



# Live the **Transfer Life** at Chatham

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# Welcome to Chatham University

Hello and welcome to Chatham University! We know that there are many reasons why students choose to transfer, and we are glad you have chosen to continue your education here at Chatham. We are here to support your success every way, so please stop in if there is anything we can help you with.

Chatham University provides a variety of resources specifically for transfer students and the entire campus community is here to support you. As a transfer student, your primary contact and source for resources is Emily Fidago, director of student engagement. If you have any questions, are experiencing challenges, or are not sure how to navigate a difficult situation, please contact Emily. Along with the Student Affairs staff, Emily can help you with everything from routine questions to urgent situations.



## Emily Fidago

*Director of Student Engagement*

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Carriage House



Remember to sign up for ChathamALERT on MyChatham (under tools). This will keep you informed of any issues, weather related or otherwise, that might affect your experience on campus.



## Download the ChathamU mobile app

Visit your app store and search "Chatham U" to find and download the Chatham U app. The app's homepage is the Events Calendar listing upcoming activities, or you can get there by clicking the little schoolhouse icon.

Click "attend" to add events to your personal calendar.



## FOLLOW THE OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS ON INSTAGRAM!

[@chathamstudentaffairs](https://www.instagram.com/chathamstudentaffairs)

The account posts about everything from Chatham events to Chatham news, and even features some giveaways! It is a great way to stay connected to Chatham throughout the year.

# Transfer Orientation

During both fall and spring terms, there are orientation activities and programs specifically designed for transfer students. Transfer students are highly encouraged to participate in these activities to help them get to know campus, as well as meet other transfer students. In addition, transfer students will be assigned an Orientation Leader who is also a transfer student.

# Campus Life and Student Activities

## TRANSFER PROGRAM

The Office of Student Affairs offers a variety of events and programs throughout the year for transfer students. The year kicks off with Transfer Orientation and the Transfer Dine with the Deans in early September. Transfer students are invited to Transfer Nights Out, which take place at a different activity near campus each month. Be sure to check out myChatham Happenings and the Chatham U mobile app for more information about these and other events. Transfer students will also receive regular communication via e-mail about events, programs, and services. For more information: **Emily Fidago, director of student engagement, at [efidago@chatham.edu](mailto:efidago@chatham.edu) or 412-365-1527.**

## RESIDENCE LIFE

There are many options for campus and off-campus housing at Chatham. Please contact the **Office of Residence Life at [reslife@chatham.edu](mailto:reslife@chatham.edu) or 412-365-1518** to discuss the best option for your needs.

## APPLYING FOR COMMUTER STATUS

If you are planning to commute to campus, please fill out the application for commuter status which can be found under Documents & Forms on your myChatham portal. For more information about commuter programs and services: **Emily Fidago, director of student engagement, at 412-365-1527 or [efidago@chatham.edu](mailto:efidago@chatham.edu).**

## DINING OPTIONS AND MEAL PLANS

There are a number of dining hall options including Anderson Dining Hall, Café Rachel, Eastside Café, and the Barazzone Center at Eden Hall Campus. All locations offer a variety of snack and meal options to meet your preferences and dietary needs.

All on-campus resident students are required to have a meal plan; you will sign up for a meal plan at the same time that you register for housing. Meal plans are not required for commuter students but are highly recommended and there are a number of flexible options.

For more information: [www.chatham.edu](http://www.chatham.edu) > Student Experience > Housing & Dining, or contact Courtney Blood, dining manager, at [parkhurst@chatham.edu](mailto:parkhurst@chatham.edu).

## Are you a veteran?

Chatham University is honored to have the opportunity to serve those who have served in all military capacities. See our veteran students webpage for information on how the University can best serve you and for information on how your experience could translate to college credit.

## Are you a Gateway student?

Sometimes, transfer students are older than incoming first-years. If you're an undergraduate student who is 24 years old or older, Chatham considers you a "Gateway" student. Be sure to pick up the brochure with information about special programming for Gateway students!

## STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

There are many campus events and activities for you to enjoy. Please download the ChathamU Mobile app to receive up to date information about campus events. Getting involved with one of more than 50 student organizations is a great way to get involved on campus. To learn more, contact **Student Engagement at [studentengagement@chatham.edu](mailto:studentengagement@chatham.edu) or 412-365-2990.**

## OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion is responsible for leading efforts to build and sustain a diverse and culturally vibrant campus, which promotes multicultural education and student success and retention. Look for more information about campus Heritage Month Celebrations, Monthly Diversity Dialogues, and other programs. To learn more: **Dr. Randi Congleton, assistant vice president for diversity, equity & inclusion, at 412-365-2499 or [r.congleton@chatham.edu](mailto:r.congleton@chatham.edu).**

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

- The **Counseling Center** offers free, confidential short-term counseling.
- **Student Health Services** provides in-house health assessments and referrals to local facilities if needed.
- The **Athletic Fitness Center** offers exercise machines, a track, climbing wall, pool, and more.

## Class Colors

Students at Chatham get assigned class colors when they start. As a transfer, did you know that you have class colors too? These colors are assigned by anticipated year of graduation, so you can find out your Chatham class color and pick up a class color ribbon in the Office of Student Affairs.

# Additional Questions?

## CONTACT THE OFFICE OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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# Academic Life

## **ACADEMIC SUPPORT/OFFICE OF ACADEMIC & ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES (OAAR)**

Chatham University is aware that transfer students may need help adjusting to the academic expectations of Chatham University. Get connected with your faculty advisor early on to manage your course schedule. If you need help with study skills or would like tutoring, visit OAAR on the 3rd floor of the Jenny King Mellon Library.

## **ACADEMIC ADVISING**

Students at Chatham work closely with a faculty member who serves as their academic advisor. Advisors help students select appropriate courses, identify educational and professional goals, and adjust to college-level academics. If you have a question about who your advisor is or if you are unsure how to contact your advisor, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs.

## **AP AND TRANSFER COLLEGE CREDITS**

Advanced Placement (AP) and transfer college credits can impact your course schedule and move you closer to the goal of 120 credits required for graduation. Please check with the Registrar or your academic advisor regarding Chatham's guidelines for Advanced Placement credit. You must have official copies of your AP exam scores or official copies of transcripts featuring prior college credits sent directly to the University if you wish to receive credit. You and your advisor will use your transfer evaluation to assist in determining remaining requirements.

### **Office of Academic Affairs**

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