

Community College Transfer Checklist



Review Transfer Admissions Options

As a community college transfer to a four-year public institution in Mississippi, you have three (3) options for regular admissions:

- Earn an A.A. degree from a regionally accredited community or junior college with at least 2.0 GPA*.
- Complete the 30 hours of core courses listed below with at least a 2.0 GPA on those courses and earn an overall 2.0 GPA or higher on all hours attempted*.
 - English Composition - **6 semester hours**
 - College Algebra or a higher-level math - **3 semester hours**
 - Natural Science - **6 semester hours**
 - Humanities and Fine Arts - **9 semester hours**
 - Social or Behavioral Sciences - **6 semester hours**
- Meet the requirements for incoming freshmen (based on your ACT®/SAT® scores and high school transcript) and earn an overall 2.0 GPA or higher on all hours attempted*.

** As calculated by the institution you are transferring to.*

Apply for Admission

- Even if you have applied to the college in the past you need to submit a current admissions application.
- Check with your transfer recruiter for applicable deadlines. These deadlines tend to differ from freshmen application and scholarship deadlines.
- Pay the admissions application fee, if applicable.

Transfer Course Equivalency

This tool is on various college websites; it allows you to see what courses from your community college will transfer and what they qualify for. If an online transfer course equivalency tool is not available, seek out an advisor in the program at your prospective four-year college/university to discuss the transfer of your courses.

- There is also the MS Articulation & Transfer Tool. Even if you have applied to the college in the past you need to submit a current admissions application. matttransfertools.com

Get to Know the Transfer Recruiter

They will be your point of contact for the college. They should know who your academic advisor is in addition to other key information.

Scholarships

- Academic Transfer Scholarships – Check with transfer recruiter for the deadlines.
- Phi Theta Kappa scholarship – Check with transfer recruiter for the deadline.
- Private Scholarships – Check get2college.org and other national scholarship databases.

Apply for Financial Aid

Both the FAFSA and MS Aid Application open October 1 each year.

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid: studentaid.gov
- State Aid: msfinancialaid.org

Pay the Housing Deposit

If you plan to live on campus, complete your institution's housing application and submit a deposit by their respective deadlines.

Attend Orientation

FAQ'S for Transfer Students

1

How many hours can transfer from a community college to a four-year college?

Most schools will only accept up to 62 hours of community college credit for a four-year college. College advisors will take the best 62 hours for your degree plan.

2

Can I get academic scholarships with 30 hours or less of transfer credits?

Yes, but usually only to private colleges in MS. Most public, four-year colleges in MS require 48 hours or more.

3

What can a student do to limit the number of courses they have to retake at the university?

Most colleges will only accept courses with a "C" or higher. You may be required to retake a class depending on the college.

4

Can transfer students still participate in on-campus activities and clubs?

Yes! It is always best practice to get involved on campus and find the right community for you.