



A GUIDE TO TRANSFERRING FROM COLLEGE TO UNIVERSITY

TALK TO ACADEMIC ADVISOR



Making use of school resources

Transferring is oftentimes a multi-step process and requires expert guidance to ensure successful preparation. Make sure to discuss your courses in advance, as well as required documents.

RESEARCH ABOUT THE SCHOOL



Being aware of what to expect

Different schools have different expectations, and it is important to meet them. Thoroughly research the school's website (i.e. Transfer Explorer) or actively seek advice from previous transfer students.

NOTICE THE IMPORTANT DATES



Keep track of time

Deadlines are final and usually, extensions are not permitted by the admissions. It is your responsibility to make notes in your calendar to keep up to date during and after the application process.

DO NOT WORRY TOO MUCH



Enjoy learning & work hard

As you prepare for transfer, just focus on your current studies and don't worry too much about the transfer results! Try to reduce stress and stay on the bright side to move forward.



TRANSFER STUDENT RESOURCES AND TIPS

Transfer resources for students transferring from a college or university to another university.

For any further questions, feel free to email danny.su@mail.utoronto.ca

MEET THE AUTHOR

My name is Danny Su, and I am a third-year student at the University of Toronto studying Actuarial & Statistical Sciences. I started out as a computer science student at a community college in Vancouver BC called Langara College. At that time, I knew I wanted to study at a larger institution; however, my high school grades weren't competitive enough, so I decided to start at a community college and then later apply for a transfer. After two years studying as a college student, I successfully transferred to my dream school. I felt I was prepared for the new challenges at a larger institution, and was able to understand how to make use of the resources at my current school.

MY EXPERIENCE

Transfer student at a community college: A lot of students that I met at Langara College were planning to transfer to UBC or SFU, since both schools were in BC and the transfer process would be smoother. In BC, we have a transfer system website called BC Transfer Guide. Simply put in the course code at your current BC school, then you'll see what the equivalent course for this course at all schools in BC is. To know what my courses were at UofT, I used the University of Toronto Transfer Explorer website. This website is a database of courses that were previously transferred successfully. If you don't see your course, that would mean UofT has not evaluated this course in the past, so it is still possible to transfer that course.

I received an offer from UofT Arts and Science in early February and an offer from UBC Science in late March; however, those were both conditional offers. To maintain the offer, I was asked to maintain a good academic standing, which wasn't difficult to meet. Decision times may vary for individuals based on the programs that you applied to. UofT and UBC only considered my GPA and did not ask for a personal profile; however, some programs such as the UBC's Sauder business program or nursing program would require additional documents or an interview. For UBC, if you received a certain amount of course credits at your current school, then your application assessment will be based on your GPA at your current school.

If you are a college student: Most colleges will have a course planning guide for transfer students. Let's take my previous school Langara College for example. Pick a school that you are planning to transfer to, pick the faculty and major, simply follow what is planned. You'll see what courses at Langara College you need and what are the equivalent courses at a university. Note that after successfully transferring to another school, your GPA will not be transferred, only the course code.

Final advice: Don't worry too much about your GPA. Focus on the process, enjoy learning, take your time to develop your study habits and the score will take care of itself.

USEFUL LINKS

Transferring from college or university to UBC

BC Transfer Guide: <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/>

University of British Columbia Admission Requirements for Transfer Students

<https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/requirements/university-college-transfer/>

Application Dates/Deadlines: <https://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/dates-deadlines/>

Transferring from college or university to U of T

ON Transfer Guide: https://www.ontransfer.ca/index_en.php

University of Toronto Transfer Explorer: <https://transferex.utoronto.ca/trans-nav/#/>

Application Dates/Deadlines: <https://future.utoronto.ca/apply/important-application-dates/>

