



YOUR NEXT STEP

**A GUIDE FOR
TRANSFER STUDENTS**

SUNY
Cortland

Start your transfer path.

If you have enrolled in any college-level courses since graduating from high school, you will be considered a transfer student when you apply to SUNY Cortland. More than 700 transfer students choose us each year. They discover strong academic programs and a campus with transfer-specific resources to ensure their success. We hope you'll join them.



Get started

→ cortland.edu/transfer



ADMISSIONS CRITERIA

Application decisions are based on your cumulative academic performance. To be considered for admission, you should:

- provide official transcripts from all colleges attended — whether you completed coursework or withdrew — as well as proof of high school graduation.
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS

You can transfer up to 64 credits from an accredited two-year college or 90 credits from an accredited four-year college.

To assist in your transition to Cortland, review the transfer planning sheet for your major online. We recommend you complete the listed courses before transferring.

→ cortland.edu/transfer-planning

To see how your credits will transfer, you can view our transfer equivalency charts.

→ cortland.edu/transfer-credits

TRANSFER CREDIT EVALUATION

After your application is accepted, a staff member from Advisement and Transition will evaluate your credits, inform you what degree requirements you've already accomplished and which courses you'll need to take.

RECOMMENDED APPLICATION DATES

Admission decisions are made on a rolling basis as space allows. The dates listed below are recommendations, not hard deadlines.

→ **March 1** for fall semester consideration

→ **Nov. 1** for spring semester consideration

We're here to help.

Our Advisement and Transition team provides tailored support for transfer students.

UNIQUE RESOURCES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

- **Orientation** takes place during the summer for students starting in the fall semester or during the winter for students enrolling in the spring. It's where you'll review your pre-built course schedule, meet other new students and learn strategies for a successful start.
- **COR 201** is an introductory one-credit seminar covering life at SUNY Cortland. This class will familiarize you with the offices and services that can help in your transition to campus.
- **The Transfer Network Team** can match you with students who already have transferred to SUNY Cortland. They are available to offer their own tips and advice.
- **Transfer Mobility Advisor** helps prospective transfers select courses at their current school to ensure a smooth pathway for transition to SUNY Cortland.

75+ colleges and universities included in our transfer equivalency charts



2025-26 COST*

NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS

Billed expenses	
Tuition	\$7,070
College fees	\$1,844
Average room/meals	\$15,930
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Total billed expenses	\$24,844
+	
Estimated additional expenses	
Average books/supplies	\$1,200
Personal expenses	\$2,250
Transportation allowance	\$800
.....	
Total estimated cost	\$29,096

NON-NEW YORK STATE RESIDENTS

Billed expenses	
Tuition	\$17,180
College fees	\$1,844
Average room/meals	\$15,930
.....	
Total billed expenses	\$34,954
Future New Yorker Award	-\$7,500
.....	
Adjusted billed expenses	\$27,454
+	
Estimated additional expenses	
Average books/supplies	\$1,200
Personal expenses	\$2,250
Transportation allowance	\$800
.....	
Total estimated cost	\$31,704

** Subject to change pending state budget or university action*

Academics

SUNY Cortland is recognized for emerging programs in science and business, excellence in teacher education and career outcomes.



MAJORS

African American Studies
Anthropology
Applied Kinesiology/
Athletic Training (3+2 program)
Archaeology
Art
Art Studio (B.F.A.)
Biochemistry
Biology
Biomedical Sciences
Business Economics
Chemistry
Cinema Study
Coaching
Communication Studies
Community Health
Conservation Biology
Criminology
Economics
Engineering (3+2 program)
English
Environmental Geoscience
Exercise Science
Exercise Science B.S./
Doctor of Physical Therapy
(3+3 program) Geographic
Information
Systems
Geography
Geology
Graphic Design and
Digital Media
Healthcare Management
History
Human Service Studies

International Studies
Integrated Studies
Mathematics
Media Production
Musical Theatre (B.F.A.)
New Communication Media
Outdoor Recreation
Physics
Political Science
Professional Writing
Psychology
Public Administration
and Public Policy
Recreation
Social Philosophy
Sociology
Spanish
Speech and Hearing Science
Sport Management
Sport Studies
Strength and Conditioning
Therapeutic Recreation
Tourism and Recreation
Undeclared/Pre-major

ADVISEMENT PATHS*

Pre-Athletic Training,
Physical Therapy or
Occupational Therapy
Pre-Chiropractic
Pre-Dentistry
Pre-Law/Law and Justice
Pre-Medicine
Pre-Veterinary Science

**requires a major selection*

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Adolescence Education
(Grades 7–12)

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Earth Science
- English
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Physics and Mathematics

Dual certification program

- Social Studies
- Spanish

Early Childhood and
Childhood Education
(Birth–Grade 6)
Health Education (K–12)
Inclusive Childhood
Education (Grades 1–6)
Inclusive Early Childhood
Education (Birth–Grade 2)
Physical Education (K–12)
Teaching English as a
Second Language (K–12)

MINORS

African American Studies
American Musical Theatre
Anthropology
Archaeology
Art: Art History
Art: Studio Art
Asian/Middle Eastern Studies
Biology
Chemistry
Cinema Study
Communication Studies
Computer Applications
Economics
English: Language and Literature
English: Literature and Writing
English: Literature
Entrepreneurship
Environmental and Outdoor Education
Exercise Science
Forensic Anthropology
Forensic Psychology
French
Geographic Information Systems
Geography
Geology
Graphic Design and Digital Media
History
International Studies
Jewish Studies
Latino and Latin American Studies
Law and Justice
Management
Mathematics
Native American Studies
Peace and Conflict Studies
Physics

Political Economy and Public Policy
Political Science
Political Science: Comparative Politics and International Relations
Political Science: Public Administration and Public Policy
Professional Writing
Psychology
Psychology of Individuals with Disabilities
Social Philosophy
Sociology
Spanish
Speech and Hearing Science
Sport Management
Sport Studies
Teaching English as a Second Language
Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies



STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

2,000+

transfer students who applied to SUNY Cortland in 2024

700+

transfer students enrolled in 2024

3.2

average GPA for incoming transfer students

52

new members of Tau Sigma National Honor Society in 2024-25, recognizing transfers with a minimum 3.5 GPA

85%

graduation rate for transfer students

1

SUNY institution named to every Phi Theta Kappa Honor Roll since 2018.

OUR GRADS GO *ALL IN.*

EMPHASIS ON OUTCOMES

→ From paid jobs on campus to competitive internships in your major, Career Services can assist with career readiness experiences and help make sure your resume, cover letter and personal headshot are sharp.

WHERE DO GRADUATES GO?

→ Each year, Career Services publishes the Graduate Outcomes Report detailing first destinations for employment and education.

View the report

→ cortland.edu/outcomes

97%

of recent grads employed or pursuing a postgraduate degree

88,000+

alumni who have graduated from SUNY Cortland

\$4,000

summer research awards available in any discipline

85%+

students pursuing internships, research or field placements



TAKE THE NEXT STEP:

APPLY NOW.

Your application checklist should include:

- ☐ Every college transcript where you have earned credit.
- ☐ Your final high school transcript
- ☐ Other materials as requested

SUNY Cortland accepts the Common Application and the SUNY Application. Please submit only one. The application fee is \$50.



To start the process, visit
→ cortland.edu/apply

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FINANCIAL AID

High-achieving transfer students are considered for merit scholarships. Qualifying members of Phi Theta Kappa may also be selected for additional awards. Depending on their application date and starting semester, transfer students can apply for a limited number of endowed scholarships.

Recommended filing dates for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- **Feb. 1** for fall enrollees
- **Dec. 1** for spring enrollees

Learn more about scholarships and deadlines
→ cortland.edu/cost-aid

Recommended application dates

Students are admitted on a rolling basis. Priority is given to those who apply by the following dates.

→ Fall semester consideration: **March 1**

→ Spring semester consideration: **Nov. 1**



\$1,000

annual scholarship available to qualifying Phi Theta Kappa honor society members

50+

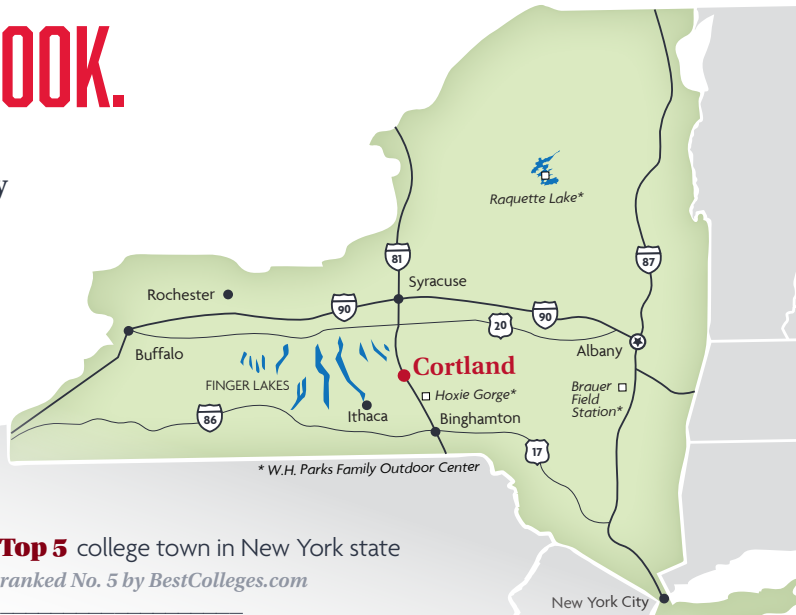
institutional scholarships for which transfer students may be eligible, depending on their starting semester

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK.

Visit opportunities include weekday tours, Open House events and transfer-specific programs.

Learn more and register

→ cortland.edu/visit



Top 5 college town in New York state
ranked No. 5 by BestColleges.com

19,000 residents in the city of Cortland
plus easy access to local outdoor activities

4 hours or less from major cities in the Northeast
including New York City and Philadelphia

40 minutes to Hancock Airport in Syracuse
the closest international airport

LIVING IN CORTLAND

Most transfer students are required to live on campus for a year. You can choose from a traditional residence hall or West Campus Apartments, located approximately a mile away.

Learn more

→ cortland.edu/college-town

Admissions Office

Miller Building, First Floor
P.O. Box 2000
Cortland, NY 13045-0900
607-753-4711

Scan the QR code or visit
cortland.edu/transfer



cortland.edu/follow

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