

# FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE

## **TRANSFERRING TO FITCHBURG STATE COLLEGE**

Each year, over 500 students transfer to Fitchburg State College. We welcome the diversity of educational and life experience transfer students bring to our classrooms and college community. If you plan to transfer to Fitchburg State College in the near future, please read the information below. It contains details about admission standards and suggested course selection to improve ease of transfer. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 800-705-9692.

### **ADMISSIONS STANDARDS & EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Transfer students are evaluated on a combination of grade point average and earned credits. Applicants with fewer than 24 transferable college credit hours may also be evaluated on high school and/or GED record, including standardized test scores *if* the student completed high school within the last three years. The minimum standards for transfer admissions are listed below; applicants must meet one of the three following criteria.

1. Transfer students with 12-23 transferable college credits must have a minimum 2.5 college GPA.
2. Transfer students with up to 23 transferable college credits and a minimum GPA of 2.0 must also meet the admissions standards for high school students.
3. Transfer students with 24 or more transferable credits must have a minimum 2.0 college GPA.

IMPORTANT: Meeting minimum standards for admission does not guarantee admission for any applicant. For purposes of the transfer grade point average (GPA) calculation, the Admissions Office uses non-remedial credits earned from the most recently attended institution of higher education.

### **JOINT ADMISSIONS**

The Joint Admissions program between Fitchburg State College and the 15 Massachusetts community colleges guarantees students in designated majors admission to approved programs at Fitchburg State College after the completion of their associate's degree with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Students must sign up for Joint Admissions while attending their community college. Please contact your community college transfer office for more information.

### **TRANSFER CREDITS AND RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

The amount of credit that will transfer into a Fitchburg State College program is determined after you have been accepted to the college. Transfer credit is normally granted for courses completed at regionally accredited colleges and universities, for which you received a 2.0 (C) or better, and which correspond with those offered at Fitchburg State College. The College will accept up to 60 credits from accredited two-year colleges and up to 75 credits from accredited four-year colleges. Regardless of the number of transfer credits you are granted, you must acquire a minimum of 45 credits in residency at Fitchburg State College to complete a bachelor's degree program. You will receive an official transfer credit evaluation following your acceptance.

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**SUGGESTED COURSES TO CHOOSE AT YOUR FIRST COLLEGE**

In general, we recommend students select courses that meet Fitchburg State College’s liberal arts and sciences (LAS) core requirements. **IMPORTANT:** Recommended LAS courses may differ from major to major; please contact Fitchburg State’s Office of Admissions for more details. Courses to consider include:

- English Writing or Composition I & II
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology
- A 4 credit lab science
- A college level math course
- Speech or Public Speaking
- History Elective
- Art/Music Elective
- Literature Elective

**CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MASSACHUSETTS’ COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

The majority of students transferring to Fitchburg State College start their college careers at one of the state’s community colleges.

Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield MA	(413) 499-4660
Bristol Community College, Fall River and New Bedford MA	(508) 678-2516 or (800) 462-0035
Bunker Hill Community College, Boston and Chelsea MA	(617) 228-3398
Cape Cod Community College, West Barnstable MA	(508) 362-2131
Greenfield Community College, Greenfield MA	(413) 775-1000
Holyoke Community College, Holyoke MA	(413) 538-7000
Massachusetts Bay Community College, Wellesley and Framingham	(781) 239-3000
Massasoit Community College, Brockton and Canton MA	(508) 588-9100
Middlesex Community College, Lowell and Bedford MA	(800) 818-3434
Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner and Leominster MA	(978) 632-6600
North Shore Community College, Danvers MA	(978) 762-4000
Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill and Lawrence MA	(978) 556 3000 or (978) 738 7000
Quinsigamond Community College, Worcester MA	(508) 853-2300
Roxbury Community College, Boston MA	(617) 541-5310
Springfield Technical Community College, Springfield MA	(413) 781-7822