Questions to ask when transferring to a 4-year college

EVERYONE’S PRIORITIES ARE DIFFERENT. WHAT MAKES A SCHOOL PERFECT FOR YOU?

Consider the following:

**CURRICULUM**
- What do you want to study? Does the school offer it as a major?
- Do you have a specific subject in mind, like science or music, or do you want a more general education?
- Do you want to be able to choose from a wide range of majors and study programs?
- Are you interested in a career that requires professional certification? Does the school provide the necessary training?
- Do you want special programs, like study abroad and internships?

**QUALITY OF EDUCATION**
- How much contact do you want with your professors?
- Does it matter to you whether professors or graduate students teach your courses?
- How involved do you want to be in research and in learning outside the classroom?

**SIZE**
- Do you want to be on a big campus with many majors, an impressive library, and lots to do? Or do you prefer a small college where you know everyone’s name?
- Do you prefer larger or smaller classes; lectures or participation and group projects?

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**
- What are the admission requirements for transfer students?
- Do they accept the AAOT/ASOT?
- When should you apply? What is the fee?

**ATHLETICS**
- Does the school offer intramural and varsity sports?
- How are the sports facilities and coaches?

**FACILITIES**
- What would you like to see on or near your college campus?
- Are restaurants, shops, and health clubs important to you?
- The computer lab?
- The library and research facilities?
- What about transportation on and around the campus? Parking fees? Student bus pass?

**CAMPUS LIFE**
- How is life outside the classroom?
- What special interest groups, activities, and fraternities/sororities do you want to be involved in?
- Are they active in campus life?

**CAMPUS SECURITY**
- What measures does the school take to ensure your safety?
- What’s the surrounding community like?

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT**
- What types of services are available to help students succeed (e.g., tutoring, computer labs, advising and counseling services)?

**LOCATION**
- What areas of the country would you like to experience?
- Do you want an urban or small-town setting?
- Do you want to stay close to home?
- Do you want to study abroad? What types of programs does the college offer?

**HOUSING AND RESOURCES**
- If you plan to live on campus, check out the quality of dorm life.
- Do they offer specific housing for juniors and seniors? Families? Returning students?
- Is on-campus housing mandatory?
- Is there assistance in finding off-campus housing?

**ESPECIALLY FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS & RETURNING STUDENTS**
- Do they offer programs specifically for transfer students?
- Do they offer courses at a variety of days and times, and/or online? Do the course offerings match with when you can go to school?
- Do they offer “creative” credit, like credit by examination, or credit for prior learning? Is there a child care facility on campus?

**COST**
- How much can you afford?
- What types of scholarships do they offer and how do you apply for them?
- FASFA

**OTHER**
In addition to these items and others you come up with, you might also want to consider: Percentage of applicants accepted
• Average test scores of the students
• Job placement services
• Percentage of students receiving financial aid

YOUR QUESTIONS

WANT HELP PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER?
• Take a class such as HD 140 Career Exploration, HD 147 Decision Making, and others.
• Meet with a career counselor. Call 503-594-6001 for an appointment. Or email careercenter@clackamas.edu.

Adapted from http://www.salliemae.com/before_college/students_plan/select_school/criteria/important.htm

Wondering how to choose a major?

INTERESTS: WHAT ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT?
• Career Coach www.clackamas.edu/careercoach
• What Can I Do With This Major? www.whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major

PERSONALITY: HOW DO YOU INTERACT WITH YOURSELF AND OTHERS? HOW DO YOU MAKE DECISIONS?

OCCUPATIONS: WHAT ARE THE DUTIES, QUALIFICATIONS & WAGES?

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