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Amy Hurt: Hello! Thank you for joining us this evening on our online undergraduate Programs webinar for Ball State University.

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Amy Hurt: We'll get started shortly.

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Amy Hurt: Welcome, if you're just joining us, we'll get started here in just another moment or two. We'll allow people to have time to hop into the webinar presentation, and then we will get started.

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Amy Hurt: Okay, looks like we've evened out with participants, so we'll go ahead and get started. Again, welcome to Ball State University's online undergraduate Programs Recruitment webinar.

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Amy Hurt: We are going to give you a lot of information this evening about our undergraduate programs, and what's available to you as an online student.

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Amy Hurt: My name is Amy Hurt. I am a Student Success Specialist with Ball State Online. I am a Ball State alum. I have a Bachelor's and master's from Ball State, all completed completely online.

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Amy Hurt: I will have Rabab, my colleague, introduce herself.

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Rabab Darwish: Thank you, Amy. My name is Rabab Darwish, and I joined the team in May 23. I have a background in academic advising and student success specialists. Our Gabby Morrison is also our colleague in the division. Amy, Gabby, and myself, we do advise based on a last name alpha split. We advise for all programs except for the ABA, and RN to BSN program, and social work program.

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Rabab Darwish: I advise for students with last names A through G. Amy advises for last names H through M. Gabby advises for last names N through a Z.

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Rabab Darwish: Sadie Anderson is the Student Success Specialist and Advisors for all ABA students, and Rachel Austin is the Student Success Specialist for our RN to BSN and social work programs.

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Rabab Darwish: So, for today's agenda, we will start off by talking about the support services that are offered to you as a Ball State student, and what you can expect from us, besides just offering you online classes. How can we help you when you have questions, or when you are looking for support to be successful in your classes? We will also touch on the different programs that are available to you as an online student, along with the majors and minors that you are able to pursue completely online. From there, we will go through the cost and financial aid, the admission process, along with important dates and deadlines. We will then close out with our Q&A session. Just a little note, as you think of those questions, start popping them in the Q&A box.

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Rabab Darwish: And if you have any tech issues, please go ahead and insert that into the chat, and our colleague, James Helwig, will be there to navigate any issues that you may have.

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Rabab Darwish: So, for... just by registering for today's webinar, you do receive an application fee waiver of the \$60 for the Spring 26, Summer 26, and Fall 26 semesters.

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Rabab Darwish: I will give it back to Amy.

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Amy Hurt: Thank you, Rabab. Again, just a few housekeeping things that I neglected to share with you in the beginning. Q&A is where you will go to enter those questions that you have, so any questions that come up for you during the presentation, feel free to stick those in the chat, or in the Q&A feature, and we will get to those here shortly.

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Amy Hurt: If you have technical issues, our colleague James is monitoring the chat, so he can help with those issues. Otherwise, we are ready to get started. Online learning at Ball State. So, what I want to cover specifically with you today is why Ball State is different.

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Amy Hurt: Our online learning is unique in the fact that our classes are 100% online and asynchronous, so you will not have a specific login time each week that you'll need to attend a course or a lecture. You will, however, have weekly due dates assigned by each instructor.

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Amy Hurt: So how and when you do that coursework is completely up to you.as long as you're meeting the deadline set by each of your instructors. We have flexible degree plans to meet your needs. That means if you are a working individual, you're managing life, school, a family, and work, that you can design this degree to meet your needs. Some of our students take full-time classes, some take part-time classes, some take one per semester. So we have the option to work with you and your degree plan to make it meet your individual needs.

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Amy Hurt: We do have multiple program options, anywhere from an associate degree, a bachelor's degree, or a certificate-only program. We will talk about those here shortly and get into more detail about those.

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Amy Hurt: Our classes are taught by our on-campus faculty. Those faculty are the same teachers, faculty members, that are teaching our main campus courses. So, the courses are designed to give you the exact same level of education and experience, as our main campus students are receiving.

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Amy Hurt: The courses are also designed for the online environment, which is unique because we don't just take any course that's offered on main campus and make it an online course.

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Amy Hurt: Those courses are specifically designed by what we call instructional consultants that work directly with our faculty to ensure that they are presented in a way that maximizes your learning as an online student.

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Amy Hurt: You do have access to the same support services as our main campus students, and we'll get into those here shortly as well. Most importantly, you do have support from your student success specialists, who are the ones that Rabab introduced you to just a few moments ago.

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Amy Hurt: We do specialize in our areas that we advise for and can provide support and assistance in your academic journey.

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Amy Hurt: Some of those academic services that I was talking about are dedicated individual support from your student success specialist. So, in addition to the things we talked to you about on a regular basis, such as registering for classes, upcoming dates, deadlines, and course planning.

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Amy Hurt: We can help you develop a path that's unique to you. So while that may require some dedicated services that our university offers that we can connect you to, or if it's individualized support from us in follow-up or communication.

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Amy Hurt: Those are things we can do to customize your experience. We do have a learning center. The Learning Center offers course-based tutoring free to you as a student.

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Amy Hurt: The course-based tutoring is offered virtually or in person for those that are local to the area. In addition to course-based tutoring.

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Amy Hurt: There are soft skills trainings, so if you need help learning how to be a better note-taker or how to prepare better for a test, those are all things that the Learning Center will offer.

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Amy Hurt: Our Writing Center's available virtually or on campus as well. The Writing Center can give you feedback on a writing piece to help you better your skills, or they can help you get started with a writing piece if you're struggling to get started yourself.

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Amy Hurt: Our university library offer a lot of services virtually. So you can check out materials virtually, you can view databases, research articles, or you can ask a librarian.

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Amy Hurt: If you're having questions or need help with a research topic. In addition, they have interlibrary services, so if there is a particular book that our library does not have. You can work with our librarians to get that book from another location.

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Amy Hurt: We do have a disability services office as well, so if you do need accommodation for your coursework, that is something you can partner directly with disability services on.

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Amy Hurt: In addition to academic services, we do have student support services. Our Canvas communities are unique to each specialist, so each of our specialists does have a Canvas community.

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Amy Hurt: Where they will filter information through to their advisees in those Canvas communities. Excuse me.

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Amy Hurt: In those Canvas communities, we host a wealth of information about upcoming dates, deadlines, and course registration, information that pertains to upcoming events that you can take advantage of as a student. In addition to that, there is a lot of self-help information in there, so if ever you're needing help on a weekend, or those wee hours of the morning when you may be working on coursework.

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Amy Hurt: Those are things you can check out through our Canvas community. We do have a counseling center that is available for you to utilize.

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Amy Hurt: The Counseling Center offers virtual counseling sessions for students that live in the state of Indiana. So, due to licensure laws, if you live outside of the state of Indiana, they can't offer you counseling, but there are some self-service materials that they can give you.

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Amy Hurt: The Multicultural Center and the Career Center are two additional student support services that we offer. Both host a wealth of events and can help youin your academic journey.

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Amy Hurt: Specifically, the Career Center will help with resume writing and interviewing skills. Not only are you able to use those as a current student.

But as an alumnus, after you've graduated, you can come back and still use those services.

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Amy Hurt: Next, I'm going to talk about our online certificate programs. So, we do offer 3 certificate programs: Behavioral Studies, Infant-Toddler Specialization, and a GI Science Certificate. The certificate programs allow for a specialized area of content knowledge. The certificate programs are not degrees, so it is not a bachelor's degree, it is not an associate degree, it is a certificate program. The certificate programs typically are 15 to 24 credit hours total.

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Amy Hurt: You cannot use financial aid if you are only doing a certificate program.

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Amy Hurt: If you are partnering a certificate program with a bachelor's, you can use financial aid. So just keep that in mind if you are interested in a certificate program.

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Amy Hurt: You cannot use financial aid if you do that program by itself. We have two online associate programs, the Criminal Justice and Criminology, and the associate's in general arts. Both of these are 60 credits.

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Amy Hurt: And if you are doing one of our associate programs, some people like to start there and then work their way to a bachelor's degree. If that is the case, be sure to let your student success specialist know that, so we can help in your coursework planning, because it does get important for transfer credits if you are going for a bachelor's later.

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Amy Hurt: For our online bachelor's programs, we have several that are available 100% online.

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Amy Hurt: They're listed here. Our most popular ones are our behavior analysis, the ABA program, the Business Administration program, and our General Studies major. All of these are 100% online and offer asynchronous coursework.

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Amy Hurt: Bachelor's programs are 120 credits total in duration.

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Amy Hurt: This is a list of our online minors. Online minors are available to any major, so if you are in any of our majors, you can add one or more minors, but you are only required to add a minor

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Amy Hurt: If you are in the Bachelor's of General Studies. The Bachelor's of General Studies does require two minors to be able to graduate. If you have a lot of transfer credits, sometimes the Bachelor in General Studies is a great option for you, or if you've attended Ball State long ago.

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Amy Hurt: you had several credits towards a major, and then you're looking to come back and finish that major, but you need a quick way to finish the Bachelor in General Studies is a great option. Please work with your student success specialist, because there's a lot of customization we can do with that major that can help you get through your program.

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Amy Hurt: I do want to talk specifically about two bachelor programs that weren't listed on the previous slide. The early childhood education and the nursing RN to BS concentration are completer programs.

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Amy Hurt: What is a completer program? So, a completer program is one that's intended only for those that have an associate's already in that field. So, in order to apply for the early childhood education bachelor's program with us, you do need to have an associate's degree in early childhood education.

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Amy Hurt: If you have questions about either of these programs and your eligibility, you'll want to make sure you reach out to your Student Success Specialist.

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Amy Hurt: Also, for the nursing, you are required to have an active RN license in addition to the associate's. Okay, I'm going to hand it over to Rabab.

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Rabab Darwish: Thank you, Amy. So, I will go ahead and talk about the admission requirements and what that would look like.

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Rabab Darwish: First, I'll go through the differences between what being a first-time student means versus a transfer student. So, the way that Ball State University differentiates between these two, a first-time or a transfer student is; have you ever attended a college or university?

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Rabab Darwish: Prior to applying to Ball State even if you've attended another institution of higher education for one semester, then you are considered a transfer student. Otherwise, you would be considered a first-time or new student.

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Rabab Darwish: Whether you are a first-time student or a transfer student, we do need official transcripts from all institutions that you have previously attended sent directly to the Office of Admissions. For transcripts to be official, they must be sent directly from each school or college that you have attended directly to our Office of Admissions. I would like to note that if you attended college and you already have an associate degree, then we do not need official copies of your high school transcript.

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Rabab Darwish: However, if you only have transfer credit without an associate degree, then we will need an official copy of your high school transcript as well, because we do need a way to verify your highest education earned.

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Rabab Darwish: The other type of student application is the returning student application. So, if you have attended Ball State at any point in the past.

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Rabab Darwish: you will submit a free returning student application. There are two categories for the returning students... for returning students. The first is the application for re-enrollment, so if you've attended Ball State in the past and decided to step away for a break, and then you decide to come back to us, you will be submitting the application for re-enrollment.

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Rabab Darwish: The second type, however, is the application for reinstatement.

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Rabab Darwish: This application is used specifically if you've attended Ball State in the past, and you were academically dismissed, and now you are ready to come back to us, then you will submit the application for reinstatement. In both those cases, the reenrollment application and the application for reinstatement are free. And if you have taken credit elsewhere, and you're in the interim.

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Rabab Darwish: We will need official transcripts for those universities as well, as part of the returning student application.

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Rabab Darwish: So, up here, you can see our admission deadlines. We are accepting applications for our Spring 26, Summer 26, and Fall 26 semesters. The nearest starting semester is the Summer 26th semester, which begins on January 5th.

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Rabab Darwish: We do accept applications up to 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester, and we need your official transcripts and other application material one week prior to the start of the semester. However, we do recommend applying sooner rather than later, as the sooner you apply, the sooner your application can be processed by our Office of Admissions, and then the sooner that you receive your admission.

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Rabab Darwish: In regard to cost. So, the cost is really determined by where you live. Do you live in the state of Indiana?

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Rabab Darwish: Or do you live anywhere else in the United States or outside of the country? If you live in the state of Indiana, then you are an in-state student. If you live anywhere else, then you are an out-of-state student.

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Rabab Darwish: Ball State does have a reciprocity agreement for first-time undergraduate students from Kentucky or Ohio, and James will go ahead and include the link in the chat for you for more information regarding that agreement.

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Rabab Darwish: When looking at tuition as an online student, the tuition is broken down by the number of credits that you take per semester. If you decide to enroll as a part-time student, you are registered for 11 or less credits, then it is a cost per credit.

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Rabab Darwish: If you are enrolling as a full-time student, you have 12 or more credits, then it switches to a flat rate. In both those cases, we do have an online course fee, which is

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Rabab Darwish: \$25 per credit. In most cases, our classes are going to be 3 credits

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Rabab Darwish: 3 credits each, so that fee would be \$75 per class. Lastly, there will also be a technology fee applied per semester. If you are taking 6 or less credits, that technology fee is \$100. If you are taking 7 or more credits, then that technology fee is \$150.

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Rabab Darwish: So, on your screen, you do see a screenshot of our cost calculator. So, you are able to access the cost calculator and input your residency and the number of credits that you plan to take per semester to receive an estimate. James will include the link in the chat for our online tuition cost calculator as well.

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Rabab Darwish: I would also like to note, though, that the cost calculator does not include the cost of books or any other fees that may be applicable to certain programs or classes.

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Rabab Darwish: In regard to financial aid, our degree programs are financial aid eligible, both federal and state funding. The certificate programs, however, as Amy mentioned earlier, are not financial aid eligible unless they are being pursued alongside a bachelor's or an associate's.

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Rabab Darwish: So the financial aid process for our online programs remains the same. You fill out your FAFSA, that information gets sent to Ball State.

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Rabab Darwish: And then, once you apply, and if you are admitted and you decide to attend Ball State, then our financial aid office will start reviewing your application and put together

your aid package and send that to you via email. As you go through the process, we do have our Cardinal Central Office, and they are able to assist with questions regarding the FAFSA, financial aid, cost, billing.

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Rabab Darwish: The contact information for Cardinal Central is on the screen. They are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. Eastern to 5 p.m. Eastern.

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Rabab Darwish: As we wrap up before we transition to our Q&A, I would like to remind you that your Student Success Specialists are here to support you.

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Rabab Darwish: As I mentioned earlier, Amy, Gabbyie, and myself advise for all undergraduate online programs, except for our ABA, RN to BSN program, and social work program. We do advise on a last name alpha split, so I advise for students with last names A through G. Amy advises for last names H through M. Gabby advises for students N through Z.

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Rabab Darwish: Sadie Anderson advises for all students in our ABA program, and Rachel Austin advises for all students in our RN to BSN and social work programs. And I will give it back to Amy to kick off our Q&A session.

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Amy Hurt: Thank you, Rabab. Just as a reminder, we are getting ready to go into the Q&A portion of this evening, so if you have not yet, if you have questions, please go ahead and put that in the Q&A feature, and James will be reading those questions here shortly.

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Amy Hurt: Depending on the number of questions that we receive, we may not have time to answer all the questions live during the webinar. If that is the case, and we do not get to your question, feel free to reach out to your Student Success Specialist so we can answer those questions for you directly.

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Amy Hurt: If your question centers on a topic that requires a lot of detail, we may suggest you go ahead and reach out to your student success specialist directly.

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Amy Hurt: As a reminder, this webinar is being recorded. In the next one to two days, you will receive an email with the link to the recording.

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Amy Hurt: So you can go back and view that information that you maybe missed, or perhaps a student success specialist information. So you will have that, as well as the fee waiver.

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Amy Hurt: Okay, please enter those questions in the Q&A, and James, whenever you're ready, you can get us started.

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James Helwig: Alright, so our first question I'm going to direct to Rabab.

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James Helwig: Do we take credit or transfer credits? Yes. And how many credits can a student transfer over to Ball State?

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Rabab Darwish: Yes, we do accept transfer credits from accredited institutions with a C or higher. While you can technically transfer as many credits as possible to Ball State

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Rabab Darwish: If you are pursuing a bachelor's degree, you do have to complete a minimum of 30 credits at Ball State to meet the residence requirement. For the associates, it is half of that, so you do need to complete at least 15 credits to meet the residence requirement.

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James Helwig: Alright, second question, over to Amy. Amy, you had said earlier that it takes 120 credits to graduate with a bachelor's degree. Can you talk a little bit about the information technology degree that takes a little bit less, 75?

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Amy Hurt: So, what you're seeing specifically is the number of credit hours required for that major. So, all bachelor programs require 120 credits total. The 120 credits are made up of 3 different kinds of credits. It can be courses that are directly required for the core curriculum.

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Amy Hurt: classes that are required for your major, and then general elective credits. So sometimes all people need, depending on the number of credits required for the major, is just major classes and core curriculum, and they'll hit their 120 total required.

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Amy Hurt: Some programs do not have as many major requirements, so that's where general electives come in. So where you're seeing the 75 credits for the Computer and Information Technology program, that is solely the major requirements. In addition to that, you will have the core curriculum, which is Ball State's required curriculum for any bachelor-seeking student.

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Amy Hurt: And then general electives, if needed, to get to the 120 total.

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James Helwig: Alright, great. And, over to Rabab. For someone who is currently a Ball State student on main campus, and they'd like to switch to an online program, can they take their credits with them?

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Rabab Darwish: Yes, your credits from your main campus program are applicable to our online programs. However, if you are switching majors, from main campus to online, some of those classes that you have taken as part of your previous major will come through as general electives, but if you are switching from the exact program on the main campus, let's say, for example, business

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Rabab Darwish: Administration to our online business administration. All of the classes that you have taken out of the Miller College of Business are applicable to our online program.

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James Helwig: And just to build on that, Rabab.

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James Helwig: If someone has an early college associate's in high school, which I think means if they have college credits that they took during high school, would they be considered a transfer student? And do the transcripts come from the high school, or do they go from... come from the college that they attended?

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Rabab Darwish: The credits would come from the dual credit college attended, so we would need official transcripts from there. In regard to the application.

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Rabab Darwish: I do believe you are still considered a first-time student, rather than as a transfer student, since those credits are dual-credit college credits.

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James Helwig: Great. Awesome. And over to Amy.

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James Helwig: If someone was accepted and registered for classes at Ball State but had to withdraw before the classes started, which application should they use, the new or returning?

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Amy Hurt: So if you were admitted and confirmed your enrollment, you'll re-apply, you'll apply as a returning student, a re-enrolling student.

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James Helwig: And over to Rabab. I guess you're getting all the hard ones today, Rabab.

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James Helwig: Is the Ball State Online Program available for students who are a part of the Ivy Tech Transfer as a junior program?

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Rabab Darwish: If I understand the question correctly, if you are transferring from Ivy Tech, you are able to apply to one of our online programs.

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Rabab Darwish: For the user that asked that question, if you need clarification, you can reenter a question to the chat, or also please feel free to reach out to the designated Student Success Specialist.

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James Helwig: Great, awesome, thank you so much. And Amy, do you need to be an applicant before you can talk with a specialist?

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Amy Hurt: No, absolutely not. We talk to prospective students all the time, so if you have a question that you want to email us or call us, you're absolutely welcome to do so. Typically, you will find in our signature, so if we've sent you an email.

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Amy Hurt: There's also a place for you to schedule an appointment with us. So, you don't have to be a current student to talk with us, we'd love to talk to you about your specific situation and how Ball State might work for you.

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James Helwig: Great, awesome.

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James Helwig: Switching back over to Rabab.

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James Helwig: Someone who's transferring over as a junior, in this case for social work, is wondering how many more credits they would need to finish their degree.

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Rabab Darwish: So, if you are transferring 60 credits to Ball State, those 60 credits will be applied to the 120 credits required to graduate. The total number of credits that you need to take at Ball State to graduate with the Bachelor of Social Work

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Rabab Darwish: will be determined by how your transfer credits come through to Ball State, whether they are class equivalents to a required class for your major, either through the university core curriculum requirements or specific to your major, or whether they come through as general electives. Rachel Austin advises for our social work program, so please feel free to reach out to her as well.

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Rabab Darwish: For any questions regarding your transfer credits to our social work program.

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James Helwig: Great, awesome. And Amy, how many classes does someone need to be considered a full-time online student?

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Amy Hurt: Full-time, whether online or main campus student, you need 12 plus credits. So, our part-time students range anywhere from 1 credit to 11 credits, and then full-time is 12 credits plus. Now, that is the requirement for FAFSA.

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Amy Hurt: So, to be considered full-time for FAFSA purposes, it is 12+.

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Amy Hurt: FAFSA does require you to take a minimum of 6 credits to be considered aid eligible, so if you're just looking in terms of that, you'd want at least 6 credits to be aid eligible, but 12 to be considered full-time.

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James Helwig: And usually each class is around 3 credits, so the 6-credit minimum to have the FAFSA would be 2 classes per semester, is that correct?

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Amy Hurt: That is correct. While we do have a few classes in our core curriculum that are 1 or 2 credits, most classes will be 3 credits.

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James Helwig: Awesome. Now, this person's asking, where can I get information as a GI Bill-eligible student?

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Rabab Darwish: We do have our Veterans Affairs Office, that you are able to get in touch with. They can assist and answer any questions that you have. We can put the Veterans Affairs information in the chat.

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James Helwig: Yes, and let me do that now.

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James Helwig: Let me get started with a new question here before I do that.

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James Helwig: As an older returning student to college from out of state looking at your online program, this person needs help deciding on a major. Would I be able to speak to a specialist before I applied?

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James Helwig: Or would I need to apply as a student first? My apologies, I think we did already answer that. You can absolutely always reach out to a specialist, to talk about what major is right for you, and where you'd like to go with that.

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James Helwig: It's okay if I just jump in there and say that.

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Amy Hurt: Absolutely.

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James Helwig: Alright, wondering if the FAFSA will give me the Pell Grant, Returning Student Grant, and so forth, or are those not present in online classes? And if they are, is the money amount less than an in-person student?

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Amy Hurt: So, there are a few specific university scholarships that require you to be on campus, but through the FAFSA, you can use and be awarded Pell Grants to use online.

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Amy Hurt: For specific financial aid information, you'll want to make sure you reach out to our Office of Financial Aid that's located within our Cardinal Central office, but definitely you'll want to apply through the FAFSA.

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Amy Hurt: And they will let you know what award offerings you have based on your FAFSA status. So if you're offered any Pell Grants, it would be offered through that initial award.

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James Helwig: Great. Do you offer tuition discounts for government employees, or give credit for IT certifications?

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Rabab Darwish: So, any tuition remission programs would be specific to employers. As Ball State, the fees are applicable to all students. Credit for IT certifications, if you mean prior transfer credits.

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Rabab Darwish: depending on where you have completed those credits, if at a regionally accredited institution with a C or higher, and how they may be applied to your program will depend on those classes.

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James Helwig: Ricked.

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James Helwig: When adding a certificate, Amy, when adding a certificate along with a degree, does it matter when adding that certificate? I'm assuming this person means, does it matter what certificate you use? Does it have to align with your program?

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Amy Hurt: So, no, it does not. You can do any certificate program with your bachelor or associate's degree. .

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Amy Hurt: The thing to note about when to add it, though, I would be cautious to add it too late, because that may add some extra time to degree completion, so if you're adding that in the last couple semesters, you only have a handful of classes left.

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Amy Hurt: and then you're adding a certificate that has 15 to 24 credits, it's going to take you more time. But you can work directly with your student success specialist on that, and they can help you determine when or if that's a good plan to add a certificate program to your degree.

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James Helwig: Great.

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James Helwig: Rabab, if someone would just need one more class, say a math class, to receive an associate's degree, would they still need to send their high school transcripts, or would they be considered a transfer student?

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Rabab Darwish: Yes, you would be considered a transfer student. We will still need your official high school transcripts.

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Rabab Darwish: And I would like to note that to graduate from Ball State with an associate, you will need that minimum of 15 credits completed at Ball State to graduate with an associate degree.

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James Helwig: Alright.

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James Helwig: Do you offer scholarships, Amy, to transfer students? Someone who doesn't qualify for the FAFSA is still looking to have a bachelor's degree, and is wondering if we can offer them scholarships.

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Amy Hurt: So there are scholarship opportunities available. There are search engines and other suggestions that our financial aid office has. There is a site dedicated to that on Ball State's financial aid website, so if you have specific questions or would like that information shared with you in advance of applying to a program.

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Amy Hurt: Reach out to your student success specialist, we can get that information to you, and you can start researching scholarships before you start the application process.

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James Helwig: Awesome. So, we are coming up on the last couple of questions here, so if anyone has any more questions, please enter those into the Q&A feature in Zoom here.

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James Helwig: Now these are a little bit more focused, I'd say, but I think they're good to talk about. So, someone who's completing the ASBA at Ivy Tech and planned a transfer via the TSAP program.

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James Helwig: Is interested to see if they can change from a business administration program focus to a different business option, like accounting, once they get here.

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Rabab Darwish: Yes, that is possible. The differences between our business administration program and our accounting program, or the Logistics and Supply Chain program, the core courses are the same for all three of those majors. Where it differs is the upper-level classes. For accounting, you will be taking a number of upper-level accounting classes. For logistics and supply chain.

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Rabab Darwish: will be a number of credits specifically out of the logistics and supply chain program. For the business administration program, it will be a variety of different electives in management and international business, in information technology, for example. So yes, you can still pursue that accounting program at Ball State Online.

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James Helwig: Awesome. And this, this last question, it might be best to talk about directly with a student success advisor, but I still want to mention it here. It's kind of interesting. Someone who doesn't have a social security number yet, but is living in the state of Indiana, would they be considered an in-state or an out-of-state student regarding tuition?

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Amy Hurt: For residency to determine tuition, they use a specific, documentation process where it just has to show your residency for the last year. So if you've lived in Indiana and can prove that for the last year.

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Amy Hurt: You would be eligible for in-state tuition, but you would work directly with our Registrar's office for that.

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James Helwig: Awesome. Now, I don't have any other questions in the chat here. If anyone does have more questions, I see a raised hand here in the participant section. Please put that question in the Q&A feature here on Zoom, and we'd be happy to answer that for you.

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James Helwig: Give it a couple of minutes here to see if we get any more questions. Other than that, I have no other questions on my docket here. Oh! Just got one. Just got it.

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Amy Hurt: Perfect.

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James Helwig: Do we take Ivy Tech credit, and do you have supply chain bachelor programs?

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Rabab Darwish: Yes.

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Amy Hurt: Go ahead, Rabab.

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Rabab Darwish: Sorry, Amy. As long as you received a C or higher at your classes at Ivy Tech, they will transfer, and we do offer the logistics supply chain management completely online.

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James Helwig: Great. And Amy, one last one, I think here, to wrap up. For someone who has applied and is waiting for a response, how long does that usually take?

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Amy Hurt: So that can depend on a couple different things. Different offices handle our admissions process, so whether you're a returning student or a new student to Ball State, but on average, you can expect anywhere from 2 weeks plus.

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Amy Hurt: So, some situations, I've seen it take as long as 6 weeks to receive a decision. It just also depends on the volume of applications coming in at that time as well. But I would say if you've been waiting at least a month and you've not received a reply, reach out to your student success specialist so they can partner with the admissions department to see if we can help that process along.

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James Helwig: Great! I'm not seeing any new questions in the chat here or in the Q&A function here, so I think that might be it.

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Amy Hurt: Okay, thank you, James. Just as a reminder to everyone attending this evening, you will receive that fee waiver code with the email that's sent to you here in the next day or

two. Whether you attended tonight or you're watching the recording, you will receive that in a couple days.

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Amy Hurt: Inside that email, you'll have your link, you'll have your fee waiver. If you need to reach out to any of the online student success specialists, you can refer to their individual numbers here, or you can reach out to our main office or online@bsu.edu. We thank you for joining us this evening. I hope you have a great evening. Take care.