Things You Should Know About Transferring to North Carolina State University (NCSU)

What will be your major at NCSU?
Do you have a major in mind? On its website, NCSU posts degree program requirements for all majors. Durham Tech students can access this page using the Transfer Center Website. Under Transfer University Links, select NC State, and then select the Degree Program Requirements link. Print one NCSU Degree Requirements document to use as a reference as you read this page. Keep in mind that at NC State, transfer applicants must apply to a specific major. Once admitted to NCSU, students may not change their major for one year. This means you should not apply to a program thinking you will be able to switch your major once you get in.

Comprehensive Articulation Agreement:
The Comprehensive Articulation Agreement guarantees that if you complete the General Education Core at Durham Tech, you will have completed the General Education Core at the receiving university. However, the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement allows universities to require additional foreign language, mathematics, physical education, and science coursework if the student completed the General Education Core without attention to those details. The university may also add course requirements which are specific to a major. NCSU’s majors specifically define many courses in their General Education Core: this means that these specific courses must be completed for graduation in the major. It is important for students to check the Degree Program Requirements link for information about specific requirements. In most cases, the General Education Core courses are listed at the bottom of the page.

Issues in Mathematics and Physics:
NCSU is oriented towards math and science. The school requires two mathematics courses as a part of its General Education Core. If a student is planning to transfer to NCSU after completing only one mathematics course at Durham Tech, that course should not be MAT 151. NCSU considers MAT 151 to be a “data-collection and analysis” course, not a mathematics course. It does allow MAT 151 to fulfill the second mathematics requirement, but not the first. If you apply to NCSU with only MAT 151 completed, you will not be admitted to the school.

If a student selects a major (such as engineering) at NCSU, which requires MAT 271, 272, and/or 273 (Calculus I, II, and III), and the student takes those courses here at Durham Tech, the student must earn at least a B in one of the last two calculus courses taken. Of course, the other grade must be at least a C.

NCSU will not give credit for PHY 251 or 252 unless the prerequisites for those two courses have been met, specifically MAT 271 before PHY 251 and MAT 272 before PHY 252.

Requirements for Admission:
NCSU posts the Recommendations for Competitive Applicants to specific schools on its admissions website. Students should have all requirements completed the semester before the semester they are seeking admission into NCSU. For example: if a student is seeking admission for the fall semester, all requirements must be completed by the end of the spring semester. Required courses may not be taken in the summer before the fall admission. NCSU has NO general admission to the university itself.
As with all schools in the UNC system, students who are under the age of 24 must have completed the Minimum Course Requirements in high school for admission to NCSU. Students who did not meet the MCRs will be required to complete 30 hours of transferrable courses: two English courses, two mathematics courses, two science courses, two social science courses and two semesters of the same foreign language.

NCSU will compute a GPA based on ALL college work attempted. They compile the course grades from every school you have attended. In computing this GPA they drop the two grades (and only two) which are lowest from the list (these dropped grades may only be Ds or Fs) and with the remaining courses, compute your GPA for admissions purposes.

**Foreign Language:**
Many programs at NCSU require you to complete the third semester of a foreign language. To verify whether your chosen major has this requirement, use the Degree Program Requirements link available on the VTC under the NCSU link.

**Fall or Spring Admission:**
Most NCSU admissions are for the fall. NCSU has limited transfer openings for the spring semester. For engineering, design, education, math, and applied math, students may only apply for fall admission.

**AP Credit:**
NCSU will honor any courses for which you are granted AP credit at Durham Tech IF you complete the AA, AS, or AE degree, even if your score on the AP is below the NCSU standard. If you transfer without the degree or the diploma, then you must abide by the AP score cutoffs defined by NCSU.