



HWS Application Instructions

Transfer Applicant 2011-2012

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEANS

As a transfer student to the Colleges, you are in a unique category. You come with experience. You know that education at the college level is challenging, but because you have made the first leap, you know also that it is not as daunting as perceived by a first-year student, fresh from high school. What remains for you, perhaps, is the final focus needed to achieve your goals.

At Hobart and William Smith Colleges, we are dedicated to helping you maximize your ability to attain those aspirations. There are many individuals here who are available to you, especially your adviser and your deans. In particular, as academic deans, we evaluate all transfer credit and advise on the selection of major, based on your own stated interests. As social deans, we support student organizations which add depth to your intellectual pursuits. Should we not have the immediate answer to questions, we will probably be able to suggest someone who does. Transferring to Hobart College or William Smith College has positive outcomes as its end.

Rocco L. Capraro, Associate Dean Hobart College

Valerie Gunter, Assistant Dean William Smith College

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS

Hobart and William Smith Colleges welcome applications from qualified students who wish to transfer from two-year or four-year institutions. Each entering class at the Colleges is composed of highly motivated students from a wide range of academic, cultural, financial, geographic, and racial backgrounds. Admission to Hobart or William Smith is highly selective. Successful applicants demonstrate strong academic achievement, special talents and skills, and commitments and involvements outside of the academic curriculum.

Transfer students may be admitted at the beginning of either semester, but should have completed at least one year of undergraduate work. Exceptions may be granted at the discretion of the Director of Admissions. Hobart and William Smith Colleges will accept a maximum of two years of college-level work (up to 16 three-credit-hour courses) from other undergraduate institutions. Most transfer applicants possess at least a solid B average. Only courses in which a student has earned a grade of C or better, or its equivalent, are considered for transfer credit. Transfer credits are used to determine placement in the curriculum and to exempt students from curriculum requirements.

Transfer students must spend a minimum of two years in residence at the Colleges. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the appropriate dean. Students who have completed an associate's degree are automatically granted junior status. However, depending on intended major and previous program of study, it may not be possible to complete a bachelor's degree in two years.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES: *Students must submit*

- the Common Application for Transfer Students or the Universal Application for Transfer Students (online or on paper)
- a \$45 non-refundable fee (waived if application is submitted online)
- official transcripts from all previous college(s)
- College Official's Report form
- College Instructor Evaluation form
- a final high school transcript

Please note: It is optional for you to submit scores from either the SAT Reasoning test or the American College Test (ACT).

The Common Application for Transfer Students can be submitted online at www.commonapp.org. The Universal College Application for Transfer Students can be submitted online at www.universalcollegeapp.com.

We encourage all prospective students to visit campus. While on campus, we also encourage you to schedule a personal interview and meet with a faculty member in your proposed field of study. When visiting, students should bring copies of current transcripts and course schedules so that credit evaluations and course selections can be discussed.

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DEADLINES

While the Colleges review transfer applicants on a rolling basis, students should be aware of the following application deadlines, which are in place in order to facilitate registration and housing.

If you are applying for:

Fall Semester - All application materials must be postmarked by **June 1**

Spring Semester - All application materials must be postmarked by **November 15**

NOTIFICATION

Transfer candidates are considered on a rolling basis, with notification within 30 days of receiving academic credentials and complete application materials. A response to requests for financial assistance will also be sent. As a residential liberal arts community, our admission decisions may be limited by the space available. Successful candidates for admission are expected to confirm their intention to enroll and pay the non-refundable matriculation fee of \$500.

TOPICS OF INTEREST

LIFELONG LEARNING PROGRAM: This program provides an opportunity for adult learners to attend college, either full- or part-time, with services geared to their special needs. It is designed for students who have interrupted or delayed their college careers, those in need of refresher courses prior to entering a new field, and those pursuing further education. Students are incorporated into the regular academic program of the Colleges and take their courses for academic credit. All applicants must interview on campus.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Our international students come from 30 countries and form a valued part of each entering class. Applicants should correspond with Rebecca Arnold, Associate Director of Admissions, (arnold@hws.edu) and submit applications by **June 1 for Fall Semester** or **November 15 for Spring Semester**. If English is not your native language, you must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

VISITING STUDENTS: Students from other institutions who wish to spend part of their academic career at Hobart and William Smith are admitted as space allows. Inquiries should be directed to the Dean of Hobart College or the Dean of William Smith College.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

Hobart and William Smith are committed to a policy of admitting students on the basis of overall potential, then assisting them financially according to need.

Students wishing to apply for financial aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Scholarship Service (CSS) Profile to the appropriate processing centers. Applicants should designate Hobart and William Smith Colleges as a recipient of the report. The FAFSA and the CSS Profile may be obtained from the financial aid office at your college or at www.fafsa.ed.gov for the FAFSA or <http://profileonline.collegeboard.com> for the Profile. In addition, transfer students need to complete the Transfer and Lifelong Learner financial aid application.

The FAFSA and the CSS Profile should be filed no later than **June 1** if students are applying for the fall semester. Those students who wish to apply for the spring semester must have their documents filed by **November 15**.

OTHER TYPES OF AID

- merit-based Hobart and William Smith Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship of \$20,000
- merit-based Hobart and William Smith Finger Lakes Transfer Scholarship of \$17,000
- merit-based Hobart and William Smith Transfer Faculty Scholarship of \$17,000
- merit-based Hobart and William Smith President's Leadership Award of \$15,000
- merit-based Hobart and William Smith President's Service Award of \$15,000
- need-based Hobart and William Smith grants of \$1,000-\$20,000
- need-based Tuition Assistance Program for New York State residents

ACADEMIC YEAR

FALL SEMESTER:

Late August - Mid-December

SPRING SEMESTER:

Late January - Early May

EDUCATIONAL PREPAYMENT: Families able to afford college often need assistance from prepayment or loan plans. Prepayment plans allow families to spread payments equally over a specific time. For information about companies that offer such programs, contact the Controller's Office at Hobart and William Smith.

Various supplemental loan and line of credit programs are also available. Information about these programs is available from Hobart and William Smith. The Colleges encourage parents and students to provide additional financial information to the Colleges. For more information on scholarships, grants, and loans, contact:

Beth Turner, Director, Office of Financial Aid Services and Student Employment
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