



## **ADVISING ANSWERS FOR NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS JEFFERSON UNIVERSITY- EAST FALLS CAMPUS**

**1. Will I have an academic advisor as a new transfer student at Jefferson? If so, how will I find out who they are?**

All new transfer students at Jefferson are assigned to a faculty advisor in the Academic Success Center for their first year. You will receive a welcome e-mail from your faculty advisor. You can also visit the Academic Success Center (Haggard Hall) on a drop-in basis to meet with any first-year faculty advisor Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**2. I have taken studio courses in design, drawing and/or computer graphics/animation at my previous institution. Is there a special review process to determine whether I will get credit for these studio courses?**

Once your transcripts are received by Admissions, your courses will be evaluated for transfer credit. At that time, a determination will be made as to whether any of your actual course work will need to be reviewed by a faculty member who teaches in that subject area. A letter will be sent to you indicating which of your courses will need to have a “portfolio review” along with information on how to schedule this review in advance of your New Student Orientation (NSO) session. It is your responsibility to call and schedule the portfolio review.

**3. I am scheduled to have a portfolio review completed—what materials do I need to bring?**

You will want to bring any of the actual material that you made during your studio class, including assignments and final projects. It would be helpful if you would bring the course syllabus and any other listing of assignments or course goals. The faculty reviewer may contact you with requests to bring specific types of work to the review. The expectation is that you will have work from the studio course available for the reviewer to assess. It will be the faculty reviewer who determines if you will receive transfer credit for your studio course(s).

**4. How long does a portfolio review last?**

Portfolio reviews can last anywhere from 30 to 60 minutes depending on the number of courses and materials being reviewed for transfer credit.

**5. I have received transfer credit for WRIT-101—do I still need to take the placement exam?**

No, you will not need to take the writing placement exam if Admissions has verified that you are receiving transfer credit equivalent to WRIT-101 at Jefferson.

**6. I did NOT receive transfer credit for WRIT-101— do I still need to take the placement exam?**

No, you will not need to take the writing placement exam. We will evaluate your transcripts and place you accordingly. If we have questions about your writing placement, you will be contacted by our Assistant Director of Writing Services.

**7. Why didn't I receive credit for Writing 2?**

All students are required to take certain classes at Jefferson; WRIT-202: Writing Seminar II is part of this residency requirement. Three specific courses in the Hallmarks Core curriculum--Writing Seminar II, Debating Global Issues, and the Capstone Folio Workshop--serve as “touchstone” courses in which students are evaluated in terms of their progress towards completing their Hallmarks Folios and their reflective essays are reviewed and revised. Therefore, AP/transfer credit is generally not awarded for

these courses. WRIT-202 Writing Seminar II for Transfer Students is specifically intended to introduce new students to the Hallmarks Program and to help them jumpstart the Hallmarks Folio process.

**8. I have not taken any Math courses at my previous institution—how will I be placed into a math course at Jefferson?**

Transfer students with no college math transfer credit are required to speak with our Assistant Director for Math Services during their NSO session. Math placement is determined by examining 3 distinct data points for all students. These include student's SAT scores, their answers to a trigonometry self-screening test administered online prior to their NSO session, as well as the Math requirements of the major to which students have been admitted. Students who took AP exams in Math MAY have their Math placement determined by their AP exam score.

**9. Who do I speak with if I have some questions regarding my transfer credits?**

Throughout your application process, you will refer all of your questions to Admissions. Once you have started classes, you can visit with Academic Success Center to speak with your faculty advisor regarding transfer credit questions.

**10. Will I be able to change my schedule during DROP/ADD?**

Yes, you can "drop" a course and "add" another course in its place through the 1<sup>st</sup> 7 days of the new semester (see East Falls Academic Calendar for official dates). All new transfer students need to consult with the Academic Success Center staff before making any schedule changes in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester.