided to continue your request for your transfer-pending I-20 in your MyISSS portal.



SEVIS TRANSFER REQUEST (CONT.)

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Once in your MyISSS portal, you will need to submit the required forms completely and accurately. Below is the listed information you will need for your SEVIS Transfer Request:

- ☐ SEVIS ID
- ☐ Last date you attended classes at your previous institution, program end date on your most recent I-20
- ☐ Any information related to medical reduced course loads, CPT, or OPT (including dates and degree levels for authorization)
- ☐ A copy of your most recent I-20
- ☐ A copy of your current visa or I-797 Approval Notice
- ☐ A copy of your most recent I-94
- ☐ The SEVIS release date provided by your previous institution
- ☐ DSO contact information from your previous institution (name, email address)

SEVIS TRANSFER REQUEST (CONT.)

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FINAL STEPS

Please note that [ISSS](#) needs to receive your SEVIS record at least 10 business days before the start of classes. We recommend you start the below process as soon as possible.

1. After submitting all required materials, continue to check your e-mail for any follow-up requests from ISSS.
2. Once the forms have been received and approved by an ISSS staff member, you will receive another email with final instructions to complete the Immigration Document Request (IDCR).
3. An ISSS staff member will process and send your transfer-pending I-20 (available for download in your MyISSS portal).
4. Print and sign your I-20 and carry it with you if you intend to travel.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER APPLICANTS

The University of Colorado Denver offers financial aid and scholarships for international transfer applicants.

Scholarship Type	Application Required	Award Amount	Criteria
Automatic Merit	No	\$5,000-\$10,000 per academic year	GPA
Additional Merit	Yes - receive the link after applying	\$6,000-\$8,000 per academic year	GPA and scholarship application
Program-Specific	Yes - apply on Scholarship Universe	\$500-\$2,500	Varies
External Scholarships	Yes - apply on Scholarship Universe	Varies	Varies

Please Note:

- Scholarships for transfer students last for 2 years.
- Program-specific and external scholarships are available through CU Denver's scholarship database, Scholarship Universe. Students can access Scholarship Universe by logging in with their CU Denver credentials, which are provided upon admission.
- Scholarships can be combined with on-campus employment and other financial resources to contribute to the overall cost of attendance.

SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

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Automatic Merit Scholarship (No Application Required)

Automatic merit scholarships are awarded automatically based on GPA. International Admissions will convert international GPAs to the U.S. 4.0 scale during the admission review.

Cumulative GPA	Annual Award
3.00 – 3.29	\$5,000
3.30 – 3.69	\$7,500
3.70+	\$10,000

Please Note:

- Students will be notified of the scholarship award upon admission.
- Scholarships are disbursed half in fall and half in spring .
- Students admitted in summer will receive their first award in the subsequent fall term.
- Please check the Scholarship Renewal Requirements section for renewal details.

SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

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ADDITIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Application Deadline

Term	Priority Scholarship Consideration
Fall (August)	March 1
Spring (January)	October 1

An application is required for the additional merit scholarship. To apply visit the International Admissions Website or select “Yes” to the question “Are you interested in applying for additional merit-based scholarships?” in your online admission application. This will trigger an email with a link to the scholarship application.

Conditions of Additional Merit Scholarship

- Available to students admitted in fall and spring terms only, as long as funding is available.
- Once a student is notified that they have been awarded an Additional Merit Scholarship, they will need to accept the offer within 2 weeks of the notification, or the award will be rescinded and funds will go back into the scholarship pool.



SCHOLARSHIPS (CONT.)

International Transfer Applicant

Scholarship Duration

The duration of both automatic and additional merit scholarships depends on the number of transferable credits you have upon admission:

Student Type	Scholarship Duration
Fewer than 24 credits (Freshman transfer)	Up to 4 years
24+ transferable credits (Transfer)	Up to 2 years

Please Note: In cases where a student is later reclassified (i.e., gains more transfer credits), the award duration may shift from 4 years to 2 years.

Scholarship Renewal Requirements

- Maintain full-time enrollment (12+ credits).
- Maintain a CU Denver GPA of 2.5+.
- No outstanding balance from previous terms.