HOW DO I PICK MY TRANSFER SCHOOL?



FOUNDATIONS OF TRANSFER

Picking where to continue your education after Vernon College is important. By using the four Foundations of Transfer, you can help narrow down choices of where to take your next steps!

LOCATION

Students look at location for the environment. Do you want to live by the water? In a BIG city? Or somewhere that feels like home but away from where you grew up? Deciding on staying local or moving as far from home as possible are important factors that need to be taken into consideration.



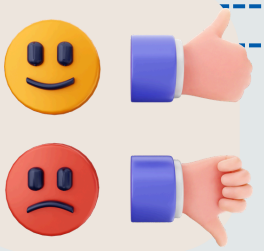
Something else to consider is your major. Does the location need to change because those schools do not offer your major or is there a school that is elite in that field? Finding out what schools offer will offer your field of study is major in picking your next destination!

COST

The cost of your education can be the single, most important, deciding factor for many people. You want to keep it financially affordable without sacrificing quality and opportunity.

Think about where you want to go and consider:
Housing- Is living in a dorm and a meal plan in your budget?
Cost of Living- Is the area affordable? Can you live on your own or is family nearby that you can stay with to help reduce costs?





REPUTATION

A schools repuation says a lot about the institution as a whole. What are they best known for? Is it a "party" school? Do they have the best programs? Are they known for being affordable or expensive?

Looking at school rankings in some of these other foundations can help make your decision. Ask family, friends, and even VC Faculty and staff what they've heard about a school if you need to!

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

If you have a specific program or major in mind, your first priority in choosing your next school may be finding a place that offers the best program in the field. Researching schools that offer what you want to study can make a decision easy, or impact one of the other foundations of transfer.

Deciding what you want to pursue after VC should be something you decide sooner rather than later. If you are unsure what to study or where to go, meet with your Student Success Specialist to help get you started!



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HOW TO CHOOSE YOUR TRANSFER SCHOOL

STEP 1: DECIDE WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO YOU BY RANKING THE CATEGORIES BELOW:

Academics of School:

__ My major is offered
__The department that offers my major coordinates internship opportunities
__ Professor to student ratio
__ Research Opportunities
__ I can get classes when I need/want them
__ Public University/ College
__ Private University/ College

Services for Students:

__ Career services; they assist with internship/ job opportunities
__ Study abroad opportunities
__ Financial Aid
__ Scholarships
__ Academic Advising
__ Counseling/ Mental Health Services
__ Veteran Affairs Education Benefits
__ International student services
__ Disability resources

Location:

__ Close to home
__ Out-of-state
__ Small town or near a city
__ Medium city
__ Large City
__ Rural/Isolated Town
__ Activities close by: surfing, skiing, hiking, nightlife etc.

Social/ Student Life:

__ Hispanic Serving Institutions
__ Historically Black College & Universities
__Tribal College
__ Religious Affiliation
__ Inter-collegiate sports/ intramural sports
__ Special interest organizations/ clubs
__ Greek Life (fraternities and/ or sororities

STEP 2: RESEARCH INDIVIDUAL SCHOOLS TO SEE WHICH IS THE BEST FIT FOR YOU AND MATCHES YOUR ABOVE CRITERIA.

1. Search each school's individual website. Vernon College has information on the top transfer schools for our students at our transfer centers. Pull information booklets and scan QR codes for those websites.
2. You can search U.S. colleges and universities by state on the NCES College Navigator website.

STEP 3: SELECT YOUR TOP 5 CHOICES

Have you narrowed down your search? List your top choices here!

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1. Tour each of these schools. Most have virtual tours if you can't make it in person.
2. Visit the department chair or department advisor of your major. This can typically be done by phone, virtual meeting, and/ or email.
3. Meet with an admissions representative to learn about requirements to the university and program.
4. Meet with a VC Student Success Specialist to complete a degree plan and look at course transferability.