

Transfer Admission

Earlham welcomes applications from students who have successfully completed courses while enrolled at another post-secondary institution but have not yet earned a four-year degree. Most transfer candidates are admitted for the fall semester, but transfer candidates may also begin their studies at Earlham in the spring semester.

Academic preparation

Earlham expects transfer candidates to be in good standing at their current college or university.

Other decision-making factors

At Earlham, we take a holistic approach to our applicants, looking beyond the classroom when reviewing applications. When provided, we take into consideration leadership experience, extracurricular involvement, community service and work experience.

Important Deadlines

FAFSA deadlines

- Application available: October 1
- Application deadline: FAFSA forms must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. central time (CT) on June 30, 2023. Any corrections or updates must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 10, 2023.

Financial aid received from your prior institution does not “carry over” to Earlham College. The financial aid application process simply starts anew. Contact Earlham’s Office of Financial Aid for further information.

Fall semester deadlines

- Application due: June 1
- Admittance decision: within two weeks
- Deposit due: June 15

Spring semester deadlines

- Application due: December 15
- Admittance decision: within two weeks
- Deposit due: January 1

Transferable Credit

New incoming students can transfer up to 60 college-level credits to Earlham, which includes transfer credit and advanced credits earned through dual enrollment programs or awarded on the basis of scores earned on the Advanced Placement (AP) test and International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Every student must complete a minimum of 60 credits at Earlham in order to satisfy the graduation residency requirement at Earlham College.

Note: Grades do not transfer and do not affect your Earlham GPA.

Earlham College transfers credit on a course-by-course basis using the following guidelines:

- The coursework falls within the scope of a liberal arts curriculum
- You have received a grade of C or better
- An official transcript is received by the Office of the Registrar directly from a fully accredited college or university after the coursework is completed
- A course description and syllabus are provided to the Registrar upon request.

If a current student decides to take courses at another college/university, only up to 16 can be transferred.