



# 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 student 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**

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- *The Occupational Outlook Handbook*  
<http://www.bls.gov/oco/>
- *The Occupational Information Center (Oregon specific)*  
<http://www.qualityinfo.org>
- *ONET Online*  
<http://www.onetonline.org/>

**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](mailto:careercenter@clackamas.edu).

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***Wondering how to choose a major?***

**INTERESTS: WHAT ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT?**

- Career Coach [www.clackamas.edu/careercoach](http://www.clackamas.edu/careercoach)
- What Can I Do With This Major?

[www.whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major](http://www.whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major) For more information from the CCC Career Center call 503-594-6001.

**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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