Admitted First-Year Students

I was hoping to visit campus before making my final college choice but schools are closed to visitors. How can I learn more about Rochester and connect with other admitted students?
We are hosting many virtual events and sessions in April for admitted students. Visit enrollment.rochester.edu/class-of-2024 to see the full listing of programs and events.

Do I still need to submit my Enrollment Reply Form and send my deposit by May 1?
Yes, the deadline to enroll at Rochester for first-year students is still May 1. However, we understand this crisis has impacted students and families across the country in extraordinary ways. Students should remain in contact with us as May 1 approaches and reach out to Patrick Lutz at plutz@admissions.rochester.edu to discuss a reply extension, if necessary.

Can I request a deposit deadline extension?
We will review deposit extension requests on a case-by-case basis. Please reach out to Patrick Lutz at plutz@admissions.rochester.edu to begin the process of requesting an extension.

My high school is switching to Pass/Fail grades for my courses. Will this impact my admissions decision?
We will not change any admissions decisions based on your high school's change in grading policy. If there is a significant change in achievement, there may be review of your decision.

My final exams in my courses have been altered (e.g., AP exams) or are canceled (e.g., IB, A-levels). Will this impact my admissions decision?
We will not change any admission decision based on the cancellation or alteration of these exams or others.

I applied with standardized testing, but they were unofficial at the time. Do I still need to submit official scores?
Yes, if you decide to enroll at Rochester, we will need an official score report prior to your arrival on campus.

It may take a while for my school to submit my final high school transcript. Is that a problem?
We understand that many schools will remain closed for the duration of the academic year and we will work with your counselors to ensure that they have enough time to submit your final transcript.

Will I receive credit for my AP, IB, A-level or other exam results scheduled to take place in Spring 2020?
The University of Rochester recognizes that the College Board and the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) have been forced to make significant adjustments to their testing and grading procedures in light of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We also recognize that these adjustments are beyond students' control. Therefore, the University of Rochester will continue to honor the scores reported to us by the College Board and IBO to determine credit awards for these online exams. Individual academic departments are reviewing the changes made to the exams in order to best guide students on course placement decisions.

What if I can’t arrive on campus in time for Orientation in August?
Orientation is still set to start on Monday, August 17 for international students and on Wednesday, August 19 for domestic students. We understand that some students are concerned that they may not be able to arrive on campus on time given visa related issues, travel restrictions, and other concerns. Should students not be able to arrive on time, the College is working to provide online course options for students if necessary. Enough courses would be offered to allow for full-time enrollment for the Fall 2020 semester via online learning. More information about these courses will be forthcoming should they be needed. Students interested in possibly deferring their admission to Spring 2021 or Fall 2021 should contact Patrick Lutz at plutz@admissions.rochester.edu to learn more about the deferral process.

**How has the University of Rochester changed their own grading policy for current students?**
More information about changes in a Rochester’s student grades for the current term can be found at rochester.edu/coronavirus-update/students-families/#classes.

**My family's financial circumstances have changed since I applied due to COVID-19. Can I reapply for need-based financial aid?**
While you cannot reapply for need-based financial aid, we understand that each family’s financial circumstances are unique. For assistance with your financial aid package, please contact your financial aid counselor directly at enrollment.rochester.edu/financial-aid/contact-us.

**Transfer Applicants**

**My college/university is now providing Pass/Fail grades for the Spring 2020 term. Will you award transfer credit for courses without grades?**
The College’s policy is to award credit for courses completed successfully with a C or better. Credit for P, S, and CR (or other similar options) will be awarded in those cases where there is not another grading option. In the event that there is an actual grade underneath the P, S, or CR that is below C, credit would not ordinarily be awarded. However, special rules will apply for P, S, and CR grades earned during the Spring 2020 semester and credit will be awarded in all of these cases. This and other transfer credit policies can be found at rochester.edu/college/ccas/handbook/transfer-credit.html.

**I'm a non-native English speaker and TOEFL and IELTS tests have been canceled. How can I demonstrate my English language proficiency?**
In lieu of the typical English language exams, transfers can submit Duolingo English Test (DET) as evidence of English proficiency. Those who wish to use DET results must also submit an English Proficiency Waiver Request Form.

**I am a transfer applicant and cannot submit my World Education Services or Education Credential Evaluators credential evaluation because they have suspended services.**
We are aware of the current situation, and that many businesses are operating virtually. For credential services that rely on official transcripts being mailed, this may mean a delay in their operation. We have extended the transfer priority deadline until May 1 and have rolling transfer admissions. The situation will continue to be monitored as we get closer to that date and make additional extensions if possible.

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Prospective applicants (high school and transfer students)

How can I connect with the counselor responsible for my area in lieu of coming to campus?
A list of admissions counselors and their recruitment territories can be found at enrollment.rochester.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Contact-Your-Counselor-1.pdf.

I’m a junior and concerned that I won’t be able to visit campus this spring and possibly this summer to demonstrate my interest in the University of Rochester. What can I do instead?
With the ever-changing circumstances, we are unsure when our campus will be open again for visitors. We would direct you to engage with us during one of our College Admission Workshop Series, schedule a virtual interview, attend a virtual information session, or connect with your admissions counselor.