

OUT OF STATE TRANSFER TIPS



Out-of-state transfers can often be challenging. To have a successful experience with transferring to an institution outside the state of Arizona, you should be realistic and knowledgeable about the process. Do your research and use the following tips to make an informed decision.

RESEARCH, RESEARCH, RESEARCH!

MAJOR

- Know your major and which institutions offer the major.
- To decide on a major, complete the [YC Pipeline career assessment](#).

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

- Research the transfer institution and become knowledgeable about their academic programs, admissions criteria, deadlines, and institutional ratings.
- Start preparing EARLY for special admissions requirements such as: GPA, prerequisite courses, portfolios, letters of recommendation, etc.

COSTS

- Research out of state tuition and student fee information.
- Be aware of residency requirements and look for transfer student scholarships.
- Check if you could be eligible for [Western Undergraduate Exchange \(WUE\)](#) if you are transferring to an institution in: AK, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, ND, NM, NV, OR, SD, UT, WA, WY.

CAMPUS VISIT

- Visit the campus before signing up and consider your fit with the campus culture, surrounding environment, student clubs/events, etc.
- Be realistic about travel expenses, distance from family, cost of living, and geographic location.

MAKE CONNECTIONS EARLY

- Use the institution's website to search for contact information to assist with [questions](#) about transfer admissions, transferring credits, and academic program requirements. Try to connect with an academic advisor as early as possible.

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CONSIDER ALL REASONS FOR TRANSFERRING

- Think of all the reasons for an out-of-state transfer, such as athletics, family, desired geographic location, strong academic programs, etc. Be sure to be honest and consider if staying in state may provide possible benefits, such as lower tuition and easier credit transferrability.

TRANSFERRING CREDITS

- The Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) does NOT transfer as a “package” when transferring out of state. The courses included in the AGECEC may transfer, but the AGECEC does not hold the same benefits for institutions outside of Arizona (i.e., guaranteed admission with a 2.0 GPA or higher and completion of general education courses in one block).
- Each institution and program can have different requirements. How your credits are evaluated is up to the institution you transfer to. **SOME INSTITUTIONS WILL NOT EVALUATE TRANSFER CREDITS UNTIL YOU ARE ACTUALLY ADMITTED TO THE INSTITUTION.**
- When it is not possible to know for certain which courses will transfer, consider taking general education courses (Math, English, Arts/Humanities, Social/Behavioral Sciences, and Lab Sciences).
- Keep copies of all your YC course syllabi. These may be valuable with reviewing your courses for transferrability to your new institution.

APPLY EARLY AND SEND OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM YAVAPAI COLLEGE

- Apply early! It is generally recommended to apply one year prior to your planned start date. Early application may provide more scholarship opportunities.
- Have official transcripts sent from Yavapai College when you apply and once all final grades are posted to your transcript at the end of your final semester so all your credits can be evaluated

TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS

- Attend a transfer student orientation. Every school has different systems, courses, and policies. Familiarize yourself with your new institution and the resources they offer to support your success.
- Complete your institution's transfer checklist.
- Secure housing early.
- Prepare for your new budget and explore employment opportunities that align with your goals.