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# TRANSFER TO A TOP UNIVERSITY

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# TWO + TWO PROGRAM

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## WCC

2 years +?

- English Preparation
- General Education Requirements
- Major Prerequisites

=Associate Degree

## UNIVERSITY

• 2 years +?

- Major completion
- Additional Requirements

=Bachelor Degree

(Undergraduate Degree)

# TRANSFER TIMELINE

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## FIRST ACADEMIC YEAR

- Choose major early
- Research university options
- Visit university campuses



## SECOND ACADEMIC YEAR

- Take the TOEFL?
- Meet application deadlines
- Many competitive institutions offer **ONLY** a fall start for international students
- Apply!

# KEYS TO TRANSFER SUCCESS

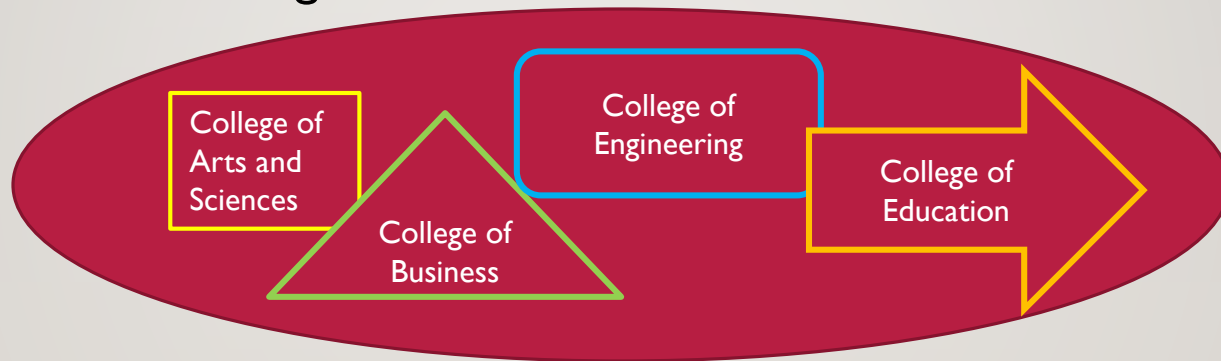
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- Major preparation—connect with your future department
- Academic Success—GPA, grade trends, rigor
- Extra-curricular activities—leadership, clubs, volunteering, on-campus jobs
- Save course syllabi!
- Attend university transfer workshops and events

# HOW ARE UNIVERSITIES ORGANIZED?

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- Universities are a collection of colleges and departments that award degrees



- University Culture vs. Community College Culture
  - Centralized vs. Decentralized Services
  - Semester vs. Quarter System

# HOW DO YOU CHOOSE A TRANSFER INSTITUTION?

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- Evaluating the institution
- Evaluating the department, major, or program of study

# EVALUATING THE INSTITUTION

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- Location-WA State/New State, Big City/Small Town, Climate
- Public or Private?
- Cost/Scholarships
- Student Population
- Class size
- Campus resources
- Student body—diversity
- Quality or Ranking
- Housing
- Social Life

# EVALUATING THE MAJOR PROGRAM OF STUDY

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- Do they offer my major at the Bachelor level?
- Does the program have special entry requirements?
- Does my academic record fit the admission criteria?
- Does the program have special educational/internship opportunities?



# UNIVERSITY APPLICATION PLAN

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- Focus on 3-5 Institutions
  - Safe Choice
  - Middle Choice
  - The Dream
- Make sure to have a back-up plan
- Plan early to visit and find the right fit



# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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- Admission to the university
- Admission to the major

# GENERAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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- Application
- Application Fee
- Official Transcripts
- Bank Statement/Financial Statement
- English Proficiency/TOEFL?
- Personal Statement?

# ADMISSION TO THE MAJOR

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- What are the requirements to apply/declare/certify?
- Is there an additional application?
- Is the major application deadline the same as the university application deadline?



# NAVIGATING A UNIVERSITY WEBSITE

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- International or Transfer?
- Admissions
- Department/Major

# WHERE WILL YOU TRANSFER?

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- [UW Transfer Thursdays](#)
- [WWU Campus Visits](#)
- Contact Your Department—make connections, but make sure to do research beforehand!



# RESOURCES

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- Walla Walla Community College. *Formula for Converting Credits*. (n.d.) Retrieved from <https://www.wwcc.edu/CMS/index.php?id=4193>