#### **Transfer Student Resource Guide**

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# **Embrace the Change:**

# Your Next Chapter Starts Here at York!

We understand that transferring to a new university is a significant change, and we are committed to supporting you throughout the process. At York University, you will find a dynamic community that values your unique perspectives and experiences. This guide provides essential information about resources available to you, important deadlines, and helpful tips to set you up for success at York as a Transfer Student. Let us help turn your transition into a truly transformative experience.

# 2,000+

Transfer Students enrolled annually from 50+ different institutions across Canada

# Ranked Top 4

comprehensive University in Canada

# 200+

Academic Degree Programs to transfer into



#### **Admission & Selection**

#### **General Guidelines**

- Canadian University Transfer: minimum overall average of 2.0 on a 4-point scale (C/60%). For Honours-level programs, a minimum average of 2.3 (C+/65%).
- Ontario College Transfer: minimum overall average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale (B/70%).
- International & US Transfer: If you've completed
  postsecondary courses elsewhere, you may be eligible
  for transfer credits, potentially earning up to 90 credits
  toward your degree at York. The amount depends
  on factors like course transferability, grades, and
  alignment with your program. For US and international
  students, detailed course outlines are required to
  assess transferability.
- All attempted courses factor into your cumulative GPA;
   repeated courses count once for transfer credit.
- Some programs have specific higher averages or supplementary admission procedures.

#### **Transfer Pathways**

- Transfer Credit: Evaluated individually; computer science, computer security, information technology, kinesiology and courses within the commerce programs (ADMS) must have been taken within the last 5 years to be considered for course exclusions, or as a pre-requisite for a degree course.
- Engineering Programs: Limited transfer credits (max 30) are allowed; if you are transferring to an engineering program at York University, please note that the following courses are not eligible for transfer credit: courses with the CIVL, ENG, and MECH rubrics; courses with the EECS and ESSE rubrics that are required for any engineering program; and the course MATH 2930. Courses with MATH, CHEM and PHYS rubrics, as well as foundational science courses and complementary studies courses are eligible for up to 30 credits transfer credits.
- A grade of 'C' or higher may be required for some programs to apply towards major/minor or prerequisites.

# **Transfer Student Journey at York University**

#### **Apply to York University**

- Choose your preferred program and submit your application.
- If you have questions about the application process, contact recruitment for assistance.



#### **Accept Your Offer**



- · Once admitted, accept your offer- Congratulations!
- Your transcripts will be reviewed for potential transfer credits.
- After you accept your offer, the Transfer Credit team will assess your previous studies for credit eligibility. The sooner you accept your offer, the sooner this process will start, ensuring your transfer credits are ready when you begin enrolling in courses.



#### **Meet with Academic Advising**

- After accepting your offer, be sure to find out how and when you can enrol via MyFile this is where you can book into an appointment to:
  - · Review your transfer credits
  - Learn how they apply to your degree requirements
  - Enrol in your courses
- You can find your academic advising office here at students.yorku.ca/advising/academic

Scan the QR code to find your academic advising office:





**Credits Transferred and Academic Session Begins!** 

# **Important Dates & Deadlines 2025-2026**

Deadlines help you take advantage of important opportunities, such as course enrollment and financial aid. Staying informed about these dates allows you to plan effectively, secure the support you need, and navigate your academic journey with ease.

EVENT	FALL (TERM F)	YEAR (TERM Y)	WINTER (TERM W)
Classes Start	September 3		January 5
Fall Reading Week	October 11 – 17		
Fall Classes End	December 2		
Fall Study Day	December 3		
Fall Examinations	December 4 – 19		
Winter Reading Week		February	/ 14 – 20
Winter Classes End		April 6	
Winter Study Day		Ар	ril 7
Winter Examinations		April 8	
Last day to drop a course (No grade) (See financial deadlines)	November 4	February 3	January 15
Last day to drop a course without permission (See financial deadlines)	September 16		January 15
Financial deadlines			
Fees for Fall and Year Course Enrollments Due	September 10		
Fees for Winter Undergraduate Course Enrollments Due			January 10

# **Tuition & Fees**

Keeping track of tuition fees helps you stay eligible for enrollment by ensuring all fees are paid on time. It's a simple way to avoid registration blocks and financial holds that could affect your access to classes and other resources.

Scan for more information on tuition & fees



# **Refund Deadlines**

Before dropping a course, review the refund deadlines, as they vary by faculty. Dropping a course after certain dates will affect the amount you will be refunded. To avoid issues, assess your course requirements early and ensure you are comfortable with the course before making a decision.

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# Paying Your Deposit as a New Undergraduate Transfer Student

#### **Domestic Transfer Students**

A deposit of \$300 is required after you begin enrolling in courses. This registration deposit is only needed once and will be applied toward your tuition fees.

#### **International Transfer Students**

After accepting your offer, undergraduate international students must pay a non-refundable acceptance deposit of \$1500. This deposit will be credited toward your tuition fees and will appear on your student account.

For more information on paying your deposit and deadlines, visit students.yorku.ca/sfs/paying-your-deposit

# **Overcoming Transfer Challenges & Achieving Success at York University**

Emotional Struggle:
Transitioning to a new environment can lead to burnout and frustration, especially when setting high expectations or making comparisons. Prioritize self-care by being kind to yourself, setting realistic goals, and taking breaks. Connect with peers or counselors to maintain your mental and physical well-being.



#### Finances:

Transferring may impact your financial aid, scholarships, or OSAP funding. To stay

informed, meet with Financial Aid
Services early to discuss changes,
explore funding options, and manage
tuition payments. Track your refund
deadlines and fees, and utilize their
assistance with financial planning and
accessing important documents.



#### **Course Program & Alignment:**

Adapting to York's academics can be challenging due to

differences in course content, credits, or institutional policies. **Engage proactively** with the curriculum and connect with **professors** to plan effectively and ensure a smooth transition.



#### **Social Integration:**

Leaving friends behind at your previous institution can

be challenging, but engaging in campus activities can ease the transition. York offers over 350 clubs and organizations to help you connect. Joining groups like YUMSO (York University Mature

Student Organization) can help you meet other transfer students.



#### Feelings of Invisibility:

At York University, your success and sense of belonging

are key priorities. To feel more connected, attend campus events and connect with professors during office hours. Utilize the Transfer Student Hub for support and connect with peer mentors at the Hub to help navigate challenges during your transition.



#### **Transfer Shock:**

Transfer students may experience a GPA drop,

causing stress and anxiety. To ease the transition, attend transfer and academic orientations to access resources, build support networks, and receive helpful guidance. Meet with academic advisors to plan courses and review transfer credits. Additionally, take advantage of York's Learning Skills

Services and Writing Centre to enhance your academic strategies and succeed.

# **Transfer Student Scholarships & Awards**

York University Mature Student Entrance Scholarship

\$3000

**Provost's Award \$500 - \$1000** 

Tentanda Via Award

\$120,000 for International \$40,000 for Domestic

Application deadline: February 15, 2025



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#### **Transfer Credit Process**

Upon admission to York, the Office of Admissions will evaluate your transfer credits. Applying and accepting your offer early ensures a quicker assessment, while delaying acceptance can result in late credit evaluations, potentially leading you to take additional courses, costing you more time and money. The transfer credits listed in your acceptance letter is only an estimate and may change after further review. This change can occur for various reasons, such as differences in course transferability or grades from your previous institution. When your transfer credits are evaluated after accepting your offer, the assessment will be personalized based on your academic history. To ensure a smooth transition, consult with academic advisors to understand how your transfer credits align with your degree requirements.

#### 1. Credit Assessment

The Student Recruitment & Admissions Office evaluates transfer credit eligibility based on your institution, course transferability, grades, and alignment with your York program. Submit official transcripts via MyFile or mail directly.

#### 2. Course Assessment

After credit assessment, courses are reviewed for overlap with York's requirements. If a previous course matches a York course, you may receive a credit waiver, reducing the courses needed for your degree. Course outlines/syllabi may be required for this process.

#### 3. Transfer Credit Statement

Once your courses are evaluated, you will receive a transfer credit statement. This document outlines your eligible transfer credits for your York program, contingent on receiving final official transcripts. Accepted transfer grades do not affect your York academic average. Transfer credit statements are available via MyFile or through the Office of the Registrar for current students.

#### 4. Credit Re-Evaluation

If you encounter any issues with your transfer credits, please reach out to the Transfer Credit Team at tcc@yorku.ca. Be sure to include your student number in the email.



#### **Transfer Resources**

#### **Academic Supports**

Student Advising at York students.yorku.ca/advising/academic

Career Centre

careers.yorku.ca

Learning Skills Services

yorku.ca/scld/learning-skills

Writing Centre

yorku.ca/laps/writing-centre

Glendon Counselling & Career Centre

yorku.ca/glendon/supports-and-services/careerdevelopment-centre

#### **Other Helpful Supports**

Housing at York yorku.ca/housing

York International yorkinternational.yorku.ca

Equity & Inclusion rights.info.yorku.ca

Community Safety yorku.ca/safety

Transportation Services yorku.ca/transportation

Childcare on Campus studyoptions.students.yorku.ca

Financial Aid students.yorku.ca/sfs

#### **Student Clubs & Organizations**

York University Mature Student Organization (YUMSO) acmaps.info.yorku.ca/mature-student-clubs

Access 350+ Student Clubs yorku.campuslabs.ca/engage

#### **Student Support Services**

Student Accessibility Services students.yorku.ca/accessibility

Student Counseling, Health & Well-being students.yorku.ca/counselling

Student Community & Leadership Development (SCLD) yorku.ca/scld

LGBTQ\* Campus Organizations and other support rights.info.yorku.ca/lgbtq-campus-organizations

York Centre for Women and Trans People yorku.campuslabs.ca/engage/organization/ centreforwomenandtranspeople

York Federation of Students Community Service Groups vfs.ca/csgs

#### **Research and Study in our Libraries**

York has six libraries which are more than just resource centers. Helpful librarians provide guidance for research and references. Support for research and references is offered through consultations, email, text, and live chat. Additionally, the libraries provide comfortable study spaces, featuring 500 computer workstations and 2,900 study seats.

#### Keele Campus

- Scott Library
- Clara Thomas Archives & Special Collections
- Peter F. Bronfman

#### **Business Library**

- Steacie Science & Engineering Library
- · Osgoode Hall Law School Library

#### Glendon Campus

Leslie Frost Library

# **Contact Information & Resources for Transfer Students**

York University is dedicated to supporting transfer students, and we've established the Transfer Student Hub at the Atkinson Centre for Mature & Part-time Students. The centre will serve as a resource throughout your transfer journey, offering guidance on accessing university resources and advice on making a smooth transition.

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