



# How do I pick my transfer university?

Everyone makes a decision on their transfer institution by evaluating the four Foundations of Transfer. While one may be more important to you than another, they are all considered in the process of choosing where to transfer. The four Foundations of Transfer are:

## Location

Some students make a decision on location because of the environment. They may want to live by the ocean, in a large city, or a smaller community. So they may choose to transfer to Houston, Corpus Christi, or Austin, or maybe MSU.

Still other students consider where they grew up as a major factor in choosing the location of their transferring university. One student may want to get as far as they can from their hometown and really feel like they are on their own. Others may have solid roots in the community, friends, family, a church community and decide to attend MSU to stay close to those community roots or not disrupt the lives of their loved ones.

## Cost

Keeping the cost of education down while not sacrificing quality and opportunity may be your first priority. If so, then living at home or with family after transfer would be very important. If you must live on your own or in the university dorms, you will find the cost of housing and meals is actually more expensive than tuition. Relatives rarely will charge rent if you are completing your degree so choosing a location where you can live with family can be very important. Way to go, mom and dad!

## Program Offerings

You may have a specific program or major in mind, so your first priority may be the programs universities offer. If you wanted to complete an Aerospace Engineering degree, you could go to University of Texas at Arlington but you could not go to Texas Tech University for this major.

Deciding on a major at your transferring university should be a process you start when you first attend Vernon College not your last year. Our Student Success Specialists can help with the research and class selection while attending Vernon College.

## Reputation

The reputation of a program may be your deciding factor when choosing between universities. Publications such as [U.S. News](#), [NICHE](#), [CollegeChoice](#), or [Bloomberg](#) publish program ratings from different universities that may be helpful. Your instructors at Vernon College can give you a

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wealth of information about programs at different universities as well. They can tell you where they attended and why they chose that institution. You may also get advice from parents, relatives, friends, and other students in helping you with your final decision.