

Instructions

Before you identify possible colleges and universities for transfer:

- 1. Think about yourself and the world around you as you respond to these questions**
 - a. Do you often encounter people who think or act differently than you? How do you respond?
 - b. What have you learned about yourself and others from these encounters?
 - c. How might this influence your choice of colleges and universities to apply to?
 - d. What interests and activities have you pursued beyond the classroom and outside of the daily routine of MDC?

- 2. Think about your personality and your relationships with others**
 - a. How would you want each of the colleges and universities you are researching support your strengths?
 - i. Unsure of your strengths? [Click here for a free, online Strengths Finder inventory.](#)
 - b. How do you respond to pressure, competition or challenge? How gritty are you?
 - c. Do you have the maturity and sense of responsibility to handle the freedom and independence of the college environment?
 - d. How well would you do in a college environment away from home?

When you begin to create your list of possible transfer institutions:

- 1. Create your list of institutions that you are considering for transfer.** List them on the pages of this [Transfer Colleges and Universities' Database](#). This is your preliminary search that you can fine-tune later. Include in-State and out-of State institutions, and private institutions since they may have more financial resources than State universities. The [Common App](#) website facilitates your search of over 700 institutions for you to consider; create a free account and dive in.
- 2. Visit the website of each four year institution on your list.**
- 3. Enter your answers to the questions in the [Transfer Colleges and Universities' Database](#).**
- 4. Place all this information in a binder or folder** so that you have all the necessary materials in one place.

Questions?

Contact your Academic/Departmental Advisor, College Mentor or visit your Campus' Academic & Career Services Office for assistance.

College / University Name

Basic Demographic Questions (to help you identify whether or not this institution is worth additional consideration)

Does this institution accept transfer students? Quota for / Average number of transfers?

Yes Quota # _____

No **If No, stop here and select another institution to research.**

Notes:

Location (State):

Urban / suburban / rural?

Location / nearest city?

Undergraduate student population size

Ratio of students living on-campus to living off-campus

Environment

Co-ed?

Yes No Notes:

If co-ed, what is the female: male ratio?

If not co-ed, who is the population?

Is this a secular or a religiously affiliated institution?

If religious, which affiliation?

What is the % of minority students?

Which, if any, student organizations are related to your major or personal interests?

Academics Related to Your Major

Is your major offered?

Yes No Notes:

What is the student-faculty ratio?

What is the average class size?

How available are academic support services? (Math / Writing Centers, tutors)

Are internships available in your field of study?

Yes No Notes:

What kind of Study Abroad activities related to your major are available?

College Expenses

Approximate cost of two years of tuition, fees & books

What % of students receive \$ aid?

Why does this institution seem to be a good fit for you at this point in your research?

Provide 3 reasons to support your response and then continue to collect information on this institution.

If not, why not? Provide 3 reasons to support your response and then begin researching other institutions.

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Expenses / Financial Aid / Scholarships

What other mandatory expenses (include amounts) might you incur, beyond tuition? (i.e. registration fee, health services fee, parking fee, etc.)

What % of students receive aid?

Are additional financial aid opportunities available through your major department and how do you qualify for these opportunities?

Yes No Notes:

Are any merit-based scholarships available?

Yes No Notes:

Are any need-based scholarships available?

Yes No Notes:

Does this institution reward my good financial stewardship?

Yes No Notes:

Will they decrease your financial aid if you receive additional scholarships during your time at this institution?

Yes No Notes:

Will your financial aid remain the same after your Junior year?

Yes No Notes:

Does this institution have protected tuition? (that is a guaranteed tuition rate for the duration of your studies; you can ask for a sample financial aid package prior to receiving your own.

Yes No Notes:

Will the same person be granting your financial aid for the two years you are there? (if there are many changes in administration, this can complicate things)

Yes No Notes:

Does this institution have a loan forgiveness program?

Yes No Notes:

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Academics

IMPORTANT: What program of study or specific curriculum, should you complete at MDC prior to your transfer? i.e. Which Gen Ed and / or Elective courses will you need to take at MDC prior to transfer?

Does your home department / program help students find research opportunities?

Yes No Notes:

Does the institution / your home department / program help students find internships?

Yes No Notes:

Does the institution have good study abroad programs? Sometimes institutions will not allow transfers to study abroad on a non- institution affiliated program because of their limit on number of transfer credits.

Yes No Notes:

Does the institution have an [articulation agreement with MDC?](#)

Yes No Notes:

Does the institution offer the program and minimum degree necessary for you to be ready for employment in your chosen career field?

Yes No Notes:

Does the institution use many Teaching Assistants in its upper-level classes or are classes taught primarily by full-time professors?

Yes No Notes:

Does this institution offer your intended major?

Yes No Notes:

Can you double major?

Yes No Notes:

What are the minors I can do as part of my major?

What are some interesting courses that you can take as part of your major or minor?

Will the same classes be offered every semester(s) or do they change each semester or each year?

Yes No Notes:

What is the overall retention rate of my institution? (i.e. what percent of the entering class actually graduates?)

What % of students return after freshman year, sophomore year, junior year, senior year, etc.?

How much assistance is available in job placement after graduation?

What is the job placement record in your field of study and to what level does grade performance affect your placement potential?

How well does the institution prepare students for graduate school admission?

What kinds of tutoring / academic support is provided to students?

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Admissions

Are there additional exams (NCLEX-nursing, ACT, SAT), writing samples, specific skill / knowledge-based tests required for admission into your chosen program?

Yes No Notes:

Are there work or volunteer experiences during your time at MDC that could increase your chances of admission to the program you wish to enter?

Yes No Notes:

As a transfer student, can you begin during Spring or Summer Term or must you wait until Fall?

Yes No Notes:

Is there a quota or limit on the number of transfer admissions into my chosen program?

Yes No Notes:

Is there an advantage to applying early and what is my most advantageous date for filing my application?

Yes No Notes:

Must you complete certain prerequisite classes before you can be considered for admission to your major field of study?

Yes No Notes:

Are you required to establish a GPA at the transfer institution prior to being considered for admission to your major field of study or will your MDC gpa be enough for admission to that field of study?

Yes No Notes:

What are the application deadlines and fees?

What are the letter of recommendation requirements?

What are the institutions' own scholarship deadlines?

What was the average GPA of last year's admitted class? (Note: This will allow you to establish your target performance level while at MDC).

What do I have to do to be a competitive applicant for admission?

Will all of my MDC credits transfer? Yes No Notes:

Is there anything I need to provide (such as a course syllabus) to ensure that all my credits transfer?
 Yes No Notes:

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Campus Life (incl housing; personal growth and development; student services)

Do I need to purchase a meal plan if I live on campus?
 Yes No Notes (incl. cost if required)

What is the profile of the "average" student who attends my institution?

How does the institution support your personal / spiritual / leadership / career development?

Does the institution require transfer students to live on or off campus?
 Yes No Notes:

How would this institution support your strengths? (Click [here](#) to complete a free strengths finder)

What are the deadlines to apply for housing on campus?

What kind of student organizations (clubs, Greek life, etc) related to your major / personal interests are available?

What kinds of personal counseling support is provided to students?

What kind of support do they have for students with disabilities?

When I call to ask questions, are those who I speak with friendly and knowledgeable?

How well does this institution work to safeguard my personal safety?

Yes No Notes:

Are there clearly articulated policies about student behavioral expectations?

Yes No Notes:

If you are religious, does the institution have a place of worship near its campus or on campus?

Yes No Notes:

Are there religious clubs on campus?

Yes No Notes:

Does this institution care about community involvement?

Yes No Notes:

How easy is it to volunteer in this institution's community?

What do the alumni say about the institution and their experiences there?

Do you like the way my institution looks? Is it clean and well maintained?

Yes No Notes:

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My Additional Questions & Notes