



# Vernon College Transfer Center

## How to Choose Your Transfer University

**Step 1** – Decide what is important to you by looking at the below categories and choosing the description/s that match your preference.

### Academics of school:

- My major is offered
- The department that offers my major coordinates internship opportunities
- My minor is offered
- Ranking/Reputation of school
- Professor to student ratio
- Research opportunities: there are opportunities to assist in a lab with faculty
- The school/major is competitive
- The college/major has the recognized accreditation
- There is an option to attend part-time
- Non-traditional education is offered such as: on-line, independent study, specialized major
- The school/major is not impacted
- I can get classes when I need/want them
- Public University
- Private University

### Location:

- Close to home
- Texas only
- Out-of-State
- Small town or near a city
- Medium city
- Large city
- Rural/isolated town
- Activities close by: surfing, snow skiing, hiking, nightlife, etc.

### Services for Students:

- Career services, they assist with internship/job opportunities
- Study abroad opportunities
- Financial Aid
- Scholarships
- Academic advising
- Counseling /psychological services
- Veterans services
- International student services
- Disability resources
- Library resources
- Campus safety/police
- Family housing
- Guaranteed transfer housing
- Off-campus living options

### Social/Student Life:

- Hispanic Serving Institutions  
[http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HACU's\\_Members.asp](http://www.hacu.net/hacu/HACU's_Members.asp)
- Historically Black College & Univ.
- Tribal College
- Religious affiliation
- Ethnic and gender diversity
- Single-Sex College
- Inter-collegiate sports
- Special interest organizations/clubs
- Fraternities and/or sororities



**Step 2** – Fill out your top criteria for the ideal campus from the above list.

Academics:

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Location:

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Services for Students:

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Social/Student Life:

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Other:

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**Step 3** – Rank the criteria that are most important to you in order:

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**Step 4** – Research individual schools to see which is the best fit for you and matches your above criteria.

1. Search each school's individual website (*the top transfer university information may be found at <https://www.vernoncollege.edu/top-transfer-universities>*)
2. Search U.S. colleges and universities by state <https://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

**Step 5** – Complete the below exercise:

Campuses I'm Considering:

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Criteria that match:

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**Step 6** – List your top 3 choices

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1. Tour each of these schools (*most also do virtual tours*)
2. Visit the department chair or department advisor of your major (*this may also be done by phone, virtual meeting, and/or email*)
3. Meet with an admission representative to learn about admission requirements to the university and program (*this may also be done by phone, virtual meeting, and/or email*)
4. Meet with a VC Student Success Specialist to complete a Degree Plan

