**Where, When, How of Transferring**

**Where**

* Determine where you would like to apply
	+ Meet with college representatives on campus
	+ Attend virtual or in person open-houses
* Consider what schools will be the best fit
	+ Ensure they have the right majors/minors you are pursuing
	+ Find a school with an environment that matches your needs
	+ Determine if the school is cost-effective (considering financial aid and scholarships)

**When**

* Plan ahead
	+ Write personal statements, if required or recommended
	+ Gather letters of recommendation, if required or encouraged
* Know deadlines
	+ Applying to start in the fall
		- Application process opens beginning of the spring semester
		- Apply end of January or beginning of February
	+ Applying to start in the spring
		- Application process opens beginning of the fall semester
		- Apply end of September or early October

**How**

* Apply online either through college websites or Common App
	+ Some colleges will be available on Common App, but recommend applying through their website if an option

**What’s Next?**

* Submit necessary documents
	+ Official transcripts
	+ AP scores (if relevant)
* Apply for financial aid and scholarships
* Self-identify if a student with disabilities seeking accommodations
* Graduate!
	+ If completing your degree, finish strong!
	+ Submit final transcripts

**Questions to consider when meeting with college representatives:**

**Programs​**

* Is my intended major offered?
* Will I be able to double major or add a minor?​
* What is the minimum GPA for this program?
* Are there specific prerequisites I need before being accepted?​
* Do you offer honors programs?
* What types of modalities do you offer for courses (zoom vs. asynchronous vs. in person)
* Are you a regionally accredited college?

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**Environment​**

* How would you describe the culture and atmosphere on campus?
* What clubs and organizations do you offer?​
* What supports are in place for transfer students?​
* What opportunities or supports exist for internships and job placement? ​
* Do you offer on-campus housing?​

**Cost​**

* What is the general semester/yearly cost?
* Average out-of-pocket costs for students after financial aid?​
* Do you offer FAFSA assistance?
* What types of scholarships opportunities exist and general eligibility requirements?​

**Application process​**

* Do you take applications for fall and spring?
	+ What is the application deadline/where can I find this information?
* What is the acceptance rate?
* Where do I apply (Common App vs. college website?)​
* How much is the application fee? Are there fee waivers available?
* What do I need for the college application?
	+ Will I need letters of recommendation for the application?
	+ Do I need a personal statement?