TRANSFER STUDENTS

Each year, Yale College matriculates a small number of transfer students from other colleges and universities (generally between 15-25). They arrive at different stages of their academic careers, but all transfer students must complete a minimum of eighteen course credits and four terms of enrollment at Yale. Those entering as juniors and those entering as sophomores planning to major in a STEM field are instructed to consult immediately with the DUS of their intended major.

The Yale College Dean’s Office will have determined the credits already earned by each transfer student that may be counted toward the bachelor’s degree. Occasionally, your help may be solicited to determine whether a transfer student’s previous course work satisfies one of the distributional requirements, particularly the SC, SO, or QR requirements.

The DUS determines which specific courses of the student’s previous course work may or may not be counted toward the requirements of the major. You may decline to give major credit for courses that have been included in the credit awarded by the Dean’s Office, but clearly it is important to be as accommodating as possible to transfer students. Particularly for students taking science courses, the DUSes in relevant departments should attempt to match Yale’s courses with those of the previous school so as to minimize wasted or duplicated effort.

Transfer students, particularly incoming sophomores, are encouraged to attend the Academic Fair, held on the Tuesday before the first day of fall-term classes.

Because transfer students are at first naturally unfamiliar with the Yale curriculum, please offer them special help in enrolling in courses that will give them a good start at a new place. Questions about transfer students or the credits awarded to them by the Dean’s Office should be addressed to Dean Risa Sodi (risa.sodi@yale.edu).