

Application Instructions for Transfer Applicants

✓ Application Checklist

1. Common Application
2. No Application Fee
3. College Report from Most Recent or Current Institution Attended
4. Final Official High School Transcript or Proof of High School Equivalency
5. Official College Transcript(s) from All Post-Secondary Institutions Attended
6. One Academic Recommendation

✓ Financial Aid Checklist

Only if applying for need-based financial aid

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
2. CSS Profile

Common Application

CMC accepts the Common Application for transfer admission. Applications may be submitted online at commonapp.org.

College Report

Please have your current or most recent College's Dean, Academic Affairs official, or Registrar complete this form and send it directly to CMC via email to admission@cmc.edu. The form is available on the Common Application website. If your college or university's policies prevent them from filling out a college report, you must provide documentation of this policy from your college's registrar in order for it to be waived.

Official Transcripts

CMC requires all applicants to submit an official transcript from each college or university attended, as well as a final official high school or secondary school transcript or official documentation of high school equivalency (i.e. GED). To be considered official, transcripts must be sent by a school administrator to CMC via Parchment or email to admission@cmc.edu. If you are unable to acquire official transcripts, you will be unable to enroll at CMC if offered admission.

One Academic Recommendation

This letter of recommendation should be submitted by a faculty member or teacher who taught you in a college course, such as a professor, lab instructor, or graduate teaching assistant.

Interviews

While interviews are not required, they are highly recommended. Interviews for CMC are evaluative and are a part of your application. Interviews can be scheduled on the CMC Admission website.

Optional Video Response

While the video response is not required, it is highly recommended. After submitting your application, you will receive video response prompts and instructions via email.

Test-Optional Admission Policy

CMC is test-optional for students applying for transfer admission. This policy permits students to choose whether to submit SAT or ACT results for admission consideration as part of their academic record. Students will not be asked to disclose why they are not submitting scores and will not be disadvantaged in our process, if they do not submit scores.



Transfer Admission FAQ

Who is a transfer applicant?

Claremont McKenna College considers a transfer applicant to be any student who has enrolled in a U.S. or international college or university after high school graduation or completion, regardless of courses taken or credits completed.

How many credits do I need in order to transfer?

There is no minimum number of units required to transfer to CMC. However, transfer students may not transfer in more than 16 CMC units.

How will my credits transfer?

Each course at CMC is equivalent to 4 semester units or 6 quarter units, and students need to have completed 32 courses in order to graduate from CMC. In order for a course to transfer to CMC from another college, there must be an equivalent course offered at CMC or one of the other Claremont Colleges. Courses with grades of C- and below will not be transferable. CMC does not accept CLEP credits, online or web based courses, or distance learning courses. Please consult the CMC Registrar regarding the specifics of your situation at (909) 621-8101 or registrar@cmc.edu.

How and when do I apply for financial aid?

Students applying for financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile. Applicants for mid-year transfer may use the FAFSA and CSS Profile they submitted for the current year. Please see chart for deadlines.

For more frequently asked questions



Admission and Financial Aid Deadlines

Term	Application Opens	Common Application Due	FAFSA and CSS Profile due
Spring	September 1	October 15	October 22
Fall	September 1	February 15	February 22



Learn more about financial aid



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