

Augustana College

Office of the Registrar

Welcome to Augustana! We are excited that you will be joining the Augustana community. As a transfer student, we recognize the fact that you have already experienced college life. However, since every college does things a little differently and since you are new to the Augustana community, we want to help make your transition as smooth as possible by providing the following information. Please familiarize yourself with the information below and ask questions as they arise.

The most significant difference between your former institution and Augustana will likely be the change from semesters to trimesters. Augustana takes two semesters worth of work and divides it among three trimesters. While your course load on paper may not look as heavy as it did in a semester based school – you will usually take about 10 credits in the first term. Keep in mind that the pace of your courses will be much faster and instead of having 16 weeks to complete coursework, you will complete the same amount of coursework in 10 weeks. It is critical that you pay attention to your course syllabi and don't fall behind.

A second difference is the number of credits you will be allowed to take per term/year without triggering an overload charge. Your tuition pays for a total of 33 credits for the academic year. Full-time tuition for only one term in an academic year covers enrollment in 8 to 11 credits of instruction. Full-time tuition for two terms in one academic year covers enrollment in up to 22 credits, an average of 11 credits per term with at least 8 credits each term (e.g. 10+12 credits will not result in an overload charge). Full-time tuition for the academic year covers enrollment in up to 33 credits (e.g. 12+9+12 will not result in an overload charge).

Please note that classes dropped after the midpoint of each term will be included in determining overload charges and you will be billed for that coursework. Tuition for fewer than eight credits or for credits in addition to the maximum covered by full-time tuition (including audited courses) is charged on a per credit basis.

Successful transfer and commuter students have told us the importance of getting involved right away. Augustana is a friendly campus, but returning students are excited to see old friends and might not be aware of new faces on campus during your initial weeks on campus. Attend club and organizational meetings until you find a group you would like to join. This is a great way to meet people who share the same interests as you and will lead to meeting others. Contact Ken Brill, the Director Student Activities if you have questions about finding a group that matches your interests. You can also seek campus employment. This is a great way to familiarize yourself with the campus and get to know people, students, faculty and staff members. For information regarding available jobs, contact Betty Youngberg, Director of Student Employment

If you commute from home, you may want to consider purchasing a partial meal card. It can come in handy in between classes or if find that you need to stay late on to meet with a study group or professor, attend a club or organization meeting, attend a rehearsal, or to take advantage of the library or Olin. You can find more information online at www.augustana.edu/dining. The Dining Service Office is located in the College Center.

Many transfer students have questions about transfer work. We have evaluated your transcripts and have equated your courses to Augustana courses, or we have given them elective credit. These may be viewed on Web Advisor under the student menu. Choose Program Evaluation. At the place where it tells you to enter your program of study, students should choose the AAUN program since a major has not been officially declared. Any other questions regarding transfer work should be directed to Susan Granet. (susangranet@augustana.edu)

Graduation requirements are different at Augustana than other colleges. Make sure you are aware of the General Education Requirements (a total of 18 credits), Major requirements (varies by major, but generally between 24 and 40 credits) and electives. If you have questions, there is a sheet to help you which can be located on Web Advisor under the student menu. It can be found under the Registration column and it is titled AGES Audit Worksheet Transfer 2008 & Beyond. You may also contact Susan Granet to discuss this worksheet at susangranet@augustana.edu.

You have been assigned a specific transfer advisor and you will have an opportunity to learn more about that individual during Fall Connection. Plan to keep in touch with that person for the first year, even if you do declare a major and are assigned a new advisor in that field of study. This person is well informed on the General Education requirements and will work closely with you to make sure you are fulfilling them.

Augustana has programs that allow you to enjoy an Augustana Foreign Study term or take advantage of opportunities for exchange programs. If you're interested in learning more about these, contact Kim Tunnicliff, Director of International Programs.

Many transfer students come to Augustana with a specific major in mind, but find out that their interests have changed along with the college. If you are not sure what you want to study or what job possibilities are available to individuals with your degree, visit our Center for Vocation Reflection or the Career Center. The people there are interested in helping you find the best fit for a major given your particular interests and talents and also help you in your job search or graduate school endeavors afterwards. For further information concerning these offices you may contact Bob Haak, Director, Center for Vocational Reflection or Jeremy Reed, Director of the Career Center.

Finally, I want to encourage you to take part in our orientation activities during the Fall Connection weekend. This is the time to make connections with other transfer students, ask questions and meet people who can help you make the transition to life at Augustana. I look forward to meeting you and working with you during the upcoming 2009-2010 academic year.

If you have questions before the orientation week-end, please feel free to give me a call at (309) 794-7212 or send me an email to susangranet@augustana.edu. Have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Susan Granet
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Director of Transfer and Commuter Student Services