

Transfer Planning Guide

It is important to do some research early on if you plan on attending a four-year college. First, start with the website and answer as many questions as possible. Then contact and ask the four-year representative any remaining questions:

College: _____ Admission Counselor: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Questions you might start with:

- If I go to a community college first, will my credits transfer? How and when will I know?
- What specific courses are recommended for transfer from Lord Fairfax Community College so that I can avoid losing credits in the process? Make sure you tell the four-year colleges/universities what you intend to major in.
- Do you offer my major?
- I dual enrolled in these courses: _____. Will they transfer in to my degree or meet general educational requirements for the freshman and sophomore years?
- Will a course that I earned a C or D grade transfer?
- What are the math and/or science requirements for my program of choice?
- What are the foreign language requirements? If I took language in high school, will that meet the requirement?
- How will "W" (withdraw) grade and/or repeats of classes affect my transfer opportunities?
- What is the maximum number of credits that can be transferred from Lord Fairfax Community College?
- Is this college regionally accredited? Is my degree program accredited? By whom and at what level (undergraduate/graduate)?

Questions about the Admissions Process

- What are your admissions requirements for transfer students?
- Will I need to take an admissions test?
- Where, when, and how can I get an application? Is there a fee? Do you ever waive fees?
- When can I first apply? Can I apply to more than one campus in your system? How? Can I have my application transferred from one campus to another if I change my mind?
- What do I need to submit with the application?
- When will I be notified if I have been accepted?
- Does my major require a separate application? If I am not accepted in my major, what are the options? Can I change to another major? Can my application sent to another campus for consideration?
- Are there any additional requirements for admission to my chosen major?
- Can you evaluate my college transcripts before application for transfer?
- What GPA must I have to get into the degree program (major) of my choice? Is that my cumulative GPA or degree GPA?

Questions about Academic Life

- Is my major overcrowded (impact)?
- Which majors receive the most job offers?
- What is the average class size?
- What resources do you offer such as free tutoring, Writing Center, Math Center, etc.
- What services do you offer students with disabilities? What documentation do I need to provide the college? Who do I need to meet and when should I meet with them?
- What other programs do you offer which will support my major?
- What percent of students have jobs in their chosen field within six months after graduation?
- Do you offer online courses?
- How do I find out my advisor's name and contact information?

Questions about Costs, Scholarships, and Financial Aid

- What are the costs of tuition and registration fees, books and supplies, housing, parking, etc.? Are there any other fees?
- When do I pay those fees?
- Do I have to have to send a deposit to confirm my intention to enroll? How much? When?
- What are the chances fees will increase, and when will I know?
- Are scholarships available? When is the priority deadline for scholarship applications?
- What can I do to help my chances of getting a scholarship?
- Is financial aid available? What can I do now to secure financial aid before arriving on your campus?
- How do you determine if I qualify for financial assistance?
- When will I be notified if I will or will not receive aid?
- Are there special kinds of assistance for low income groups? If so, how do I apply for such a program?
- Are there special scholarships or financial assistance for my intended major?
- Does your campus have a job placement center to assist students?
- Are there student specific work opportunities available on campus?

Questions about Campus Life

- What percent of students live on campus?
- What are the options for housing for transfer students on campus?
- What is the cafeteria food like? What food plan options are available?
- What is the average rent for nearby apartments? Do you offer help to find off campus housing? How can I find a roommate off campus?
- Is there a housing office/center on campus?
- Is it difficult to find parking on campus? Off-campus parking available?
- Do you have a parking escort service at night?
- What is the crime rate on campus and in the community?
- What clubs, athletic and recreation opportunities are available?
- Are there campus activities on the weekends, or do most students leave for the weekend?