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SSCC Advising & Transfer Resources

Want to Transfer? Research and Ask Questions!

Transferring to a 4-year college or university is a big step and you want to do it right. Here are some ideas and questions you can use when researching and talking to colleges.

- Make a list of four-year institution you are interested in attending. Then do a search for their websites to get a feel for the school and campus. Check a school's Transfer pages. Is the information clear and simple to understand? This is a great place to start!

- Use these questions to help with your research. If you have any specific questions, add them to the list so you don’t forget to ask them! If you can’t find the answers you need, call or e-mail an admissions representative. Contact information is also usually found on the Transfer pages.

- Remember that every quarter South Seattle has a Transfer Fair and college representatives also visit our campus throughout the year. This is a great way to ask your specific questions or just check out some options you might not have thought about!

After doing your research online, you might like to visit the campuses you are interested in attending. Here are some tips for when you visit a campus:

- Schedule a campus tour and wear comfortable shoes!

- Many times students will be leading your campus tour. Ask them questions about their experience as a student and what they wish they had known about the school before attending?

- What student resources are available and where are they located? Tutoring, health centers, places to eat, quiet places to study or read, Financial Aid offices, Veteran services; any service you think you might need.

- Visit the student union, or any place where students gather, and just observe the interactions.

- Request to sit in a class that pertains to your specific major.
Things to ask:

What majors is your school known for?

Do you offer my major? Is admission in to my major competitive?

Is my degree program accredited?

How many students attend this school?

What is the average class size? What is the largest?

Will professors or graduate students teach my courses?

Are classes offered mainly during the day, or are there also evening classes?

Can I enroll part-time?

Do you have an honors program for students who enter with high grades?

What tutoring assistance is available?

What advising support do you provide?

What career counseling assistance do you provide?

What are the libraries and computer labs like?

Do you have a wireless campus?

Other Questions:
Admissions

What percentage of students at your school are transfer students?

What percentage of applications are accepted?

What are the transfer admission requirements?

Are SAT or ACT scores required?

Is TOEFL required? What is the average score of admitted students? (this applies only to international students)

What is the maximum number of credits I can transfer?

What grade do I have to earn in a course for it to transfer? Will a “D” transfer?

If courses do not transfer, what happens to them?

What GPA do I need to transfer?

If I repeat a course in community college, which grade transfers?

How far in advance should I apply for transfer?

When is the deadline for transfer applications? Is there a different deadline for international students?

What is the academic success record for transfer students?

When will I be notified if I have been admitted?

Do I have to send in a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?

If I’m not accepted in my major what are my options? Can I change to another major? Have my application sent to another campus for consideration?

What is your college’s foreign language requirement?

Do you require a high school diploma? GED?

Other Questions:
Student and Campus life

Is on-campus housing available for transfer students? Is off-campus housing readily available?

Is this mainly a residential campus or is there a significant commuting population?

Do you have student organizations and activities?

Do you have a multicultural center or an office of diversity?

Is there a Disability Resources office on campus?

Are there things to do in the area outside of campus?

Are there opportunities for intramural sports? Are there athletic teams?

Is there a Career Center with job placement assistance after graduation?

Other questions:

Financial Aid

What is the total cost of my attending for one year including books, fees & tuition?

What type of financial aid is available? And what percentage of students get financial aid?

When and how do I apply for financial aid? Do I apply for campus scholarships separately?

Are there specific scholarships for transfer students? International students? If yes, what are the average scholarship amounts?

Will financial aid cover my entire need?

What is the cost of on-campus housing if it’s available for transfer students?

Are part-time jobs available on campus?

Other questions: