

In order for an optometry student from another school or College of Optometry to be considered for transfer, the following conditions must be met*:

- The satisfactory completion of at least one year of course work from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education Association.
- Students should have at minimum a cumulative 2.5 GPA at your current institution before being considered
- Submission of all official undergraduate and post-baccalaureate transcripts to UMSL.
- Release OAT scores to UMSL College of Optometry.
- Statement detailing reason for transfer and any other information regarding you and your academic performance.
- Letter from the dean of the current optometric institution supporting the request for transfer and confirming the good academic standing of the student.
- Completion of the UMSL application with appropriate application fees. Potential applicants should not complete this step until directed to do so by the Office of Student Services.

All students interested in applying for transfer are encouraged to contact the Office of Student Services. Due to limited class size and the differences in curricula between institutions, transfers are generally discouraged. However, transfers are considered on an individual basis and depend on current class size, compatibility between the curricula of the two colleges and the reason for the transfer request. Generally, due to differences in course sequences between optometric programs, transfers result in an extension of the professional educational program beyond the minimum of four years.

*Additional requirements may be required by the admissions committee.

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