**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?