



The next step of your journey...

FAQs for transfer students



Transferring can be a little scary.

Transferring can leave you with a lot of questions and a little unsure of how to answer them. Regardless of your reason for leaving your previous college, finding the right college can be a daunting task—but it doesn't have to be.

At Cairn, we would love to answer your questions and help you make the right choice for the next step of your college career. Your admissions counselor will help you weigh all the factors you should consider when you are looking at your last years of college: location, affordability, academic opportunities, and of course, how you can make every credit you've already taken count.

We're here to help you find out if Cairn is just right for you.

Who We Are

Cairn University is a biblical university located in Langhorne, PA, just 25 minutes from Center City Philadelphia. With the Bible at the core of our curriculum and service at the core of our culture, Cairn offers a university experience truly centered on Christ and His Word.

70⁺

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

42⁺

STUDENT
ORGANIZATIONS,
ATHLETIC TEAMS,
AND MUSIC GROUPS

25%

OF CAIRN'S
INCOMING CLASS
EACH YEAR ARE
TRANSFER
STUDENTS



Cairn University exists to educate students to serve Christ in the church, society, and the world as biblically minded, well-educated, and professionally competent men and women of character.



Financial Aid

What kind of financial aid is available for transfer students?

At Cairn, both fall and spring transfer students are eligible for the same University scholarships, grants, and awards—as well as federal grants and loans—as traditional undergraduate students. Here are just a few:

Merit Scholarship	(up to \$12,000/year)
Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship	(up to \$2,000/year)
Christian Workers Scholarship	(up to \$3,000/year)
Honors Scholarship	(up to \$2,000/year)
Music Scholarship	(up to \$6,000/year)
Church Matching Scholarship	(up to \$2,000/year)

You can view a full listing of scholarships and financial aid opportunities at cairn.edu/aid.

Campus Life

What does the transition process look like?

To make your transition to Cairn easier, you will be part of a transfer orientation group, where you will be in the company of other transfer students at Student Welcome & Orientation. Student Life intentionally rooms transfer students together whenever possible.

How can I get involved?

Transfer students are invited to participate in all aspects of campus life. You can compete on a NCAA DIII athletic team, perform in a music group, or serve on the cabinet of one of our student organizations. We strongly encourage extracurricular involvement as it is one of the best ways to find community on campus.

What professional opportunities are there?

All Cairn University students have the opportunity to gain professional experience. You will have access to the hundreds of schools, nonprofits, and businesses that are located in the greater Philadelphia area. Only a train ride away from Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington D.C., Cairn is the right place for you to get the professional experience you need to round out your education and prepare you for your first job after graduation.

Academics

Cairn's Registrar's Office completes an official credit evaluation for all accepted students, so you'll know exactly which credits will transfer before you make the decision to attend.

Which of my credits will you accept?

We typically accept courses for transfer credit which meet the following criteria:

- > The course was taken at a Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognized accredited postsecondary institution*
- > The grade received in the course was a C (2.00) or higher
- > The course is appropriate to your chosen degree program

**University-level work successfully completed at a non-accredited postsecondary institution and appropriate to the student's degree program will be evaluated on an individual basis.*

Do you accept CLEP or AP credits?

You may also be granted up to 12 credits taken by CLEP (College Level Examination Program) with a minimum score of 50 and an unlimited number of AP credits with a minimum score of 3. The subject material must be appropriate to your chosen degree program.

What is the required number of credits I need to take in residence?

All candidates for traditional undergraduate degree programs are required to complete a minimum of 60 credits in residence at Cairn. Half of the credits required for your major and half of the credits required for the Bible/theology core must be completed at Cairn.

How can I get the most value from my time on campus?

Cairn University offers nearly 40 dual-level programs, where students earn both a bachelor's and master's degree—all while qualifying for undergraduate scholarships and financial aid. Transfer students have the opportunity to enroll in one of these programs and graduate with two degrees in as few as three years. View all program options at cairn.edu/dual.

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STUDENT-FACULTY
RATIO

100%

OF STUDENTS
PARTICIPATE IN
MINISTRY

96%

OF STUDENTS ARE
EMPLOYED ONE
YEAR AFTER
GRADUATION

Undergraduate Programs

For a full list of our academic programs, visit cairn.edu/academics.

Accounting #**

Arabic Language*

Arts

- Community Arts
- General Fine Arts (BFA)
- Graphic Design
- Performing Arts*
- Pre-Art Therapy
- Studio Art ‡
- Visual Arts*

Bible & Theology

- Bible Ministries
- Biblical Studies (BS in Bible)**
- Biblical Studies (AA)**
- Divinity ‡
- Pastoral Ministries
- Religion ‡

Business

- Business Administration #**
 - Entrepreneurship
 - Leadership and Management
 - Nonprofit Management

Finance**

Healthcare Management**

Management*

Marketing #**

Nonprofit Leadership ‡

Organizational Development ‡

Sport Management #**

Christian Ministries

- Bible Ministries
- Camping Ministries
- Christian Studies #**
- Intercultural Studies
- Pastoral Ministries**
- Sports Ministry*
- Youth and Family Ministry ‡

Communications*

Computer Science

- Computer Science ‡
- Information Systems ‡

Criminal Justice**

Education

- Education ‡
- Elementary/Early Childhood Education (PK-4) ‡
- ESL Program Specialist (PK-12) Certification +
- Health and Physical Education PK-12 ‡
- Music Education
- Secondary English Education ‡
- Secondary Mathematics Education ‡

Secondary Social Studies Education ‡

Special Education +†

Special Education (PK-12)

- Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages TESOL (BA)*

English & Literature

- English ‡
- Literature*
- Secondary English Education ‡

History

- History ‡
- Secondary Social Studies Education ‡

Liberal Arts**

Mathematics

- Mathematics (BA) ‡
- Mathematics (BS)
- Applied Mathematics*
- Pure Mathematics*
- Secondary Mathematics Education ‡

Music

- Music (BA)
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music Performance
- Worship & Music

Philosophy*

Politics

Pre-Law*

Pre-Med-Biology

Pre-Physical Therapy-Exercise Science

Psychology #**

Recreation & Sports

- Health and Physical Education PK-12 ‡
- Sport Management ‡
- Sports Ministry*

Science

- Biology (BA)
- Biology (BS)
- Pre-Med-Biology
- Pre-Physical Therapy-Exercise Science

Spanish Language*

Social Work

- Social Work ‡
- Social Service Interdisciplinary

Youth and Family Ministry ‡

* only available as a minor

‡ dual-level program available

+ add-on certification

**fully online program available

If you think Cairn may be just right for you ...

Visit

Join us for an upcoming Experience Cairn Day or schedule a personal visit at [**cairn.edu/visit**](https://cairn.edu/visit).

Apply

Cairn accepts students on a rolling admissions basis for applicants who are US citizens. Start the application process today at [**cairn.edu/apply**](https://cairn.edu/apply).

Submit Transcript and Test Scores

Submit an official academic transcript from each college/university attended. Submit a schedule and description of additional courses to be completed before entrance to Cairn.

If you have completed less than 24 college credits, you must submit an official high school transcript. If you have completed less than 15 college credits (or 30 college credits for education majors), you must also submit official SAT, ACT, or CLT scores. Use **Cairn code #2661 for SAT** and **#3658 for ACT**.

Talk to Your Admissions Counselor

If you have any questions about the transferring process, reach out to your admissions counselor, Luke Gibson, at [**lgibson@cairn.edu**](mailto:lgibson@cairn.edu).



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