

Information for prospective transfer students

This information sheet is for students at institutions other than the University of Virginia (UVa) that plan on a transfer to UVa and to graduate with a physics major. The various physics majors, and their requirements, are discussed in our [Undergraduate Degree Programs brochure](#). This brochure is for all students, including transfer students.

Admission to UVa is handled by the University's Undergraduate Admissions Office. For information from that office, see <http://www.admission.virginia.edu/>.

Students should make sure to take the right courses at your home institutions, that is, courses for which one can get transfer credit at UVa courses. Rules for transfer credit are discussed on <http://college.as.virginia.edu/transfer-credit>. In particular, this site contains a link to the Transfer Credit Analyzer, in which courses at various universities are matched with UVa courses. Note that we update the information in this database as new information comes in. Courses at your institution may be not discussed, or may be incorrectly qualified; please contact us if this is the case. Courses in the mathematics department have to be evaluated by an undergraduate advisor of the mathematics department. At most institutions, the contents of basic physics or mathematics courses are quite similar, although never really equivalent. Typically, problems arise if one course out of a series (e.g., General Physics 1 and 2) at UVa is to be combined with one taken elsewhere. If it is necessary to evaluate or re-evaluate a course, the student needs to provide at least the syllabus for that course (or for labs, the lab manual).

The admissions office has created a guide for transfer students from the Virginia Community College system, which you can find at <http://www.admission.virginia.edu/vccsguide>. Click on the link in the last paragraph for guides for each major.