

00:00 Hi, everyone.
00:01 Welcome to the Suffolk University,
00:02 Undergraduate Admission Transfer Process overview.
00:06 My name is Dan Connolly,
00:07 I'm Managing Associate Director of undergraduate admission,
00:11 and we're gonna talk a lot today about the transfer process
00:14 from start to finish.
00:15 So if you've started the process,
00:17 if you haven't even thought about it yet,
00:18 and this is your first time actually considering
00:21 transferring in general to,
00:23 if you decide to come to Suffolk,
00:26 we're gonna come over the whole entire timeline and take you
00:29 through the different steps that are involved when it comes
00:31 to transferring to Suffolk.
00:32 And hopefully some tips just
00:34 in regards to transferring in general.
00:36 But with me today is my colleague Sean, Sean.
00:39 Yep, my name is Sean Connolly,
00:41 I'm the Senior Assistant Director of transfer admissions.
00:44 So I work specifically with students looking to transfer
00:47 into Suffolk, I also am the athletics liaison,
00:50 So I work with students that are potential athletic recruits
00:55 and in case they have any additional questions
00:58 with their application and anything
01:00 that I can do to assist them, them and the coaches.
01:03 So that's my role.
01:09 So I've been at Suffolk now for a total of 10 years.
01:13 And what makes Suffolk special and unique?
01:18 Well, one of the pieces that make it so unique
01:22 is our transfer population.
01:23 About 20% of our incoming class are transfer students.
01:25 So they're coming from different backgrounds,
01:27 different reasons for transferring,
01:29 whether it's the local community college nearby,
01:32 or if it's from another four year university,
01:33 it's close to 60% of our students that are transferring
01:36 are coming from other four year universities.
01:38 So once again, it could be a variety of reasons
01:40 in why a student is transferring,
01:42 but then there's also significant amount
01:44 of students that are completing an associate's degree.
01:47 They want to continue on with their education.
01:50 And oftentimes it's a very seamless process as far as that
01:52 credit and it working out to more or less a two plus two
01:56 in most instances.
01:57 And we've got partnerships set up with the local
02:00 Massachusetts community colleges throughout the state,
02:02 but doesn't just apply to Massachusetts colleges.
02:04 Oftentimes we'll see that pairing where you've got two years
02:08 of credit and it will come in as two years here at Suffolk.
02:13 So just to dive into why students are transferring to
02:18 Suffolk and why they're choosing Suffolk.
02:20 So number one would be the amazing location.

02:23 Obviously there's a lots of opportunity for professional
02:26 experience, networking through internships,
02:28 through class visits,
02:30 to different organizations and companies.
02:32 The state house for Massachusetts sits right in the middle
02:35 of where we are, city hall's right around the corner,
02:38 the financial district that's right around the corner.
02:41 You've got museums, you've got music venues,
02:43 you've got sports venues, everything is right nearby.
02:48 And that's also part of the reason why
02:50 we see students transferring.
02:52 They'll say that they're visiting friends in Boston
02:54 all the time, and they're realizing Suffolk's
02:55 in the middle of it all.
02:56 Why not just go to school in the city?
02:59 All the fun is right outside the DORA,
03:00 all that experience is right there.
03:02 It's incorporated in your classes.
03:04 Our class size typically is around 20 students,
03:08 but our class offerings are similar to
03:11 our larger universities,
03:13 so it's kind of the best of both worlds.
03:15 You've got that opportunity to make those connections with
03:17 faculty and with staff and feel really part of a community,
03:20 but then also have the resources of a larger school with
03:23 of course, what Suffolk offers,
03:25 and of course what the city of Boston offers.
03:27 Now, faculty are very involved in their courses.
03:31 99.8%, I think of classes are taught by faculty.
03:36 That 0.2% is instructed by PhD candidates for a very small
03:42 amount of psychology classes.
03:44 So you're gonna have a professor almost 100% of the time
03:48 working with you every step of the way, assisting you,
03:51 finding internships, assisting you
03:53 with the coursework that you're doing,
03:54 assisting you with whether or not you're in the right major.
03:56 That's what they're there for.
03:57 And once again, having that small class size,
03:59 allows you to make those connections,
04:01 they also will work with us on transfer credit.
04:03 So if a class is close,
04:04 we're gonna try to count it as that same course
04:07 here at Suffolk.
04:08 So if you're currently a psychology major
04:12 at your current institution,
04:13 and you're looking to transfer into psychology with Suffolk,
04:17 our hope is that a good percentage of those classes
04:19 will count as the same courses here at Suffolk,
04:20 obviously assuming that the curriculum is similar,
04:25 whether your major is communications or business or law,
04:29 whatever it might be,
04:30 we're gonna try to work with you as much as we can to make
04:33 fit in as best as possible within the curriculum.
04:36 Now we're gonna maximize your credits,

04:37 meaning that we're gonna go up to 75 in certain cases
04:41 it could be just beyond 75, it might be 78, 79.
04:46 That's truly the maximum, generally 75
04:48 is as high as we can go based off of core curriculum
04:52 with major credit and as well as free elective.
04:54 So that leaves you up with about three semesters left at
04:57 Suffolk, if you reach that max end.
04:59 Generally our average amount of transfer credit is somewhere
05:01 in the 40 to 50 range,
05:02 that's generally what we see as far as
05:04 a typical transfer student.
05:06 But once again, if you're in a student graduating
05:08 with an associate's degree,
05:09 typically we see 60 to 66 credits transfer in which is the
05:11 equivalent of two years.
05:13 So everything you need to make a decision is provided
05:15 in your acceptance letter, more or less.
05:18 So you will deliver to you electronically.
05:21 You'll be able to up upload into your portal
05:24 any materials when you're applying
05:25 and that's also where you'll be able to see your decision.
05:28 So in that letter,
05:29 would have any information regarding merit scholarships.
05:32 And then if you are receiving transfer credit,
05:35 there'll be a credit equivalency,
05:36 which will show a side by side how those courses,
05:39 where you're currently attending,
05:41 we'll transfer into Suffolk and what to reflect as
05:44 the equivalent here.
05:45 And then you're also gonna be sent a degree evaluation,
05:48 and that is gonna break down how those courses fit in
05:52 to the curriculum and then what you have less.
05:54 So you'll be able to figure out
05:56 before you have to commit to Suffolk,
05:58 you'll know exactly how much time it's gonna take you to
05:58 complete the degree.
06:00 Now, if you're part of the PTK Honor society,
06:02 Phi Theta Kappa, we are part of the PTK Honor Roll,
06:06 which is only given out to a very small percentage of
06:09 schools in the country.
06:10 And basically it's the transfer friendliness rating
06:12 of an institution.
06:13 So very small percentage are part of that,
06:15 Suffolk has prided itself on working with transfers for
06:20 many many years, in that honor
06:22 we take very seriously because we know it does take
06:25 commitment by the institution to really develop
06:28 a transfer process that's hopefully seamless and allows you
06:31 to maximize that credit.
06:33 Now, if you're part of the armed services or a veteran,
06:36 we are part of the Yellow Ribbon program.
06:38 And so ultimately if you are 100% eligible for
06:41 your Post-9/11 GI bill,
06:43 you basically covers the cost of tuition and fees.

06:46 So basically what GI bill is providing you for aid
06:49 and Suffolk will match it to be able to cover that cost of
06:52 tuition and fees.
06:52 So if you are in that category,
06:55 if you'd like to know more information,
06:56 please feel free to reach out.
06:58 I'll talk about that a little bit later on
06:59 in the presentation, but for now,
07:01 I'm gonna turn it back over to Sean to talk about
07:03 the admission process.
07:04 So if you haven't started the app,
07:04 or maybe you're in the middle of it,
07:06 this is hopefully gonna be helpful for you.
07:09 Yeah, and really to kickstart
07:12 the process is really to get that application in.
07:16 So we have a few different applications
07:18 that you can complete.
07:21 One of three, so one of is,
07:24 obviously the Suffolk University application,
07:26 we also are on the common application.
07:29 So if you are applying to multiple schools and wanna just do
07:32 everything in one fell swoop,
07:33 you can do that on the common application.
07:36 And then the other type of application we have is what's
07:37 called the guaranteed admission application.
07:39 So our guaranteed admission application is for students
07:42 who are currently enrolled
07:43 at a Massachusetts community college
07:46 and are graduating with an associate's degree,
07:49 kind of the benefit of this application is,
07:53 not only are you obviously graduating with associate degree
07:55 from your community college,
07:57 but we guarantee admission if you have above a 2.5 GPA.
08:02 So really it's a great opportunity for students
08:05 who have gone through the process of attending
08:07 a two year school and looking to come in from there.
08:10 But with that being said,
08:11 we also have our regular application
08:14 as well as a common application
08:16 when it comes to our deadlines,
08:18 our deadlines for the fall is June 30th
08:21 and our deadline for the spring is December 1st.
08:25 Those days really don't change much
08:26 when it comes year to year, but really to really kind of
08:31 think about what they are, they're a priority deadline
08:33 really we do work with students after that date,
08:36 but to get things documents
08:39 and the things that you need to continue,
08:43 you wanna get that stuff in before that June 30th
08:45 or December 1st deadline,
08:46 depending on what semester you're looking to come in,
08:48 whether it's the spring or the fall.
08:50 So those are the dates to kind of keep in mind.
08:53 If you've already started the application

08:55 and one of the main things that we'll tell
08:59 which seems pretty simple,
09:01 but ultimately you wanna make sure
09:03 that you click that submit button
09:05 and that goes with any form that you're filling out,
09:07 whether it is the application or the FAFSA or anything that
09:12 you're filling out for anything to do with college,
09:14 you wanna make sure there
09:15 you do click that submit button because we don't get it
09:17 unless you do that.
09:20 Your application will hang kind of in that limbo
09:23 if you don't hit the submit button and just hit save.
09:27 If you are having trouble with one application
09:30 over the other, you're having issues
09:31 with the common application,
09:33 you can go onto the Suffolk University application
09:35 and complete that, it won't affect anything,
09:37 it won't make any issues for you in the application process.
09:41 Just whichever one gets submitted, that's the one we use.
09:46 And then when it comes to an essay
09:48 really when it comes to what we're looking for,
09:50 we want you to write about something
09:52 that you're passionate about, but kind of my experience
09:59 and Dan you can speak to this as well.
10:02 I like to know why you're transferring.
10:04 I like to know kind of why Suffolk,
10:06 what is causing you to go through this process just to give
10:10 me and give Dan the idea of
10:13 to get to know you a little bit better and kind of
10:15 understand why you're going through
10:17 this transfer process.
10:18 So, Dan do you have anything to add on that one?
10:20 No, I think you really summed it up well,
10:23 it's about us getting to know your story a little bit more,
10:26 and that's typically gonna help us sort of
10:29 put the pieces together, is the why transferring part.
10:31 Now, it could be very simple as I wanna continue on with my
10:35 education as I've completed my associate's degree,
10:37 it could be that straightforward.
10:39 Oftentimes what we're assuming a student
10:41 completing an associate's degree is trying to do,
10:43 but it could be something specific
10:45 about the program you're doing.
10:45 Maybe there's some business that you've been involved in
10:49 that really sparked why you're pursuing marketing
10:54 or digital marketing, whatever it might be.
10:56 And maybe you wanna be really about it.
10:57 I mean, that's also super helpful.
10:59 But yeah, the traditional why transferring
11:02 is really gonna assist us in the review
11:05 in order to bring things together.
11:08 Well, and just goes back to what you always say,
11:09 everyone's story's different.
11:13 So when it comes to the requirement,

11:14 so you've submitted the application,
11:16 you've sent that in.
11:17 It's in where now we're just waiting for some documentation
11:20 to come in.
11:21 So what is it that you need to submit
11:23 to be considered for enrollment?
11:25 And first things first is getting us official transfers
11:29 from each college university that you've attended.
11:33 And if you've only been to one, great,
11:35 you just need to get us that one.
11:36 But there are students that will have been to a few
11:39 and upwards to, I've had students who have been
11:42 to five and doesn't matter if it's one school
11:45 or five schools,
11:46 we need all college transcripts in our possession
11:50 before we can ultimately make a decision.
11:53 And then when it comes to official high school transcript,
11:57 we wanna have your final high school transcript on file.
12:00 It's federal regulation for us to have it,
12:03 but that is something that can be waived.
12:05 So if you are in the process of getting
12:08 your associate's degree, or if you're gonna be having
12:12 at least 60 credits transferring in,
12:14 then we'll waive that requirement,
12:17 but anything less than 60 and no associate's degree,
12:20 you will have to provide us with
12:21 that high school transcript.
12:24 When it comes to international students,
12:26 we do request that you send us any type of language
12:29 proficiency exams, whether it's IELTS, TOEFL, Duolingo,
12:35 we'll accept any of those.
12:36 With that being said, we can also
12:39 offer a waiver for those scores as well.
12:41 If you are currently taking English one, English two,
12:46 you need to have taken both, and you need to have gotten
12:50 at least a B in both courses to waive.
12:55 And then there's also some other
12:59 options to be able to waive that,
13:00 but just know that we will be asking for
13:02 the language proficiency scores
13:04 for any international students.
13:06 And then if you are looking to go into our
13:08 art and design program, we do require a portfolio.
13:11 The good news for you is I will not be the one that's
13:13 reviewing your portfolio, trust me, you don't want that,
13:15 but we do have somebody specific for that program that will
13:19 actually review your application, review your portfolio
13:22 and go over all of that with you.
13:24 Now, with that being said,
13:26 even if you're interested in art and design,
13:28 and maybe you don't have a portfolio,
13:30 maybe that's something you haven't done before.
13:32 You can enroll Suffolk and work on a portfolio
13:36 while you're here, and you can work with

13:39 the art and design program and get the process started.
13:43 Just know that when you're accepted
13:46 and you're brought here,
13:47 it's just not gonna be a part of the program
13:49 that you're looking for, but you can move into that program.
13:51 So just kind of a side part to the portfolio piece.
13:59 So next steps after you've been admitted,
14:03 the hope is that we're able to admit you for the semester
14:06 you're applying for, as I mentioned,
14:07 you'll receive a complete credit equivalency.
14:10 So it's gonna break down side by side,
14:12 how your courses have transferred to Suffolk.
14:15 So if you took English composition one,
14:17 it'll show you writing one here at Suffolk,
14:19 if you took intro to sociology,
14:20 it'll show your intro to sociology here at Suffolk.
14:23 So you're gonna have that nice side by side comparison.
14:25 In addition to equivalency,
14:26 you're also gonna receive a complete degree valuation.
14:29 Not every school is gonna provide this to you.
14:31 Suffolk does this once again,
14:33 because we see so many transfer students,
14:35 we know that this is a super valuable piece in terms of
14:38 determining whether or not you'll enroll at an institution,
14:41 but that degree evaluation will break down what you've got
14:44 completed at the university and what you'd expect to have
14:48 remaining with us.
14:48 So you really can get a strong idea of how many semesters
14:52 it'll take to complete
14:53 and exactly what you're gonna do in those semesters.
14:55 And usually working with an advisor,
14:58 you may discover all of a sudden, hey,
14:59 maybe you've got room to take not only a minor,
15:02 but maybe a double minor you can fit in there.
15:03 So all that stuff can be done up front so that you know what
15:07 you're getting yourself into before you commit.
15:10 Now, the other thing you can do
15:13 during the application process,
15:14 and we kind of alluded to it earlier on
15:16 is the financial aid form, the FAFSA form.
15:18 So the FAFSA pretty much every school in the United States
15:22 is gonna have that FAFSA available.
15:24 You'd fill that out if you haven't already,
15:27 but if you've already completed it,
15:28 all you need to do is add that Suffolk code
15:30 for the proper academic year.
15:32 So right now, we're in the '21 '22 academic year.
15:36 If you're applying for next year,
15:38 it'd be the '22 '23 academic year, and then so on
15:42 and so forth.
15:43 So depending on your term,
15:45 Sean had mentioned the dates for spring and fall,
15:48 that's gonna depend on what faster
15:50 you're gonna use to submit.

15:51 So we had a number of students applying for the fall.
15:54 They said they already completed the FAFSA,
15:56 but in fact, they had the FAFSA done for this year,
15:59 as opposed to next academic year.
16:01 So hopefully that makes sense.
16:02 Of course, if you have any questions,
16:05 feel free to reach out.
16:06 Once again, you just gotta add that Suffolk code
16:07 if you've already got a FAFSA account.
16:11 One thing I did not mention previous slide
16:14 was about merit scholarships.
16:15 When you're applying to Suffolk,
16:17 you're automatically applying for merit scholarships.
16:18 There's no separate application that's needed for that.
16:21 The FAFSA is not factored into that process.
16:24 Merit scholarships are based on your
16:25 admission application information.
16:28 So your overall GPA, any involvement,
16:31 leadership, your essay,
16:32 all of those things are kind of taken into account
16:34 in order to determine merit scholarship funding.
16:38 I'm gonna talk about the PTK scholarship in just a minute,
16:40 and that's a little bit different, but traditional merit,
16:42 automatic consideration when you apply to Suffolk,
16:44 once again, it'll be included in your decision letter
16:47 if you're eligible for merit scholarship.
16:49 Now, if you decide to choose Suffolk
16:50 after all that information,
16:51 you're realizing that Suffolk's where
16:53 you wanna end up going.
16:54 The next steps are gonna be receiving information
16:57 after you submit your deposit.
16:58 So the deposit will really drive communication
17:01 as far as updates about orientation, advising, registration,
17:05 all of those things.
17:05 So once you submit your deposit,
17:07 depending on if you're living on campus,
17:09 versus if you're gonna commute or live off campus,
17:11 there's two different deposit amounts.
17:13 But once that hits the system,
17:15 then you can start working on a number of steps,
17:19 number one step,
17:20 I think the most important step is meeting
17:21 with academic advisor.
17:22 And at Suffolk,
17:23 you can meet one-on-one with an academic advisor
17:25 prior to the start of the semester, prior to orientation.
17:29 So if you're applying for the fall,
17:30 generally those appointments will start in mid April.
17:33 If you're applying for the spring,
17:34 generally those appoint start in mid to late November.
17:37 So usually around that week of Thanksgiving
17:40 or the week after Thanksgiving.
17:42 Now, when it comes to those one on one appointments,

17:44 they'll go over the credit with you
17:46 but then they'll also talk about
17:47 what you're gonna take that semester
17:49 and then they'll talk about a degree plan.
17:51 So what courses you're gonna take in each semester after
17:53 if there's time to fit in study abroad,
17:54 if there's time to fit in an internship,
17:56 oftentimes transfer students don't have an issue fitting
17:59 either one of those options in,
18:01 but they'll go over all that in detail with you once again
18:04 so you have a really clear understanding
18:06 of what's available to you when you start
18:09 and what's gonna make the most sense in what term.
18:11 Now, orientation generally for the fall is
18:13 at the end of June or August,
18:16 depending on when you're admitted,
18:17 we have a number of students that will be admitted
18:18 in the summertime,
18:19 and then they might attend the end of August.
18:21 But traditionally students are admitted
18:23 throughout the spring,
18:24 they'll do the orientation at the end of June.
18:26 Once again, those academic advising appointments
18:28 will happen prior to those.
18:29 So you already have a schedule,
18:30 so orientation is just a great way to meet other students,
18:33 speak with faculty, speak with staff,
18:35 see the services available.
18:36 It's a really good one day event that we have.
18:40 Now, August orientation will also have a veterans section.
18:43 So you can learn about your benefits,
18:46 what's available here on campus,
18:47 like through the veterans center,
18:49 the different contacts you have throughout Suffolk,
18:52 really good opportunity there.
18:54 Once again, if you're active military member,
18:59 or if you have veteran status, that's gonna be one
19:03 you'd keep your eye open for.
19:04 Now in the spring, it's more one-on-one mentorship
19:06 meeting with a current veteran student here at Suffolk,
19:09 we've got many students, in that category
19:12 and they they'll meet with incoming students
19:13 to make it hopefully an easy transition.
19:15 Now, I mentioned earlier on that
19:16 PTK Phi Theta Kappa scholarships
19:18 so if you're part of PTK to be considered
19:20 for one of our PTK scholarships,
19:23 you would need to submit proof of memberships.
19:25 That's usually just the certificate they supply you
19:27 once you've been inducted into that honor society.
19:29 You just need to submit that with your app and we can
19:32 consider you for a PTK scholarship
19:33 in addition to our traditional merit scholarship awards.
19:38 PTK though, will run out, that's the big difference.

19:40 So I highly recommend,
19:42 and Sean does the same when working with students
19:44 to apply sooner than later.
19:45 So don't wait until those deadlines to apply.
19:48 Can't start by the time we get to those deadlines,
19:50 usually we've given out the scholarships
19:53 that we have available for that term.
19:55 So just keep that in mind.
19:56 Don't wait until deadlines if you're part of PTK.
20:01 Now, once again, here's our contact information,
20:03 please do not hesitate to reach out.
20:06 Once again, it's a very unique process
20:07 for each transfer student.
20:09 We're happy to set up a Zoom.
20:11 If you're coming to campus,
20:12 we're happy to meet with you after a tour,
20:14 whatever might be more convenient for you.
20:16 We'll try to work with your schedule to make that happen.
20:20 Sean, any other final thoughts
20:21 before I call up the map of campus?
20:24 Yeah, so obviously we're easily reached,
20:29 so definitely take the chance to set up something with us
20:33 if you have any questions,
20:34 but do visit our transfer page on our website,
20:37 because it does have some other opportunities
20:39 for you to get some information.
20:42 We do on the spot decisions every other Friday,
20:47 we'll do unofficial credit evaluations for you
20:50 if you'd like to see how many credits were transfer
20:52 before applying just to get an idea.
20:55 So just know that there's a lot of things
20:56 that we can do to work with you.
20:59 So definitely feel free to let us know if there's anything
21:01 that we can do and set something up for you
21:04 and get you as much in information as possible.
21:08 In www.suffolk.edu/transfer.
21:12 That's the website you want. That's got everything you need.
21:15 So just to show you map of the campus
21:17 to go over very quickly.
21:20 And it's probably small on your screen,
21:21 so you may need to inch a little bit closer,
21:23 but we've got the state house, I'm circling with my mouse
21:25 right now is right next to all of our buildings.
21:28 Those are all the numbers here that you see highlighted.
21:31 Those are all of the buildings on this map.
21:33 It looks really spread out, but really from end to end,
21:36 the furthest walk you can have is about 10 minutes, if that,
21:40 and it's if you're walking in a slow pace.
21:44 Traditionally, you can cut through right through
21:46 middle of the campus and get over to,
21:48 this is the top end of the screen here,
21:49 this building at the top that's Ridgeway,
21:51 that's where athletic center is,
21:53 fitness center, athletic offices.

21:56 So if you're gonna work out in the morning,
21:58 you need to get back to your residence hall and we've got
22:01 a number of them throughout campus here.
22:04 It would be no more than a few minute walk
22:06 and from class to class,
22:08 it's no more than a minute or two walk.
22:10 Generally, it could be sometimes longer to wait
22:11 for the elevator to get
22:12 to class versus actually walking to class.
22:15 But once again, being right in the middle of everything,
22:18 very convenient, public transportation's
22:20 all right there too.
22:21 So if you're coming from outside the city commuting in,
22:24 you can take the green, red, blue, orange lines,
22:26 all of them converge in this neighborhood.
22:28 And that's pretty unique for Boston.
22:31 We're the only campus that's in the middle of all of those
22:33 different subway lines makes it really easy to get around.
22:36 But once again, Boston's a very walkable city.
22:38 So you can really get around no issue by foot as well
22:42 so once again, some amazing opportunities, like,
22:47 as I mentioned before,
22:48 museums and landmarks and the public garden is
22:52 right across the way and behind that is Newbury Street.
22:55 So lots of stuff to see, never really a boring moment,
22:59 lots of history rounds too, if you're a history buff.
23:04 So that's campus. And once again, pretty unique.
23:07 So if you're looking for that opportunity to be in the
23:09 middle of the city,
23:10 take advantage of all that that Boston has to offer,
23:12 Suffolk is definitely gonna be able to provide that for you.
23:15 So with that being said, thanks again for joining us.
23:18 We really appreciate your time.
23:20 And if you do have questions, feel free, do not hesitate.
23:23 Let us know how we can help.
23:27 Thanks so much.