Supporting Transfer Student Success

Transfer students enhance the great diversity, cultural, and intellectual life of the University. Encourage participation in a student success initiative.

Transfer Success Opportunities

Transfer Success Group
A weekly group meeting designed to support the successful transition of transfer students. Participants set academic goals, learn about university resources and network with campus professionals.

Junior Transfer Seminar
A three credit seminar course that assists incoming junior transfers with making a successful academic transition to the University. The seminar helps students refine their communication, critical thinking, and research skills. Counts for EE & SS gen ed requirements.

Student Success Appointments
A consultation service with the Transfer Student Retention Coordinator to help transfer students develop an action plan for success at Carolina.

Academic Interventions
An individual outreach or referral session for transfer students experiencing academic difficulties such as eligibility, probation, or other forms of academic distress. Students develop an action plan to restore good academic standing.

EDUC 130: Navigating the Research University
A one credit course that provides students with knowledge to succeed at a research university. Students consider what it means to have a liberal arts education and learn about motivation, resiliency, and self-advocacy.

NSF SMART-Transfers Research Program
A program sponsored by Undergraduate Research that provides research experience, scientific communication, and preparation for careers in biological, physical and mathematical sciences for selected transfer students.

Transfer United (TU)
A partnership with Housing & Residential Education, TU is a living-learning community designed to promote success in academics, wellness, and engagement. TU equips new junior transfers with skills to assist with their transition and persistence through to graduation.

Transfer Resource Website
An online resource hub designed to support transfer student success at UNC.
Web address: transfers.unc.edu.

Tips for working with Transfer Students

- Validate their previous academic experiences and appreciate their diversity.
- Reinforce: the best major=genuine interest & strong performance and major ≠ career.
- Empower them to redefine their perspective and take advantage of Carolina.
- Emphasize and normalize the use of academic and student support services.
- Show them that you care: Personally invite transfers to your office hours.