



## Academics at E&H: An Introduction for Transfer Students

Welcome to Academic Affairs at Emory & Henry. We are glad that you have decided to join us for the next phase of your college education. This guide is intended to give you, as a student transferring into our college community, an overview of academics and the Core Curriculum here at Emory & Henry.

### The Core Curriculum

Emory & Henry has a Core Curriculum designed to give students a true liberal-arts education. Through the Core Curriculum, students come to understand themselves, learn to solve problems, think ethically, develop a broad base of knowledge, connect with the world, and engage in the community through service. We want you to help you become a deep thinker who is inspired to take action.

You will also be asked to demonstrate proficiency with computers, writing, speaking, math skills, and foreign language. For more information about the Core Curriculum and its requirements, see this link: [www.ehc.edu/academics/programs/core-curriculum](http://www.ehc.edu/academics/programs/core-curriculum).

Students transferring into Emory & Henry are expected to complete the Core Curriculum. However, you may have met some of the requirements through previous coursework. The registrar will evaluate your transcript to determine which specific requirements you have already met. You may also be exempt from some core requirements based simply on the number of credit hours you have completed at your previous college. (For information about exemptions, see the "Transfer Students" subheading in the "Academic Policies" section of the Academic Catalog: [www.ehc.edu/academics/resources/registrar/academic-catalogs](http://www.ehc.edu/academics/resources/registrar/academic-catalogs). In the event that the upcoming school year's Academic Catalog hasn't yet been posted when you access this link, earlier versions will still give you a solid introduction to general policies.)



## **Declaring a Major**

Transfer students typically declare a major upon entering the college, although this is not required if you are still undecided. When you are ready to declare a major, you can fill out a form through the Central Student Assistance office: <http://www.ehc.edu/academics/resources/registrar/forms/>.

## **Registering for Classes**

We will do everything we can to arrange for you to meet in person with a faculty advisor in the department of your intended major so you can register for classes during orientation. Before then, you can research and create a worksheet of classes you would like to take by following the directions in the document called “Using Web Advisor to Plan Your Classes,” which can be found in the “Step 6—Register for Classes” folder on your flash drive. That guide is designed for freshmen, but will also be a good starting point for you. (Note: This isn’t mentioned in the guide, but you can also use Web Advisor to search for class sections and see which ones still have room.)

## **Orientation**

We do ask transfer students to join us for orientation programs. We know you have different experiences and different needs than freshmen, but we want to be sure to introduce you to the culture, opportunities and resources of Emory & Henry. We have a one-day orientation session in July geared toward transfer students. During our Week of Welcome, a four-day orientation in August, we will ask you to participate in some events with freshmen but also in some programs designed for transfer students. If you are joining us for the spring semester, you’ll find that much of the programming will be tailored to transfer students.

To find out more about orientation (and to register for the July orientation session), use this link: [www.ehc.edu/admissions/application-process/orientation](http://www.ehc.edu/admissions/application-process/orientation)

## **The PRC—Your Academic Safety Net**

Every college has its own personality. In the past, transfer students have told us how amazed they are by the close-knit community here. Students know each other well, and professors know their students by name. Excellent attendance is expected, and students must work very hard at their academics. You may find that college here is challenging in a different way than your past academic experiences. If so, we have many programs to provide you with support as you make the transition to Emory & Henry: tutoring, peer mentoring, accommodations for students who qualify, and counseling. These services are all free and can be accessed through the Powell Resource Center in Wiley Hall.

## **Questions?**

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