



TRANSFER APPLICANT GUIDE

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UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

For a list of academic minors, please visit: chapman.edu/minors

ARGYROS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

- Accounting (BS)
- Business Administration (BS) 
- Business Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- International Business
- Management
- Marketing
- Real Estate
- Economics (BA) 



ATTALLAH COLLEGE OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

- Community Educational Studies (BA)
- Liberal Studies (BA)

COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS

- Dance (BA)
- Dance Performance (BFA)
- Music (BA)
 - Music & Culture
 - Music Industry Studies
- Music Composition (BM)
- Pre-Certification, Music Education (BM)
- Music Performance (BM)
 - Conducting
 - Guitar
 - Percussion
 - Piano
 - Piano Collaborative Arts
 - Strings
 - Vocal
 - Woodwinds & Brass
- Screen Acting (BFA)
- Theatre (BA)
- Theatre Performance (BFA)






CREAN COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

- Health Sciences (BS) 
- Allied Healthcare
- Applied Human Physiology
- Public Health
- Psychology (BA and BS) 







DODGE COLLEGE OF FILM AND MEDIA ARTS

- Animation & Visual Effects (BFA)
- Broadcast Journalism & Documentary (BFA)
- Creative Producing (BFA)
- Film and Media Studies (BA)
- Film and Television Production (BFA)
- Public Relations, Advertising, and Entertainment Marketing (BA)
- Writing for Film and Television (BFA)

FOWLER SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

- Computer Engineering (BS) 
- Computer Science (BS) 
- Data Science (BS) 
- Electrical Engineering (BS) 
- Software Engineering (BS) 

SCHMID COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY


- Biochemistry & Molecular Biology (BS) 
- Biological Sciences (BS) 
- Chemistry (BS) 
- Environmental Science & Policy (BS) 
- Mathematics (BS) 
- Philosophy (BA)
- Physics (BS) 

SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

- Communication Studies (BA)
- Global Communication & World Languages (BA)
- Strategic Communication (BA)

WILKINSON COLLEGE OF ARTS, HUMANITIES, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

- Art (BFA)
- Art History (BA)
- Creative Writing (BFA)
- English (BA)
 - Literature, Rhetoric and Cultural Studies
 - Journalism
- French (BA)
- Global Communications & World Languages (BA)
- Graphic Design (BFA)
- History (BA)
- Peace and Justice Studies (BA)
- Political Science (BA)
 - American Politics
 - Law and Justice
 - Political Economy and Policy
 - Quantitative and Analytical Political Science
 - Security, Peace, and Conflict
- Sociology (BA)
- Spanish (BA)

 Major with transfer prerequisites. Visit chapman.edu/prereqs for more information.



GETTING STARTED

Here is some of the general information to keep in mind while considering transferring to Chapman:

TRANSFERRING 101

- **120** units are the minimum required to graduate from Chapman.
- **70** is the maximum number of units we will accept from community college.
- **60** or more completed college units at the time of application waives the high school transcript requirement.
- **48** units at a minimum must be completed at Chapman to earn your degree.
- **Major prerequisites:** Plan ahead! Some academic majors have coursework that must be completed prior to transferring. (Visit chapman.edu/prereqs for more information.)
- **Math:** Regardless of intended major, all applicants must complete, or be in the process of completing, a transferable college-level math course. Exceptions are made for certain AP/IB scores.
- **English proficiency requirements for international students:** International applicants who are non-native English speakers must submit proof of English proficiency. (Visit chapman.edu/prereqs for more information.)
- **Second bachelor degree candidates:** You must complete the Global Citizen Areas (see following pages) if you did not already complete these while earning your first bachelor's degree. Candidates are not eligible for federal, merit or departmental aid.

WHEN TO TRANSFER

There are multiple factors to consider:

Where You Transfer From

- **Community college:** We generally recommend you maximize your units and get as much General Education (GE) done as possible before transferring.
- **Four-year college/university:** If the majority of your units are from a four-year college/university, we generally recommend transferring sooner than later.

Your Major

Note that the academic majors of BA dance, BFA film & television production, BFA screen acting and BFA theatre performance are not open to apply into for the spring. These are fall programs only.



YOUR GENERAL EDUCATION PLAN

Use these two pages to create your General Education Plan for transferring to Chapman University.

If transferring from a California Community College, the IGETC, CSU and/or Cal-GETC Full Certification satisfies the following, as does the AA-Tor AS-T degrees:

- First-Year Focus
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Focus
- Global Focus
- Citizenship/Community/Service
- Up to two lower division courses in the Themed Inquiry

FIRST-YEAR FOCUS (3 Semester Credits)

Waived for transfer students with 24 or more transferable units completed after high school graduation.

☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES FOCUS (18-19 Semester Credits)

WRITTEN INQUIRY (WI) 3 semester credits

Provides you the opportunity to encounter an intensive course in rhetoric and writing for a variety of purposes and audiences in courses such as:

- Composition
- Intro. to Literary Studies
- Rhetoric and Writing
- Technical Writing

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

NATURAL SCIENCES INQUIRY (NI) 3 semester credits; no lab is required for non-science majors

Provides you the opportunity to engage in the scientific method of experimentation and/or research in courses such as:

- Anatomy
- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Forensics
- Genetics
- Geology
- Human Nutrition
- Intro. to Food Science & Nutrition
- Intro. to Physical Sciences
- Marine Science
- Oceanography
- Physics
- Physiology

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

VALUES AND ETHICAL INQUIRY (VI) 3 semester credits

Provides you the opportunity to experience values and ethical perspectives in humanistic, aesthetic, religious and/or philosophical contexts in courses such as:

- Humanities
- Religion
- Philosophy
- Social Problems

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

ARTISTIC INQUIRY (AI) 3 semester credits

Provides you the opportunity to explore various areas typically found under the Fine Arts, such as:

- Art History
- Creative Writing
- Drawing
- History of Film
- Intro. to Music
- Intro. to Theatre
- Literature
- Music History
- Painting

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

QUANTITATIVE INQUIRY (QI) 3 semester credits

Provides you the opportunity to investigate university-level mathematical courses such as:

- Business or Math Calculus
- The Nature of Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics
- Statistics for Behavioral Sciences

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

SOCIAL INQUIRY (SI) 3 semester credits

Provides you the opportunity to be exposed to processes by which human beings develop social and/or historical perspectives in courses such as:

- Cultural Anthropology
- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- History
- Peace Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress ☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:



GLOBAL FOCUS (12 Semester Credits)

GLOBAL STUDIES INQUIRY (GC)

6 semester credits

You select two courses from across the curriculum that allow you to explore the diversity inherent in our social and natural environments, including human diversity and world cultures in such areas as:

- African Studies
- Cross Cultural Psychology
- Cultural Anthropology
- International Travel Course
- Native American Studies
- Peace Studies
- Study Abroad for a semester through Chapman University

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress
☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

CITIZENSHIP, COMMUNITY, SERVICE INQUIRY (CC)

3 semester credits

You select a course that focuses on citizenship, community or service in such areas as:

- Leadership and Team Development
- Native American Studies
- Social Problems
- With prior approval, you can satisfy requirement with a Chapman service learning internship or individual study focused on civic engagement

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress
☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

LANGUAGE INQUIRY (LG)

3 semester credits

You take one semester of an approved foreign language course at or above the 200 level.

Some students might have to take prerequisite language courses prior to reaching the 200 level.

Non-native speakers can test out of the language requirement. College credit can be given to a college equivalent language course or a passing AP/IB score. Transfer students can complete the language requirement prior to transferring.

☐ Completed ☐ In Progress
☐ Remaining ☐ Waived

Course:

EXPLORATION FOCUS (Minimum 12 Credits; at least 6 credits must be upper division)

You must complete a secondary area of study requirement, either in part or in full. The secondary area of study requirement is completed through a minor, second major, the University Honors Program or a Themed Inquiry (a 4-course focus area). For a list of Themed Inquiry Programs, visit chapman.edu/inquiry.

Students who have 30 or more credits upon transfer may receive the following partial waivers in completing the Themed Inquiry:

- 30-59.99 transferable semester units/credits waives 3 lower division units.
- 60+ transferable semester units/credits waives 6 lower division units.
- IGETC and/or CSU full certification waives 6 lower division units.

Courses completed prior to transfer may not count toward the Themed Inquiry, but may be used towards completing a minor or second major.



FINANCING YOUR EDUCATION

85% of Chapman students receive some form of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, loans or work study.

While most financial aid is need-based, merit and departmental scholarships are also awarded. These awards are based on academic excellence or outstanding talent in the areas of art, dance, music, theatre or writing.

International students are considered for all merit and departmental scholarships.

ESTIMATED COSTS: 2025-26 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition	\$67,490
Books/Supplies	\$1,600
Fees	\$404
TOTAL COSTS	\$69,494

Breakdown of tuition, books and supplies does not include living expenses. Living on campus (housing and food) is optional for transfer students.

For more information, visit Student Business Services at chapman.edu/sbs.

Merit-Based Scholarships

Merit/academic scholarships are reserved for our most qualified transfer students. We consider GPA, progress within general education, quality of college curriculum and past/current grade patterns. Awarding of merit scholarships is at the discretion of the admission committee.

If applying by the deadline, students are automatically considered for these awards. If earned, merit scholarship information will be included with your offer of admission.

Departmental Scholarships

Departmental/talent scholarships are also available to deserving transfer students. When students apply to any major within the departments of Art, Dance, the Hall-Musco Conservatory of Music or Theatre, they are automatically considered for scholarships.

Departmental/talent scholarship consideration is at the discretion of the department and can be based on a variety of factors.

Need-based Awards

Need-based awards are determined by your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form and family's financial situation. These include:

- Awards from the government, such as federal grants, state grants and federal work study
- Chapman Grants and Housing Grants

To be considered, you must submit your FAFSA: fafsa.gov. Chapman's FAFSA school code is 001164.

Veterans and Dependents Funding

Chapman University is pleased to participate in the Yellow Ribbon Program of the Post 9/11 GI Bill™ (Chapter 33). To learn more about resources for veterans and dependents, ROTC, reserves and military-connected members, visit chapman.edu/veterans or email va@chapman.edu.



ADMITTED CLASS FALL 2025

60%

TRANSFER ADMIT RATE

300

FALL TRANSFER
STUDENTS ENROLLMENT
(PROJECTED)

130

SPRING TRANSFER
STUDENTS ENROLLMENT
(PROJECTED)

3.47

ADMITTED TRANSFER
AVERAGE GPA



TRANSFER APPLICANT **CHECKLIST**

You will need to provide the following to submit your application to Chapman. You can apply through the Common App: commonapp.org

- ☐ Transfer Common Application and Chapman University Questions
- ☐ At least one transfer letter of recommendation
- ☐ Non-refundable application fee of \$70
- ☐ Official college transcripts from all two- and four-year colleges attended or currently attending
- ☐ Official final high school transcripts or GED (if you have completed less than 60 semester or 90 quarter units at the time of application)
- ☐ Creative Supplement (for any major within the College of Performing Arts, Dodge College of Film and Media Arts and the Department of Art – excluding Art History); for more details, visit chapman.edu/creative
- ☐ Additional requirements for international students, including English proficiency and the International Supplement Form, are available at chapman.edu/apply-int

APPLICATION PRIORITY DEADLINES

SPRING: OCTOBER 15

(Common App goes live
in early August)

FALL: FEBRUARY 15

(Common App goes live
in mid-November)

Applications received after the deadline are
considered on a space-available basis.



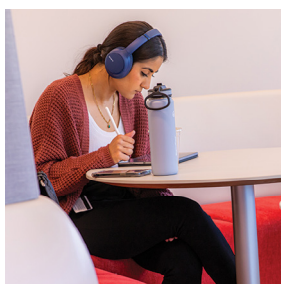
CONNECT WITH US

There are a number of ways to connect with us in-person or virtually, including:

- Campus and department tours
- Transfer Information Sessions where we break down the transfer application process
- Transfer advising appointments where a counselor can help you create a transfer application plan
- Community college fairs (during fall and spring semesters)



To view all visit opportunities, scan the QR code or go to chapman.edu/campus



NOTES:



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