

TRANSFERRING TO CHATHAM



chatham UNIVERSITY
CHATHAM COLLEGE FOR WOMEN

Big thinking for a big world

Big Opportunities

Chatham College for Women is a unique part of Chatham University, a place where women undergraduates and co-ed graduate students find big opportunities. Here, you can explore your interests and discover new ones. You can become the architect of your own future, and find all the guidance you need to get there. You'll also find it's affordable with our generous financial assistance and scholarships. Small class sizes, progressive programs, a highly-involved faculty and staff, and a diverse group of enthusiastic, charismatic, and intriguing young women make your time here a life-changing experience.

You'll be amazed at the big thinking – and big opportunities – that unfold every day at Chatham.



"The transition as a transfer student was swift and nothing less than amazing. For administration to have constant contact with me throughout the process made me feel as though they were just as excited about me as I was about them."

Quayla Allen, Class of 2012

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Major: Public Relations

Co-Curricular Activities: Orientation Leader, Take Back the Night Planning Committee, Black Student Union, Volunteer at Sojourner House, Communiqué (newspaper) Advertising Manager, Intramural Volleyball, LeaderShape Institute



Transfer Courses to Fulfill General Education Requirements

Chatham University has general education requirements that help students develop oral and written communication and literacy skills that will compliment the required coursework for their chosen major.

The following is a general guide to the types of courses that fulfill the general education requirements for transfer applicants from two-year and four-year institutions.

- **First-Year Writing Seminar: 3 credits**
Critical reading, analytic thinking and academic writing within a participatory, challenging first-year seminar setting. Supplemental instruction will be required through the Learning Center for students who need additional support with writing skills beyond what is normally covered in the classroom.
Students transferring more than 30 credits may be granted an exemption from this course on a case-by-case basis.
- **Strategies for Successful Transition to College: 1 credit**
Students transferring more than 12 credits and Gateway students are exempt from this requirement.
- **Experiential Component: 3 credits (transferrable)**
Internship, research, volunteer, job shadowing experience.
- **Mathematics: 3 credits (transferrable)**
College algebra, statistics, or above.
- **Online Course: 3 credits (transferrable)**
- **Wellness: 4 credits**
Physical fitness, nutrition, and wellness courses. Courses are pro-rated based on how many credits the student is transferring.
- **Writing Intensive: 6 credits**
Two courses focused on writing and literary skills within the student's major may fulfill this requirement. Must be taken at Chatham.



- **Mission-Based Courses: 21 credits**
Students take seven separate courses, two each in two of the focus areas and three in another. If a course is listed under two themes, it may only count for one theme course. Two of these courses in two different themes may double count towards the major.
 - Environmental Responsibility: 6-9 credits
 - Women's Issues: 6-9 credits
 - Global Understanding (international affairs, languages, or travel abroad): 6-9 credits
 Can transfer in one course for each focus. The rest must be taken at Chatham.
- **Breadth requirement (transferrable)**
 - Art: 3 credits
 - Humanities: 3 credits
 - Social Science: 3 credits
 - Science with lab: 3 credit class, 1 credit lab

Gateway Students

Gateway students are Chatham women age 23 or older who are attending college for the first time or are transfer students. Chatham understands that adult women have multiple obligations at home and work, so to help achieve their educational goals, we have special features and services.

SERVICES FOR GATEWAY STUDENTS INCLUDE:

- Prior Learning Assessment: Students have the opportunity to gain academic credit for knowledge gained through employment, job training, volunteer and civic activities, military service, and travel
- Acceptance of most transfer credits from two- and four-year institutions
- Award credit for satisfactory performance on CLEP Testing
- Individualized advising
- Learning Center, career placement services, information technology services
- Gateway Student Association: adult women's student organization



Financial Aid

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIPS

Transfer scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$12,000 are available for full-time students. Awards are based on resident/commuter status and GPA. Initiated members of Phi Theta Kappa are also eligible for a \$2,000 renewable scholarship. Students may also compete for the World Ready Women Scholarship.

APPLYING FOR NEED-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Chatham uses information from the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) form to determine a student's need. FAFSA forms are available from Chatham's Office of Financial Aid located in Braun Hall or you can apply online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Chatham University school code is 003244.

INTEREST-FREE MONTHLY PAYMENT PLAN

Students may divide their yearly educational costs into manageable monthly installments. Information on the payment plan is available in Chatham's Student Services Center located in Braun Hall or by phoning 412-365-2797.

chatham.edu/financialaid



Admission Requirements

Prospective students may apply online at chatham.edu/apply or may request an application form from the Office of Admission.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Required application materials include:

- Official high school transcript, including standardized test scores (SAT or ACT), if transferring less than 24 credits
- Official transcripts from all former institutions attended
- Writing sample/personal essay
- At least one personal or professional reference letter
- A campus visit and consultation with an admissions counselor is strongly encouraged

EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT

Generally, a transfer student admitted from an accredited institution may expect to receive credit for courses for which she has earned a minimum grade of C. Transfer credit evaluations are completed on a course-by-course basis. A preliminary evaluation is made by the transfer counselor at the time of admission, followed by a final evaluation by academic affairs.

Transfer students must be enrolled at Chatham for a minimum of three long terms (spring or fall) and successfully complete at least 45 credits for graduation.



Contact information

Chatham University
Office of Admission
Woodland Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15232

412-365-1290 or 800-837-1290
admission@chatham.edu

chatham.edu



Chatham Abroad:
Galapagos Islands



Rea House



Programs of Study

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Programs in italics offered as minors only. Listings within parenthesis are concentrations within a major.

African-American Studies	<i>Environmental Biology</i>	Media Arts (Film, Graphic Design, Photography)
<i>Applied Management</i>	<i>Environmental Chemistry</i>	<i>Museum Studies</i>
Arts Management	<i>Environmental Policy</i>	Music
Biochemistry	Environmental Science	Nursing (Pathways to Nursing BSN)
Biology	Environmental Studies	Physics
<i>Botany</i>	Environmental Writing	Political Science
Business (Accounting, Economics, Management, Marketing)	Exercise Science	Psychology
Chemistry	Global Policy Studies	Public Health
Communications (Journalism, Graphic Design, Public Relations)	History	Public Policy Studies
Creative Writing	<i>History of Religion</i>	Self-Designed Program
Criminology	Integrated Health Studies	Social Services Administration
Cultural Studies	Interior Architecture	Social Work
Education	International Business	Visual Arts (Art History, Studio Arts)
Engineering	International Studies: Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and Middle East	Women's Studies
English	<i>Law & Society</i>	Writing
	Mathematics	

Support and Special Programs for Transfer Students

We know transferring can be very exciting for many and a little stressful for others. That's why we want to highlight some of the offerings on campus that our transfer students have historically found really helpful.

The **PACE CENTER** provides tutoring, peer tutoring, supplemental instruction, skill-building services, and disability support. **CAREER DEVELOPMENT** assists students with career decision-making, job search strategy, graduate school planning, and experiential education activities, including internships.

HOUSING is available for full-time transfer students. Each residence hall room is wired for internet access and cable television.

All transfer students and Gateway students receive a 13-INCH MACBOOK PRO computer at the start of their first term at Chatham.

The **ACCELERATED GRADUATE PROGRAM** allows undergraduate transfer students to accelerate the completion of their bachelor's and master's degrees, depending on the number and type of transfer credits accepted.

The **INTERNSHIP/COOPERATIVE EDUCATION** programs allow students to acquire firsthand work experience related to their academic studies and career plans. Students receive individual guidance in selecting and applying for the experience, setting learning objectives, registering for credit, and evaluating the experience.

Global understanding is an integral part of Chatham's mission, and our students experience it beyond the classroom. Our **CHATHAM ABROAD** program integrates international study and travel as an vital part of the Chatham experience. Students have traveled to destinations including Belize and Guatemala, China, Eastern Europe, Russia, and the European Union.

The **GLOBAL FOCUS PROGRAM** concentrates on one region of the world each year to enable the University community to engage in a comprehensive study of that region through course work, class assignments, campus events, community activities, co-curricular programs, and service-learning projects.

COLLEGE FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

All Chatham graduate degree programs can be completed as part of the Accelerated Graduate Program except for Interior Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Physical Therapy, and the Doctor of Psychology. Qualified first-year students may be conditionally admitted to all Chatham graduate programs except for teaching, and the Doctor of Psychology programs.

MASTERS PROGRAMS

- Accounting
- Biology
- Business Administration
- Communications
- Counseling Psychology
- Creative Writing
- Film & Digital Technology

- Interior Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Landscape Design & Development
- Occupational Therapy
- Psychology
- Physician Assistant Studies
- Teaching

DOCTORATE PROGRAMS

- Physical Therapy
- Psychology in Counseling
- Psychology

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

- Executive Women's Leadership

SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

MA in Food Studies	Master of Sustainability	Certif. in Sustainable Management
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ACCELERATED GRADUATE PROGRAMS

with **CARNEGIE MELLON U.**

- MS in Healthcare Policy & Management
- Master of Information Systems Management
- Master of Arts Management
- MS in Public Policy & Management

with **DUQUESNE U.**

- MS in Biotechnology
- MS in Computational Mathematics
- MS in Forensic Science and Law
- MA in Social and Public Policy