

Transfer Students



Western's welcoming environment and close-knit community make transferring simple. If you have taken college courses after high school and have a cumulative grade-point average of at least 2.0, you are eligible to apply to Western as a transfer student.

What Is the Western Difference?

Western offers a private college experience at a public university cost. We're one of the best values in Colorado and around the nation for higher education. Our small class sizes allow students to engage with their professors one-on-one, and to tailor their education to their interests.

For transfer students, three questions stand out:

- Do you have the academic program I'm interested in?
- Will my credits transfer?
- How much will it cost?

Western's Admissions staff will work with you to find answers. Once you've identified the academic program that works for you and what credits will transfer, you can explore merit and program scholarships available to you, as well as financial aid opportunities.

Outside the classroom, Western offers more than 50 extracurricular activities to fit your interests, including a vibrant Multicultural Center with volunteer opportunities and America's only accredited collegiate Mountain Rescue Team.



Transferring From a Colorado School

Students transferring from an accredited Colorado college or university are guaranteed acceptance of state-approved transfer credits. For credits to transfer, students must earn a C-minus or above for college-level work. Transfer guides, at western.edu/transfer-guides, can assist Colorado community college students with course selection while completing an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. There is also a credit transfer tool, present on the www.western.edu/transfer page: an arrow graphic reading "will my credits transfer?"

Western accepts credits earned at regionally accredited colleges and universities from across the country. Western also has articulation agreements with other higher-education institutions, making it easier to transfer credits you've already earned.

How to Apply

Western is on a rolling admission cycle. For maximum scholarship consideration, we recommend transfer students apply before June 1, for the coming fall, and December 1, for spring.

A complete application package includes:

- Western's application, available at western.edu/apply.
- A \$25 application fee.
- An official transcript, sent directly from each institution attended.
- An official, final high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores if you have completed fewer than 24 semester credit hours.



Scholarships for Transfers

Transfer students with fewer than 24 college credits are considered freshmen for scholarship purposes and are assessed based on the eligibility requirements for freshmen.

Transfer merit scholarships are awarded automatically to incoming transfer students who meet eligibility requirements. Transfer merit scholarships may be renewable for up to three years.

For In-State Transfers

- Western Founders Award: \$4,000. One of the largest Phi Theta Kappa scholarships in the nation for transfer students. Phi Theta Kappa membership is a prerequisite.
- Western Scholars Award: \$3,000. Requires a 3.5 to 4.0 cumulative GPA in 24-plus college credits.
- Western Advantage Award: \$2,000. Requires a 3.0 to 3.49 cumulative GPA in 24-plus college credits.

For Out-of-State Transfers

- Mountaineer Founders Award: \$8,000. One of the largest Phi Theta Kappa scholarships in the nation for transfer students. Phi Theta Kappa membership is a prerequisite. This is one of the largest Phi Theta Kappa in the nation for transfer students.
- Mountaineer Scholars Award: \$7,000. Requires a 3.5 to 4.0 cumulative GPA for more than 24 credits.
- Mountaineer Advantage Award: \$6,000. Requires a 3.0 to 3.49 cumulative GPA for more than credits.

For out-of-state students who do not qualify for a merit scholarship, Western also offers tuition discount programs to students from select states through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) and Central Plains programs. Students receiving these discounts will pay 150% of total in-state tuition prices, a substantial savings relative to out-of-state tuition.

Costs and Scholarships

Western strives to make college as affordable as possible. Need-based aid includes grants, loans and work study and is determined after you submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Part-time students are eligible for need-based aid, but only full-time students are eligible for scholarships. As an undergraduate transfer student, you may be eligible for our transfer merit scholarship program, based on academic performance.



Meet Micaela Lambeth

At age 20, Micaela Lambeth has seen and accomplished much.

Reared in Philadelphia, and trained by a top coach, she grew into a highly competitive gymnast, with scholarship offers from universities with top programs. But instead, she looked to the Rockies, where she could apply her gymnastic skills to snowboarding while in college.

But Lambeth wasn't content in Montana. In August 2014, she transferred to Western, where she has found small classes, quick friends, professors who share her love for outdoor adventure and success with Western Mountain Sports, competing in the 2015 USCSA National Snowboard Championship.

"With smaller classes," she says, "it's easier to pay attention and retain information."

Lambeth is majoring in Education, aiming to become a special education teacher. She's also considering graduate school.

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