

Key Questions to Ask College Transfer Reps

Whether you are attending the annual NHTI College Transfer Fair or visiting the transfer college of your choice, speaking with a representative from the school you are interested in attending is key to finding the best place for you to finish your bachelor's degree. Yet, just what questions do you ask that rep in order to make informed decisions? Well, here's a list of common transfer questions and, of course, you can add questions to this list that are important to you and your situation

It's important to make a good impression with everyone you speak with from your desired college(s). Colleges are more likely to accept students who have consistently shown interest because they are more likely to attend if they are accepted.

1. Do you offer my preferred major, which is _____? Do I need to declare a major before I transfer? *(Not all colleges require you to declare a major prior to transferring; however, many do.)*
2. How many students transfer? Are there any special events or services to help transfer students ease in and adjust to your college?
3. What is the process for evaluating what credits will transfer? *(It's important to contact 4-year colleges of interest as soon as possible to make sure that classes you're planning to take are transferable. Many colleges have specific requirements for math, computer, history, composition and other courses. What one college/program requires or will accept isn't necessarily what the college down the street from them requires or accepts.)*
4. What are your entrance requirements? What is the minimum number of credits I need to have in order to transfer? *(This number can range from 24 to 60 credits on average.)*
5. What is the maximum number of transfer credits that will be accepted? *(This number varies from college to college and, in some cases, is as high as 90 credits.)*
6. What is the minimum grade point average for transfer? What's the minimum course grade you will accept for individual courses? *(The minimum GPA needed to transfer to a four-year college varies from school to school and from academic program to program. Minimum GPAs can range from 2.0 to 2.8 from school to school. Transferable grades for individual courses can also vary, although it's common for schools to only accept courses with grades of C or better.)*
7. What kind of financial aid is available for transfer students? *(Some colleges offer financial aid specifically for transfer students. Ask about any scholarships or grants for transfers and find out whether that aid is available the next year as well.)*
8. How do I apply and is there a fee to apply? In addition to the college application form, are there any other documents that I need to submit? What are the college application and financial aid deadlines for my preferred start date?
9. Once I've submitted my application, will I be contacted? When will I know if I've been admitted?
10. What is your name? Can I get your business card so I can follow up with you if need be? *(Make an effort to connect with the representative you contact. Your connection with this rep might give you an edge if they are the staff member who evaluates your application.)*