

Frequently Asked Transfer Student Questions

1. What courses should I take now that will transfer to Ithaca College later?

Students should try to complete a well-rounded transfer program, sampling disciplines and taking introductory courses toward a major. It is highly recommended that students complete courses which will fulfill the Academic Writing requirement. Students at community college should take courses that are common to the transfer core.

2. Will all of the courses I've taken at other institutions transfer to Ithaca College?

Academic college-level courses completed with a grade of C- or higher at a regionally accredited college or university will transfer to Ithaca College. Developmental (pre-college and vocational courses do not transfer.)

3. How do the courses I've taken apply to my degree at Ithaca College?

When you are admitted to Ithaca College, a review of your academic transcript is conducted to determine how your existing coursework fits with your academic program at Ithaca College. After your transcript review, if you have specific questions about how your courses fulfill requirements in the Integrative Core Curriculum, you can contact icc@ithaca.edu.

4. What score do I have to get on an AP exam to receive credit? How much credit do I get?

The required score and amount of credit varies by examination, although credit is granted for scores of 4 or 5 for most exams. Students may only receive credit for one of the English exams (English Language & Composition or English Literature & Composition).

5. Is there a limit to how many credits I can transfer to Ithaca College?

There is no limit to the number of credits that can be transferred. Depending on their academic program, students must earn 30-60 credits at Ithaca College to earn an Ithaca College degree.

6. What does regionally accredited mean?

Six regional accreditation bodies, representing geographically defined areas of the United States, are the primary bodies that verify the academic standards of colleges and universities. The six regional accrediting bodies are the: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Only courses from institutions accredited by one of these regionally accrediting bodies are transferable to Ithaca College.

7. What are quarter hours? What is a semester hour? What is the difference?

A quarter hour is a unit of academic credit used by institutions on the quarter system (as contrasted with the semester system used by Ithaca Colleges and most colleges and universities around the country). A quarter hour of academic credit converts to .67 semester hours.

8. How much is tuition? Housing?

Tuition, room, board, and optional health insurance fees, along with financial aid information, are available on the Undergraduate Admissions page (<http://www.ithaca.edu/finaid/tuition>)

9. Am I required to live on campus?

Ithaca College first year, sophomore, and junior students are required to live on campus. Seniors are eligible to apply to live off-campus; please see the Office of Residential Life website for more information. Married students, students in domestic partnerships or civil unions, students who are 23 years of age or older, incoming transfer students who have previously been enrolled at a college for at least two years, students with dependents, and students who meet the criteria for being a commuter student as defined by the College's commuter policy (lives within 60-mile driving distance of Ithaca College and lives at the home of a parent or legal guardian), are not required to live in College-provided housing.

10. Which orientation session is the best one to sign up for?

There is a single orientation session, which typically occurs in mid to late June, for transfer students. This is the earliest of the summer orientation sessions. Specific dates for transfer student orientation are typically published in the spring.

11. What if I have been pre-registered at Ithaca College for a course I've already taken elsewhere?

If you are pre-registered for a course you've taken elsewhere, you need to work with your Dean's Office to change your registration. Credit may not be earned twice for the same course, even if the course was taken at different institutions.

12. What will I need to do for the Integrative Core Curriculum if I am a transfer student?

If you are entering Ithaca College without a completed A.A. or A.S. degree, you will initially enroll in a special Liberal Arts and Society theme for transfer students; this theme allows you to combine courses taken before you enrolled at Ithaca College with courses completed at Ithaca to fulfill your ICC requirements. During your ICC Seminar for Transfer Students, taken during your first semester, you'll work on mapping out your plan for completing your degree requirements and begin your electronic learning portfolio.

If you are entering Ithaca College with a completed A.A. or A.S. degree, you need to complete the ICC Transfer Student Seminar, electronic learning portfolio, and ICC capstone. You will also need to

complete any degree specific ICC complementary liberal arts requirements that are required for your degree or that are pre-requisites to courses required for your degree.