HONOR CODE
Our community is shaped and guided by the Honor Code, which has been a source of pride for the Institute since its earliest days. The system encompasses a variety of practices and behaviors, but finds its purest expression in a simple statement: “No member of the Caltech community shall take unfair advantage of any other member of the Caltech community.”

At Caltech, collaboration, rather than competition, is the key to success. Caltech students are routinely granted 24-hour access to labs, workshops, and other campus facilities. Collaboration on homework and other assignments is not just encouraged, it’s practically essential. And exams are never proctored (in fact, most of them are take-home).

The Honor Code confers the power to freely choose responsible actions. Caltech students value this freedom highly and guard it fiercely, which is why the system works.

STUDENT/FACULTY RELATIONSHIPS
A 3:1 student to faculty ratio means unrivaled access for our undergraduates, allowing them to create personal relationships with their mentors and advisors.

RESEARCH
Caltech’s flagship research program, SURF, employs over 300 Caltech students every summer. Over a 10-week period, our students earn $6,000 through the research fellowship, complete with proposal and presentation. Please visit surf.caltech.edu for more information.

HOUSING
Caltech housing is not guaranteed for transfer students. However, on and off-campus housing may be available. For more information, please visit the Housing Department website at housing.caltech.edu.

FINANCIAL AID
The cost of attendance can be found at finaid.caltech.edu/coa. Financial aid is not available for international transfer or 3/2 candidates. International transfer students must demonstrate the ability to pay the full cost of attendance for each year they expect to attend Caltech. Our need-blind financial aid system offers need-based institutional support to US Citizens and Permanent Residents. Please visit finaid.caltech.edu and access our Net Price Calculator if you have questions about how the need-based financial aid packaging at Caltech might support you.

US MILITARY VETERANS AND NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS
Military Veterans and dependents who have access to their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits are welcome to apply. In many cases, our need-based system offers better financial support than the matched VA contribution offered through the Yellow Ribbon program, particularly for independent students. Those students 26 years of age or older, or veterans who have met active duty term requirements are automatically considered financially independent.
GENERAL TRANSFER POLICIES

• Applications for transfer admissions will be considered from students who have completed their secondary school education and have enrolled at a college or university and earned credit for courses. Students concurrently enrolled in a secondary school and a college or university should apply for freshman admission.

• Applications for transfer admission will not be considered from students who have already completed a bachelor’s degree (or equivalent in any subject).

• Transfer students are admitted for the fall term only.

• All transfer students commit to enrolling for at least six terms at Caltech before obtaining their degree.

• The Caltech Office of Undergraduate Admissions does not offer interviews. We are happy to assist with any questions, but we cannot offer private consultation concerning course selection or transcript approval.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (due by February 15)

• Common Application for Transfer Admission
• Caltech Transfer Supplement
• Entrance Examination Proctor Agreement Form
• Two Faculty Evaluation Forms from instructors in Math, Science, or Engineering
• College Official’s Report
• Official academic transcripts from the last secondary school attended, and all colleges or universities attended
• Application fee in the amount of $65 (U.S. dollars)
• Official TOEFL score (if applicable) International Student Supplemental Form (if applicable)
• Entrance Examinations in Mathematics and Physics (exams will be sent to your proctor and are due back to the Admissions Office by March 21)

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

• It is expected that transfer students will have had prior exposure to mathematics and physics courses on a level comparable to those students finishing their freshman year at Caltech.

• The Upper Class Admissions Committee strongly recommends that every applicant complete calculus and calculus-based physics at their postsecondary institution.

• A list of Caltech first-year and second-year courses is available on the Transfer Application Instructions. Any of the core courses that have not been covered by incoming transfer students must be taken upon matriculation at Caltech.

• Humanities and social-science courses may cover a broad range of topics; there are no specific required courses because students will be applying from colleges with different offerings. However, prior to enrollment registration, an evaluation of each transfer student’s written English is required and may result in an additional course requirement to be completed at Caltech.

TRANSFER ADMISSIONS PROFILE

Caltech admits transfer students from all regions of the world, and from diverse post-secondary institutions. Each of the past 5 years, Caltech has admitted between 5-12 transfer students, though the application pool has grown as large as 200 in recent years.

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STANDARDIZED TESTING

• ACT, SAT and SAT Subject scores are not required for transfer applicants, but may be submitted to complement your academic profile.

• TOEFL is required for applicants whose native language is not English and who have not been studying in an English-speaking country for two or more years.

TRANSFER ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

All applicants are required to take Caltech Transfer Entrance Examinations in mathematics and physics. The math exam takes approximately four hours to complete, and three hours will be given to complete the physics exam. Copies of previous transfer exams are not available.

As part of the application, candidates must find a proctor at their home institution who will agree to administer the exam. After candidates have submitted their transfer application to Caltech, the exams will be sent to their designated proctor. All applicants are responsible for securing a proctor on their home campus. The Entrance Examination Proctor Agreement Form is available for download on our webpage: admissions.caltech.edu/applying/forms. Neither the Caltech Office of Undergraduate Admissions staff nor any faculty on campus may proctor the exam.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

The courses for which enrolling transfer students will receive credit will be determined at the time of enrollment. Faculty members review each student’s achievement on an individual basis and after a placement examination has been taken. It is not possible, therefore, to determine in advance the acceptability of course work taken elsewhere.