



FAQs

Prospective Transfer Student

Am I considered a transfer student?

Anyone who has taken courses at an institution after completing High School is considered a transfer student.

How do I apply as a transfer student?

You can apply via our St. John's Application or via the Common Application. Please visit:

<https://www.stjohns.edu/admission/apply>

Do I need to submit transcripts from an institution if I do not want any credits to transfer over to St. John's?

Yes. A transfer applicant must submit transcripts from all institutions previously attended, even if it was only for a course. If you withdrew from all courses and your transcript reflects W grades you will be expected to submit this record as well. All courses are considered for a decision, even if you do not wish or expect to receive credit for it. Not submitting all transcripts may result in a delay of an admission decision.

I submitted all of my transcripts, why am I being asked to submit a statement of activity?

If an applicant experienced any gaps or breaks in education a counselor may request a Statement of Activity. A statement would include a brief explanation of what the student may have been doing during any break. Breaks can occur after HS completion, a stop out of school, between colleges, etc.

I have a copy of my college transcript can I submit this as part of my application?

Yes. We will accept unofficial academic records in the admission process. Note, if you enroll, you are required to submit all official documents from all schools attended.

What is the easiest way to submit my documents?

Submitting documents is easier than ever. If you have a copy of the record you are looking to submit, simply upload the document through the application portal you created with your St. John's application. Official documents can be sent electronically to transfers@stjohns.edu

Can I apply when I have courses that are in progress?

Yes. If you are in your first year of college, we recommend submitting your High School transcript for review along with your college transcript reflecting any courses in progress.

Would I be considered for transfer admission if I was denied as a first-time applicant?

Yes. Transfer applicants are evaluated primarily on their course work and grades in college. A student who demonstrates an improvement academically since entering college/university may be admitted to St. John's, even if s/he was previously denied as a first-time applicant.

Can a transfer advisor evaluate my credits prior to admission?

Please set up an advisement meeting with a transfer advisor to determine which of your credits may transfer toward a degree at St. John's. Please note, credit evaluations are performed for admitted students.

Can transfer students receive scholarships?

Yes. St. John's University offers scholarship to new transfer students. Please follow the link to review available scholarship opportunities for transfers:

<https://www.stjohns.edu/admission/scholarships/transfer-student-scholarships>.

Do I have to apply to be considered for a transfer scholarship?

When your transfer admission application is reviewed by a transfer counselor, the scholarship will be determined and offered if eligible. We do not have separate applications for transfer scholarships.

Can international transfer students receive scholarships?

Yes. International transfer students may qualify for transfer scholarships. Please follow the link to review available scholarship opportunities for transfers

<https://www.stjohns.edu/admission/scholarships/transfer-student-scholarships>.

Am I required to submit letters of recommendation and a personal essay?

Letters of Recommendations and personal essays are optional for our transfers with the exception of transfer, pharmacy, applicants.

As a transfer student, will I be required to live on campus?

No. This is optional. You can choose to live on or off campus. You can choose to commute to campus.

Is there a deadline to submit my application?

We review students on a rolling admission basis. You can apply through December for spring consideration and by August for Fall consideration. Note, transfer, pharmacy applicants have an application deadline of December 15th for Spring consideration and April 15th for Fall consideration.

I was a student at St. John's, and I am looking to return to complete my degree. How should I proceed?

If you attended another institution after your enrollment with St. John's, you will reapply as a transfer student. If you have not attended any other institution since St. John's, you can apply as a readmit.

Please visit <https://www.stjohns.edu/admission/apply> for links to the above-mentioned applications.

Accepted Student Questions

I just paid my admission deposit. How do I register for my classes?

For your first semester, Transfer Admission & Advising will register you for your courses. When your schedule is available, you will receive an email with instructions to view your schedule.

What courses are eligible for transfer credit?

Generally, students may transfer credits from any 3-5 credit courses taken in which they earned a grade of "C" or better. Transfer credits are considered as they apply to the St. John's program of study. Internship credits from previous institutions are not eligible for transfer.

How many credits can I transfer?

A maximum of 60 credits may be transferred from a two-year institution toward a bachelor's degree program. A maximum of 90 credits may be transferred from a four-year institution to a bachelor's degree program.

Will the GPA at my previous institution(s) transfer toward my degree at St. John's?

No. A student's GPA at St. John's is determined only by the courses taken at St. John's. If in the past, you took courses with St. John's, you would hold a St. John's GPA.

Is housing available to transfer students?

Transfer students who submit their enrollment and housing deposits can be considered for housing on or off campus. Please be aware of the deposit deadline of May 1st which may impact placement.

Am I required to attend an Orientation Program?

All new incoming students are required to attend an Orientation session. Orientation is a crucial part of the undergraduate enrollment process. It helps new students learn about services, programs, and key people on campus to assist with your transition to the University.

As an admitted transfer student, will I be able to defer my acceptance in the case where I cannot attend?

Deposited students can request a deferral of his or her acceptance. Students can reach out to the Transfer Admission and Advising team to request and complete a deferral form. When you defer, you cannot attend any other college or university during this time. Your admission decision can be held for up to one year of your admitted term.

I am an admitted student. Can I request a change of major?

Admitted students can make a request to change major through the student admission portal. At the bottom of your student portal, you will find a red bar: Update your Information. From here, you can update your housing status and request a change of major.

I reviewed my financial aid package with St. John's, and I only see my transfer scholarships. Where are my grants and aid from the FAFSA?

Packages are made available for admitted, St. John's students. Student financial aid does not automatically transfer from your previous institution to St. John's. When you transfer, you may need to update your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to include St. John's. In addition, FAFSA is for each academic year, Fall and Spring. If you transfer for the Spring semester, the FAFSA you completed for that academic year is still available for you to use. Simply add St. John's University School code (002823) to your FAFSA by visiting, FAFSA.ed.gov. The same applies if you qualify for the New York State Resident Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). Add St. John's University school code (0751) with HESC.ny.gov. This process will allow our Office of Financial Services to put together your financial aid package.

If you did not include your social security number in your St. John's application, this could be another reason why you would not see a package from St. John's.

Please be sure to update your social security number by logging into your UIS account:

www.stjohns.edu/UIS and visit the personal tab – Update Biographical Information.

Is tuition different if I am residing outside of NY or the U.S.?

There is a block tuition rate for all students:

<https://www.stjohns.edu/admission/tuition-and-financial-aid/tuition/undergraduate-queens-manchattan-and-online-learning>

I completed my last semester. Where should I send my updated, official college transcript?

Transcripts may be submitted to the following address:

St. John's University
Office of Undergraduate Admission
Attn: Undergraduate Admission Processing
8000 Utopia Parkway
Queens, NY 11439

We can also accept electronic transcripts sent directly from the school: transfers@stjohns.edu

A final, official transcript should not reflect any courses in progress.