

## Getting Started

Transferring to another college may feel like starting over, but Ball State's supportive resources will ease your transition and equip you for success. We'll help you make the most of your transfer experience.

## Academic Resources

Our professional academic advisors work one-on-one with transfer students to map out a degree plan and resolve unique challenges they may face. Campus resources such as the **Writing Center**, **Digital Writing Studio**, and **Bracken Library** help students gain skills, technology, and information for successful projects.

## Career Assistance

Ball State students have access to award-winning career exploration and preparation resources through our **Career Center**. Services include personalized career coaching, employment skills workshops, job search and résumé assistance, and our Cardinal Career Link employment network.

Learn more about these resources at [bsu.edu/transfer](https://bsu.edu/transfer).

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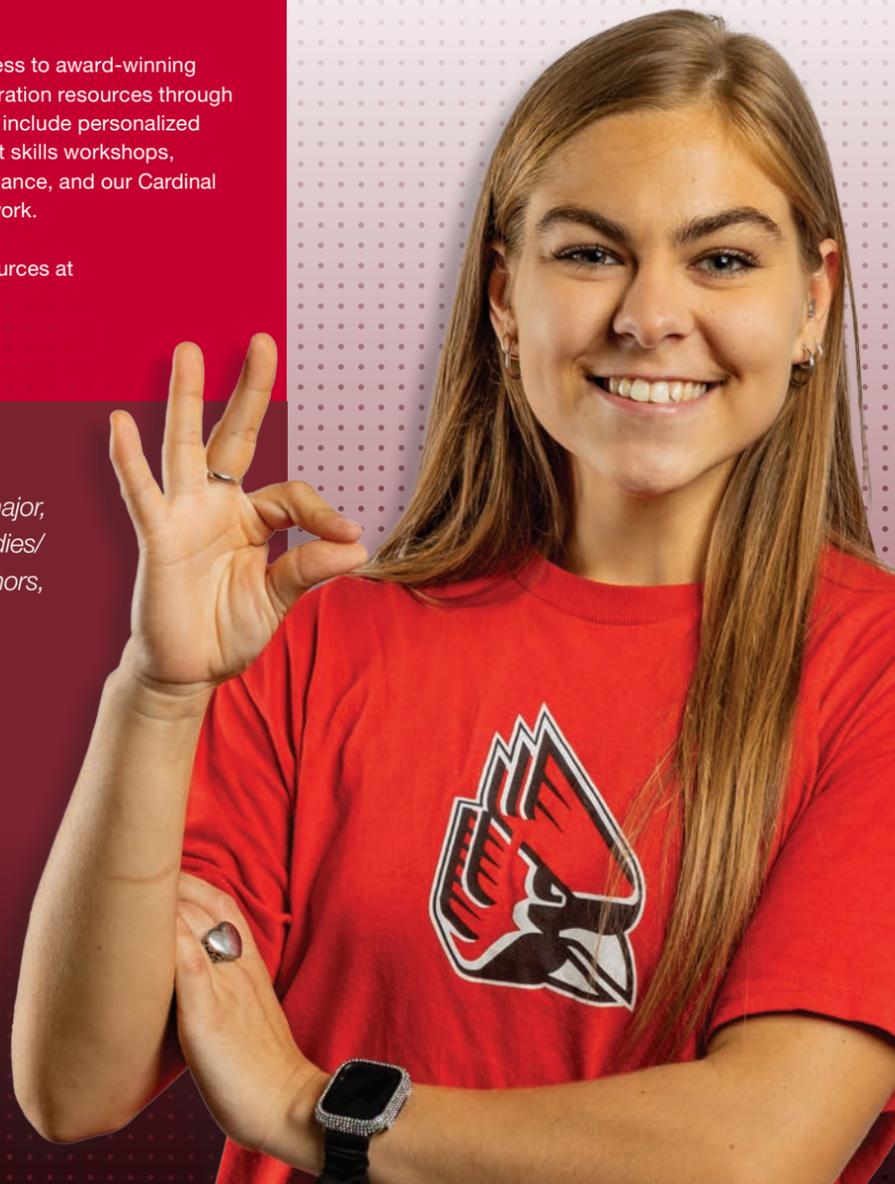
*Social studies teaching major, women's and gender studies/psychological science minors, Muncie, IN (transferred from Ivy Tech Community College)*

## Transfer Truth

Hear other transfer students share their experiences at Ball State.  
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Changing colleges can be tough to navigate alone, but Ball State's Transfer Center has tools and resources to help redirect students on their own individual paths. I felt very prepared making the decision to transfer!



## Steps to Apply

Applying for admission to Ball State is easy with our comprehensive online form that also lets you apply for the Honors College and certain majors that have additional admission requirements at the same time. Learn more about applying as a transfer student at [bsu.edu/transfer/apply](https://bsu.edu/transfer/apply).

- 1 Review our admission criteria.**  
Transfer eligibility: [bsu.edu/transfer/criteria](https://bsu.edu/transfer/criteria).
- 2 Apply for admission.**  
Online, easy, and secure: [bsu.edu/apply](https://bsu.edu/apply).
- 3 Send us your transcripts.**  
Postsecondary and high school, if applicable.
- 4 Tell us about yourself (optional).**  
Statement, résumé, or recommendation.
- 5 Apply for financial aid.**  
Starting October 1: [bsu.edu/financialaid/apply](https://bsu.edu/financialaid/apply).
- 6 Follow us on social media.**  
Instagram/Facebook: [@BallStateBound](https://www.instagram.com/BallStateBound).
- 7 Get your admission decision!**  
Watch your email and mailbox.

Ball State University practices equal opportunity in education and employment and is strongly and actively committed to diversity within its community.

Ball State wants its programs and services to be accessible to all people. For information about access and accommodations, please call the Office of Disability Services at 765-285-5293; go through Relay Indiana for deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals (relayindiana.org or 877-446-8722); or visit [bsu.edu/disabilityservices](https://bsu.edu/disabilityservices).

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## Financial Aid

Ball State awards nearly \$300 million in merit- and need-based financial aid each year, including scholarships, grants, low-interest loans, work-study programs, and veterans benefits. To be considered for most types of awards, you must submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

Apply for financial aid as early as possible between **October 1** and **April 15** to receive the same maximum consideration as other Ball State students. If you plan to enroll in a term other than the Fall semester, contact our Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships when you apply for admission. Learn more at [bsu.edu/financialaid](https://bsu.edu/financialaid).

## Transfer Student Scholarships

The following awards support new transfer students:

**Ball State Transfer Scholarship**—Indiana residents may receive \$1,000 per year for up to six semesters or 120 credit hours toward an undergraduate degree.

**Academic Distinction Scholarship**—Students from outside Indiana may receive a waiver of the out-of-state resident portion of tuition (this does not include room and board and other fees) for four semesters of undergraduate study.

**Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship**—Students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa may receive \$4,500 a year for four semesters of undergraduate study.

For more details and eligibility requirements, go to [bsu.edu/scholarships/transfer](https://bsu.edu/scholarships/transfer).



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# Transfer Guide

Make your move. Achieve your goals.



**BALL STATE UNIVERSITY**

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# Why **Ball State**?

Wherever you started your college education, Ball State University is the perfect place to complete it. The Princeton Review has named us one of the best universities in the Midwest for 17 years, and our graduates enjoy a 91% career placement rate.

Ball State is committed to your bright future. We make it easy to transfer from another college or university, and we make a high-quality degree accessible and affordable through competitive costs and generous financial aid. Our welcoming culture, engaged faculty, and immersive learning experiences inspire you to find your passion and purpose—and prepare you for a fulfilling career and a meaningful life. As Cardinals, We Fly!

## Pathways to Ball State

**Transfer Single Articulation Pathway (TSAP)**—Students can earn an associate degree at Indiana's Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University and then easily transition into the corresponding bachelor's program at Ball State.

**Indiana College Core**—Students can complete 30 credit hours of transferable core courses at Indiana's Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University to kick-start their Ball State academic journey.

**Other Pathways**—Ball State accepts credits for more than 24,000 college courses nationally and 7,500-plus courses from Indiana's two- and four-year colleges and universities. Contact our Transfer Center to learn about additional transfer pathways.

## Transfer Support

Through our on-campus and online **Transfer Center**, we will provide the specialized, personal support and guidance you need throughout the transfer process. This one-stop resource will help you:

- understand/determine how your credits will transfer;
- apply for admission and prepare for enrollment;
- discover how you can achieve your academic goals through Ball State courses; and
- transition seamlessly into the Ball State community.

If you're starting to think about changing colleges, our Transfer Center staff would love to discuss what Ball State offers and advise you on classes to take at your current school. Sign up for a virtual appointment or information session at [bsu.edu/visit/transfer](https://www.bsu.edu/visit/transfer).

## Transfer **Credits**

Ball State generally accepts transfer credits for any non-remedial, college-level courses taken at a regionally accredited institution in which you received a final grade of straight C or better. Courses from regionally nonaccredited colleges and universities or vocational and technical schools usually are not transferable. Recognized accrediting organizations include:

- Higher Learning Commission
- Middle States Commission on Higher Education
- New England Association
- Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
- Southern Association
- Western Association

## Ivy Tech and Vincennes

Credits from Ivy Tech Community College or Vincennes University courses that have been approved by Indiana's public universities are also accepted by Ball State with grades of straight C or better.

## Applying Credits

Our academic advisors and departments will determine how your transfer credits apply toward an area of study at Ball State. You can get an unofficial audit of how your credits will transfer using our new Transfer Equivalency Self-Service (TESS) tool online. Access this resource and learn more about course and credit transferability at [bsu.edu/transfer/credits](https://www.bsu.edu/transfer/credits).

## When can I find out how my credits will be applied at Ball State?

You'll have several opportunities to see how your credits will transfer to Ball State, how they map to our University Core Curriculum and major requirements, and what remaining courses you will need for your degree.

**Transfer Center Website**—Visit [bsu.edu/transfer](https://www.bsu.edu/transfer) to learn about the Indiana College Core, Transfer Single Articulation Pathways, and our new Transfer Equivalency Self-Service (TESS) tool, which offers an unofficial audit of your completed courses.

**Transfer Center Staff**—Schedule an individual virtual appointment with our transfer admissions advisors. They'll talk with you one-on-one about the transferability of your college credits.

**Admission**—When you receive your admission offer from Ball State, you can create your online credentials and access our DegreeWorks tool, which will show you all of the courses we have accepted and transfer credits we've granted.

## Will my GPA transfer to Ball State?

GPA's from other schools do not transfer. They are used to determine your admission to Ball State and to academic programs with selective admission requirements. We also use them to calculate your eligibility for honors at graduation.

## Admission **Requirements**

Admission to Ball State is selective and based on academic performance. We carefully evaluate all applications on an individual basis as they are submitted, and a decision is made after receiving all credentials. See our admission requirements below and at [bsu.edu/transfer/admission](https://www.bsu.edu/transfer/admission).

## College Credentials

To be considered for transfer admission, you must have earned a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in college-level, non-remedial courses at all accredited colleges or universities you've attended, and you must be in good academic standing at your last school. We also admit students while they're enrolled at another college or university based on their current GPA.

## High School Credentials

If you have completed fewer than 24 credit hours of college-level coursework at a regionally accredited two- or four-year school, we will review your high school or GED/TASC/HISET academic performance to make an admission decision.

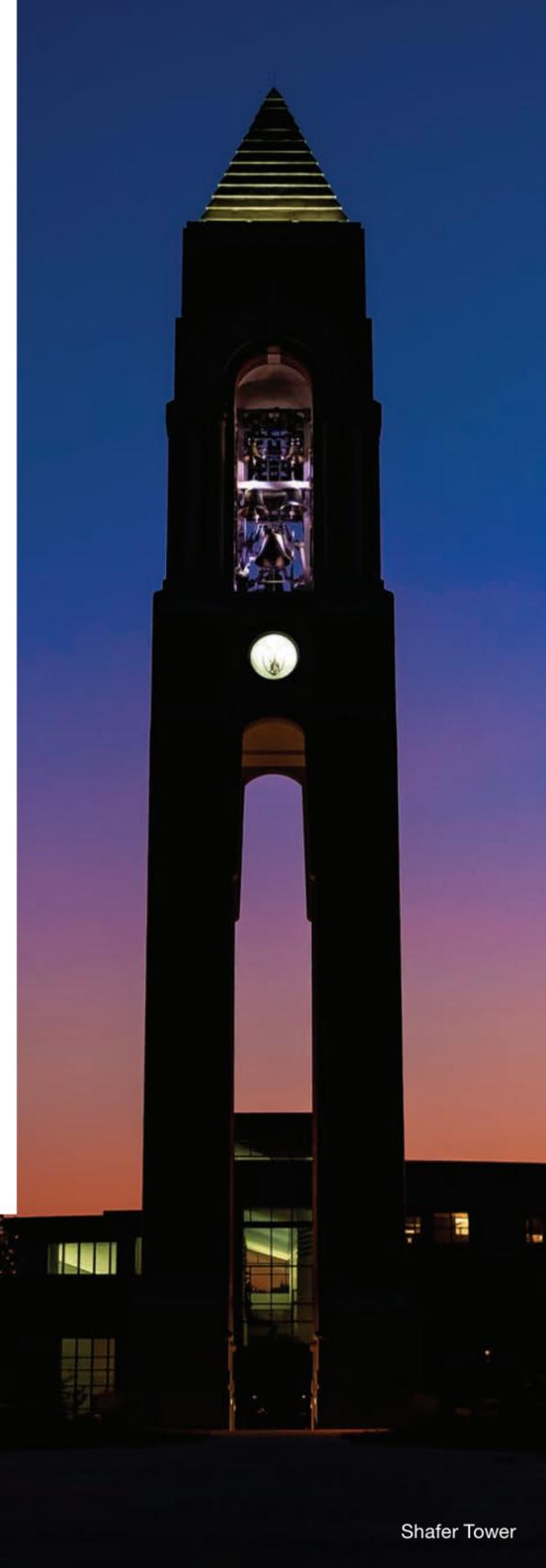
## Academic Transcripts

When you apply for admission, we must receive your official academic transcripts from all postsecondary institutions you've attended (colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools). You must also submit your final official high school transcript and/or GED/TASC/HISET score report, unless you have an associate or bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university.

## Personal Statement

You may choose to submit an optional one-page personal statement, résumé, or recommendation with your application. This may be particularly helpful if you're missing required coursework, fall below our admission criteria, or had a poor college semester.

**Transfer today!**



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## Plan a Visit

Get a feel for Ball State by touring our campus and attending an in-person event or virtual appointment just for transfer students. You'll learn more about our transfer process and resources, including credit transferability, and get your questions answered. You can also talk one-on-one with our transfer and financial aid staff. See our visit options at [bsu.edu/visit/transfer](https://www.bsu.edu/visit/transfer).

Explore Ball State's interactive virtual tour and student-produced video tours of our colleges at [bsu.edu/visit](https://www.bsu.edu/visit).

### Transfer Visit Days

Register for a Transfer Visit Day to see our beautiful campus and learn more about your academic area and our transfer resources.

### On-Campus Visits

Schedule an in-person visit that may include a campus tour and an individual appointment with our Transfer Center staff.

### Virtual Appointments

Request a personal online transfer appointment with us.

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