

Transfer 101:

From the Community College
to the University

Getting Started

- ▶ There are those students who already know what career path they would like to pursue and the major that will allow them to get to that end goal...
- ▶ Then there are those students who are still undecided on a career path, or perhaps have an idea of a career but not quite sure how to go about getting there...
 - ▶ Particularly for those of you in this second group, it will be essential for you to complete this next step...

Career Exploration

▶ For those who are:

- ▶ undecided over choosing an academic degree or a workforce degree/certificate offered at Lone Star College
- ▶ undecided in choosing a major that you intend to pursue when you transfer to the university
- ▶ working on completing your “basics” but still have more questions about careers and majors
- ▶ decided on a career but want to confirm your choice with a counselor or advisor

Visit LSC's [Career Services](#) website to explore [career planning](#) options,
as well as the LSC-North Harris
[Career And Successful Transfer \(CAST\) Lab](#) webpage.

Core Curriculum - “The basics”

- ▶ The curriculum in liberal arts, sciences and political, social, and cultural history that all undergraduate students of an institution are required to complete before receiving a degree. The core curriculum incorporates the following basic intellectual competencies: reading, speaking, listening, mathematics, writing, critical thinking, computer literacy, and multicultural awareness and understanding.
- ▶ [LSCS Core Requirements](#) listed in the 2018-2019 LSC Catalog

Programs of Instruction

Associate of Arts Degree (AA) & Associate of Science Degree (AS)

- ▶ A collegiate degree related to the baccalaureate degree. This is not a degree with a declared major; rather it is a program of first and second year courses that will generally transfer to a four-year college or university. Requirements for these degrees are listed in the 2018-2019 LSC Catalog.
- ▶ Includes core curriculum

Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS)

- ▶ A degree in a workforce field for students who wish to begin a career after completing this program of study.
- ▶ Does not include core curriculum

AA / AS Transferability

- ▶ Requirements for a baccalaureate degree in any given major are set by the university granting that degree. Students who wish to receive an associate of arts (AA) degree or an associate of science (AS) degree from LSC must incorporate the degree requirements of that degree with those of the college/university of their choice. To minimize problems with transferability of courses, students should make their choice of a college or university as soon as possible and obtain degree information from that institution. An advisor or counselor should be consulted and a degree plan developed to ensure progress toward the student's educational goal.

Transfer to a University

- ▶ STEP 1: (Once you have decided on a major) - Meet with an Advisor/Counselor to Discuss the Right Degree Plan
- ▶ STEP 2: Research Colleges & Universities
 - ▶ It is never too early to start researching the colleges and universities that you would like to transfer to. It will be important for you to find answers to the following types of questions:
 - ▶ What school is right for me?
 - ▶ Do I want to stay local?
 - ▶ Do I want to attend a small or large college?
 - ▶ Which schools offer my major?
 - ▶ What types of financial aid are available to me? What can I afford?
 - ▶ Where will I live? Will I be required to live on or off campus?
- ▶ STEP 3: Complete the Admissions Application on Time
 - ▶ It is suggested that students submit their admissions and financial aid applications to their college or university of choice as early as possible. Every institution has different deadlines, so be sure to look up the specific deadlines for your top choices and give yourself plenty of time to apply (I recommend applying at least 6+ months in advance). ***Most universities prefer electronic transcripts*** as this helps them process your admissions decision and transfer credit in a more timely fashion.

Transfer Guides

- ▶ Most local and state universities/colleges (as well as some schools who offer predominantly online programs), provide transfer guides on their websites in order to help students choose courses that can be taken at the community college that will transfer and help fulfill bachelor degree requirements at their institution.
- ▶ Transfer guides are also sometimes referred to as course equivalency guides or 2+2 agreements
- ▶ Similarly, an articulation agreement is a formal document signed by appropriate representatives of participating institutions that outlines particular coursework that can be taken at one school for credit at another. It also often includes a minimum GPA requirement for admission and minimum number of credit hours that will transfer.
- ▶ See the LSC [Transfer Guides](#) webpage for more information, in addition to what is found on the [LSC-North Harris Career And Successful Transfer \(CAST\) Lab](#) webpage

Apply Early!!!

- ▶ I cannot emphasize enough the need to start the application process (both for admissions and financial aid) many months in advance. For example, if you plan to enroll for a fall semester, I advise applying to the university in January of that year.
- ▶ The earlier you apply the more opportunities there are for transfer scholarships (particularly for those with good GPAs)
- ▶ You will need to submit an official transcript from each institution you have attended to the university at time of application, and then submit new official transcripts upon completion of any in progress or future coursework
- ▶ The earlier you apply and get admitted, the sooner you can attend an orientation and get registered for classes

Important Academic Policies

Transfer students must be aware of the following academic policies. Your performance at the community college may affect your compliance with these policies after transferring.

- ▶ **66-hour Rule:** A maximum 66 hours of freshmen and sophomore level credit may be applied towards your bachelor degree (in most cases).
- ▶ **120 hours:** Most bachelor's degrees require a minimum of 120 hours to complete. Some bachelor's degrees may require more than 120 hours.
- ▶ **6 W Grades Limit:** As of Fall 2007 students are limited to dropping 6 courses in their undergraduate career with a grade of W. Courses dropped or withdrawn on or before official reporting date are not considered attempted hours, receive no grade, and are thereby not counted in the student's 6 Ws.

Important Academic Policies (Cont.)

- ▶ **Three-Peat Rule:** With limited exceptions, Texas-resident undergraduate students who attempt a course with the same content for a third or more times will be charged a premium tuition rate - additional \$ per semester credit hour over the Texas resident rate - for those credit hours.
- ▶ **Enrollment Cap/Limit for Texas Residents:** Enrollment cap totals are based on attempted hours. Texas resident undergraduate students who enrolled for the first time in a Texas public institution of higher education in Fall 1999 or later may be charged a premium tuition rate - additional \$ per semester credit hour over the Texas resident rate - after they reach their established enrollment cap.

First Enrolled in a Texas Public Institution of Higher Education	Enrollment limit (Hours allowed in excess of those required for a degree plan before the fee is charged)
Prior to Fall 1999	No Cap/No excess hour fee
Fall 1999 through Summer 2006	45 hours
Fall 2006 and later	30 hours

Important Academic Policies (Cont.)

- ▶ **Residency Requirement:** A specified number of credit hours toward any university degree must be completed in residence at that institution.
- ▶ **GPA Calculation:** In some cases universities will calculate GPA using all grades earned from college-level courses, including repeated courses.
- ▶ **Out-of-State, private institution, and international credit:** All transcripts are evaluated after the admission process to determine course equivalencies at the university.

Reverse Transfer

- ▶ Reverse transfer provides an avenue for obtaining an associate degree after transferring to a university. Reverse transfer establishes policies and procedures for credits earned at universities to be transferred back to LSC and applied toward associate degrees.

Plan A Visit

- ▶ Many universities offer open houses or specific days where prospective students can visit the campus, take a tour, visit with admissions counselors and/or other staff, and otherwise engage in the campus life
- ▶ Most universities allow prospective students to visit the campus on other days throughout the year if unable to make a designated open house or transfer information session
- ▶ It's important to visit the campus ahead of time in order to get familiar with the campus and its surroundings, become a bit more comfortable with the transition ahead, and ultimately decide whether or not it will be a good fit for you

Close to Home

- ▶ UH
 - ▶ [Transfer Admissions](#)
- ▶ UHD
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- ▶ SHSU
 - ▶ [Transfer Admissions](#)
 - ▶ [SHSU Woodlands Center](#)
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