

Making the Transition

Transferring to a new institution can be exciting, but it can also be scary. Many students experience some anxiety about moving from the community college to a 4-year institution. But all of your prior preparation and planning will help you to be successful. Here are some other tips that can help you feel comfortable at your new college/university:

- Attend any transfer orientations or events that are available
- Pay attention to payment, drop/add, and withdrawal deadlines
- Policies may not be the same; read your catalog and other materials
- Locate and use available support services
- Get to know your advisor, ask questions and take notes
- Don't take on too much in your first semester
- You may need to adjust your study or time management habits
- Get connected; join clubs or study with other students
- Get to know your faculty

Transfer Resources

In addition to academic advising, we recommend using the following transfer resources throughout your community college experience.

- Your college catalog lists general education and program requirements.
- Arizona Course Applicability System (CAS) provides information on courses, course equivalencies, and program requirements. To access the system, please visit:
<http://az.transfer.org/cas/students/index.html>
- Online Course Equivalency Guide (CEG) shows how coursework is accepted at Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. To access the online CEG, visit:
<http://az.transfer.org/cas/students/index.html>
- Transfer Ombudspersons are community college and public university representatives who assist with any transfer difficulties and are generally located at your college's advisement/transfer center.
- College academic advisors are here to help you prepare for success, and it is highly recommended that you work with them throughout your educational pathway.
Visit: maricopa.edu/getting_started/advisor

The Maricopa Community Colleges are EEO/AA Institutions

Are You TRANSFER READY?



START HERE & GO PLACES!

Important Information for Transfer Students

www.maricopa.edu



START HERE & GO PLACES!

No matter which college or university you want to attend, you'll be assured of a solid start to your degree if you attend a Maricopa Community College. Thousands of students have discovered that Maricopa is the right place to start a college education. If you want to complete an Associate's Degree, learn a new skill, or advance your career, the Maricopa Community Colleges are the place for you - without the hefty price tag. Students take advantage of the excellent instruction, small classes, lower cost, and outstanding support services available at a community college.

If a Bachelor's Degree is your goal, Maricopa has established transfer partnerships with quality, reputable institutions. You can spend two years here and then transfer to a four-year school to complete your degree. The Advisement and Transfer Center can help you make the most of your educational experience and plan for a smooth and successful transfer.

Where To Begin

Whether you are decided or undecided about a major, but know that you will eventually transfer to a university, it's best to begin with the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC), a component of the statewide transfer Associate's Degree programs. AGEC is a 35-credit general education program of study that fulfills lower-division general education requirements at any Maricopa transfer partner institution. Once you complete the AGEC, you are more than halfway to completing an Associate's Degree. Data show that the more credit hours a student transfers from the Maricopa Community Colleges, the higher his or her first semester GPA. Maricopa offers a number of Associate's Degrees. Work with your college advisor to select the appropriate Associate's Degree for your major. Advantages to earning an Associate's Degree include:

- Guarantees admission into Maricopa's partner institutions
- Prepares you academically to enter into university programs
- Helps assure a seamless transition by maximizing the applicability and transferability of your academic credits
- Provides a transfer plan to a four-year college or university
- Helps to qualify for a job or promotion
- Helps to qualify for tuition discounts and scholarships at Maricopa's partner institutions

Selecting Your Major

Beginning or returning to college is one of the most life-changing decisions you can make. Before deciding "Where" to study (as in which institution), you obviously need to have a firm understanding of "What" you are most interested in studying. Counseling and Career Centers at your community college can help you explore careers, gather information about careers and majors, and consider your options.

Researching Transfer Institutions

The Maricopa Community Colleges have partnerships with more than fifty institutions. These transfer partnerships assist students in making a smooth transition from one institution to the next by maximizing your Maricopa credits. **To access a list of Maricopa's transfer partners, please visit:** http://www.maricopa.edu/academic/ccta/artic/partner_list.php

Advisement and Transfer Centers can help you identify transfer options and gather information about colleges and universities. When investigating colleges or universities, there are many factors to consider, such as: academic programs/majors; accreditation; delivery mode (traditional, online, independent study); cost (tuition per credit or per term, fees, other expenses); and financial aid and transfer scholarships. Not all of these issues will be important to every student. Individual interests, circumstances, and priorities should guide your decision.