Transfer Admission

Carnegie Mellon Qatar welcomes applications from students seeking to transfer from their present university to Education City. Transfer students may apply for either fall semester admission (March 1 deadline; classes begin in late August) or spring semester admission (November 1 deadline; classes begin in mid-January). A minimum of two semesters of university level coursework is required for all transfer applicants.

Application Requirements
Application requirements insofar as transcript submission, standardized testing, and counselor and teacher recommendations are the same as for first-year applicants. Both secondary school and university transcripts are necessary to complete a transfer application, as is the QAR 250 (or $70 USD) application fee.

A minimum of two semesters of university level coursework is required for all transfer applicants. If the student has not completed two semesters of coursework prior to their intended semester of entry, the student will apply as a first-year applicant (Fall entry only).

All students who have completed (or are in the process of completing) two semesters at another university, must apply as a transfer applicant. It is not possible to apply for first year admission.

Acceptance Rates
Transfer admission is highly competitive. In recent years, the acceptance rate for transfer applicants has been approximately 1 in 8 (12%). Each year we enroll 3 to 5 transfer students into the university.

Transfer Credits
A formal transfer credit evaluation will be given to admitted students shortly after the time the admission offer is made. Transfer credit evaluations are not given prior to being admitted.

Transfer credit is considered on an individual basis, and Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar may award elective credit for courses with no Carnegie Mellon equivalent. Transfer applicants should be ready to submit course descriptions of university courses they have taken if requested to do so.

Transfer credit for courses that you are taking while we are reviewing your exiting university record depends on successful completion of each course. Grades are not transferred—only credit. Sometimes transfer students have to take specific courses and accumulate a larger total number of courses than the normal amount required for graduation. The time it takes for you to graduate will depend on the time you need to complete the full university degree requirements, not on your class standing at a previous institution.

On average, the successful transfer applicant will require 3 to 3.5 years of study at Carnegie Mellon in order to complete their degree program.

Financial Aid for Transfer Applicants
Transfer students can receive financial aid from Qatar Foundation. The Financial Aid Office, however, only considers applications prior to the fall semester. Transfer students entering in January (spring semester) will not be eligible for financial aid in their first semester. Financial aid is not guaranteed, and students entering in spring will have to pay for one semester's tuition fees without knowing whether they will receive financial aid starting in fall.