

? It's never too early to begin planning. Your decisions and commitment to a specific degree program and university directly impact the success of transferring credits. The longer you wait to make decisions, the more you risk degree completion. We recommend the following:

- ★ Meet with a Phoenix College Academic Advisor to learn more about your transfer degree options.
- ★ Declare your major and university by the time you have earned 24 credits.

The following is a \_\_\_\_\_ to assist you in planning your transfer process:

Find out which universities offer majors that interest you: check the Arizona Transfer Major Guides: or [www.aztransfer.com](http://www.aztransfer.com)

Investigate possible transfer institutions that offer your intended program(s) by desired features (such as cost, location, size, services, or distance/online learning)

Consult with advisors, faculty, counseling, and career center personnel/resources to assist you with choosing your major.

Learn more about general education requirements and lower-division requirements.

Begin looking for scholarships, discounts and other ways to meet costs. Some employers offer tuition benefits!

Pay attention to required course sequencing and GPA requirements for your program.

Narrow your choices and decide on a transfer institution.

Learn about admission requirements, and investigate program-specific selection criteria such as auditions or portfolios. This information is found on university websites. Other criteria include GPA, selection statistics, priority deadlines, volunteer-service hours, and any changes in program requirements to name a few.

Solidify your choice of academic major or area of study.

Use major guides, the course equivalency guide, and personalized transfer planning guides to assist with course selection available at [www.aztransfer.com](http://www.aztransfer.com)

Visit or make an appointment with the university representative or attend your community college's university

Visit the university prior to applying. This is helpful especially if you are considering out-of-state colleges.

Continue selecting courses that transfer appropriately within your program of study (with your Advisor)

Apply to your university of choice! Submit your applications for admissions along with all your official transcripts, AP and CLEP test scores if this applies.

Determine the best time to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), depending upon the priority dates of the universities you are considering and complete specific scholarship applications.

Apply for university housing, if interested in dorms.

Talk with university advisors/or academic professionals at your transfer institution. Call ahead for an appointment. Find out about orientations and campus tours.

Meet with your community college advisor to check your eligibility to graduate with an associate's degree.

