

Know Before You Go

Questions to Ask Transfer Admissions Representatives

Admissions

When should I apply for admissions?

Is there an application deadline?

Is there an application fee?

What factors determine my admission?

What is the average GPA of transfer student accepted?

What is the average number of new enrolled transfer students each year?

How many OCC transfer students apply each year and how many are accepted?

May I be admitted with an undeclared major?

May I apply prior to receiving my associate degree?

Are there programs that require a separate or additional application?

If so, which ones?

Who is the contact person for transfer students?

When is my admission status determined and when will I find out?

Cost

How much is tuition per credit hour, per year?

What fees are required and how much are they?

If I live on campus what is the yearly cost for room and board?

What scholarships are available for transfer student and what amounts?

When should I apply for financial aid/scholarships?

What percent of transfer students receive financial aid?

Is work-study available?

How much did the cost of room and board, tuition and fees rise from last year?

How much does the typical transfer student owe after graduating?

Success

What percent of transfer students graduate and what is the average time it takes to do so?

Upon graduation, what percent of transfer students pursue a graduate degree?

What makes your college/university transfer friendly?

What type of transfer students are happiest and successful at your college/university?

What do transfer students enjoy most about your college/university?

How are transfer students made to feel a part of your college/university community?

What are the strengths of the college/university as they relate to transfer student success?

Challenges

As a transfer student, what challenges may I experience?

What are the weakness of the college/university as they relate to transfer student success?

What is the number one complaint from transfer students about your college/university?

Demographics

What are the demographics of students?

What percentage of students are transfer?

What percentage of transfer students are from OCC?

What makes the student body unique?

Are students friendly?

How racially and ethnically diverse is the campus?

Do students of different races, ethnicities and socio-economic interact easily?

Are there many students from other countries?

Are students cliquish?

How would you describe the average student?

Transfer Credit

Does your college/university have a Transfer Credit Agreement with OCC for the program I am planning majoring in?

Will each of my transfer credits apply to specific program and/or degree requirements?

Where can I find OCC course evaluations and what does it mean if the course(s) is not listed?

What is the maximum amount of specific program and degree requirements transfer credits accepted?

What is the average number of transfer credits that are not applied to anything (additional elective credits beyond any that may be needed)?

Are military credits accepted? If so, how and where do they apply?

Is prior learning credit for training, certification and experience outside of the classroom available?

General Education

If I satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) requirements at OCC will there be any additional general education requirements?

If so, which ones and can they be satisfied by transfer credit?

Is satisfying the MTA required in order to transfer to your college/university?

Major/Program

Do I need to attend full time?

Is the program in a cohort format (set courses to take each semester)?

Is the program available in an accelerated format (6 or 8 weeks semesters/terms)?

Is the program available online?

What are the most competitive majors?

What programs are most and least successful for transfer students?

What program(s) have the highest placement rate(s) in the field of study?

What department(s) or programs have the best reputations?

How is your program different from colleges/universities offering the same one?

Can I complete my remaining program and degree requirements within two years if attending full-time?

How long will it take to complete my remaining program and degree requirements if I am attending part time?

How many more credits will I need to complete my degree?

Is it easy to change majors?

Are internship and co-ops available?

Are study abroad opportunities available?

Courses/Classes

Are courses available mornings, afternoons, evenings, weekends and online?

How long is the semester/term?

What is the largest and smallest class size?

How many students are in the average class?

What is the average class size of the program I am interested in?

Do transfer students receive priority registration?

How are transfer students advised for registration?

What is the instructor to student ratio?

Are classes more lecture or discussion based?

What percentage of junior senior level courses are taught by professors verses teaching assistants?

Are finals more exam, project or essay based?

Are transfer students able to take most of their first-choice classes?

Services/Accessibility

What resources and services are available to transfer students?

What kind of learning disability resources are available?

What support services do students need to pay for?

Is a writing center available to assist with research papers and essays?

Is it free?

What days & times?

Are services available online?

Is tutoring available?

What subjects?

Is it free?

What days & times?

Are services available online?

Are computer labs with a variety of days and hours available?

What type of academic and social support are available for transfer students?

How would you describe transfer advising services?

How accessible are academic advisors?

What are their hours, days and methods available (i.e. telephone, web, email, etc.)?

What free resources and support services are available?

What kind to learning disabilities resources are available?

Are transfer peer mentors available?

How accessible are administrators, registrars, financial aid officers, etc.?

How accessible is public transportation?

Is childcare available?

Is it free?

What days & times?

Is there an active alumni network?

Are the professors accessible outside of class and do they hold scheduled office hours?

Housing

Am I required to live on campus?

Is married housing available?

What percentage of transfer students live on-campus verses off-campus?

Social

How will I meet other transfer students?

Are there specific clubs, organizations or activities for transfer students?

What are the most popular club and organizations for transfer students?

What do transfer students do for fun?

Are events mostly on campus or off?

What were some of the biggest and most popular events last year?

Others

What is unique about your college/university?

What leads most transfer students here?

What are the college's most important values, and how are they demonstrated to the students?

Questions to Ask Yourself

Why am I at OCC and what is my goal?

What am I looking for that OCC does not offer (i.e. program, degree, housing, social, etc.)?

Can I afford to transfer at this time?

Can I take additional courses at OCC before transfer?

How will the transfer college/university help me reach my goals?