



Talking Transfers

Fall 2017

Welcome to the Fall 2017 edition of *Talking Transfers*! Appalachian's Office of Transfer Services publishes this newsletter each semester to ensure our community college partners stay abreast of important news and updates, as they relate to students transferring to Appalachian. In this edition, we will highlight the following:

- Advising: Departmental & Program Changes and Reminders
- Important updates to the NCCC Transfer Guides
- Opportunities to visit campus

I hope you find the included information helpful as you assist prospective Appalachian transfer students.

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meet the Fall 2017 Main Campus

APPALACHIAN STATE TRANSFER STUDENTS



1,304

new transfer students
137 Early College students
86 Veterans



7 out of 10

of new transfer students come
from community colleges. 28%
from a four-year institution.



83%
of new transfer
students live
off campus.



26%
have already met
their General
Education
requirements



21
average age of new
transfer students;
ages range from
18 to 59



49
average credits
brought in by
new transfer
students



18%
of new transfer
students
represent diverse
populations



41% of new
transfer students
are first-
generation
students



Average GPA of our
transfer student's
previous
coursework was
3.09



* 48.8% of our
first-year students
brought in credit;
average # of credit
hours was 15

Top Transfer Community Colleges

Central Piedmont
Caldwell (tie)
Wake Tech (tie)
Catawba Valley
Wilkes

Top Transfer 4-Year Institutions

UNC Charlotte
East Carolina Univ
UNC Greensboro
UNC Wilmington
Western Carolina Univ

Top Majors of New Transfer Students

Biology (tie)
Computer Science (tie)
Management
Psychology
Elementary Education

Top Enrolled First Term Courses of New Transfer Students

BIO 1202/1205
PSY 3010
ES 2002
BIO 1201
PSY 2212

Data is based on information obtained from Appalachian Analytics on 9/14/17.
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NEW Transfer Scholarship:

Geology Transfer Student Award

The Geology Transfer Student Award was established to recognize and reward the successful transition of outstanding geology transfer students to Appalachian State University. Application and awards are made through the [College of Arts & Sciences](#). Students should contact [Dr. William Anderson](#) for more information.



Advising: Department & Program Changes and Reminders

Department Changes:

As of Fall 2017, the departments of Geology and Earth Science have combined to become The Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences with the following degrees:

- BA Geology
- BS Environmental Science
- BS Environmental Science w/ concentration in Environmental Professional
- BS Geology w/ concentrations in
 - Environmental Geology
 - Paleontology
 - Quantitative Geoscience
 - **New** Earth & Environmental Science, Secondary Education

Program Changes

Chemistry:

- Discontinue Preprofessional & Paramedic concentration
- **New** Biochemistry concentration

College of Arts & Sciences

- **New** minor in New Media & Digital cultures
- **New** minor in Animal Studies
- **New** minor in Atmospheric Science

Language, Literatures & Cultures

- **New** East Asian Languages & Cultures concentration
- **New** German concentration

Psychology

- **New** Education Studies concentration
- **New** Sustainability concentration

Graphic Arts & Imaging Technology (GAIT)

- Discontinue separate concentrations in Print Production & Packaging
- **New** Print/Packaging concentration

Sustainable Development

- Discontinue BA in Sustainable Development

Health Sciences

- **New** minor in Sport Science and Coaching
- BS in Health Promotions has changed to BS in Public Health

Important Updates to the NCCC Transfer Guides

As of fall 2017, we will no longer be updating the Transfer Four-Year Guides on the Transfer Guide website. In an effort to utilize easily understood language, **we will be transitioning the Baccalaureate Degree Plans to be called “transfer guides”**, which we hope will make search and find processes more user friendly. As of right now, the transfer guides will still be located on the same website but you may notice some changes coming in the near future.

Admissions Corner

Spring, Summer and Fall Applications: The 2018 spring, summer and fall applications are open. Students are admitted until the classes are full and suggest students submit their applications by **October 15th for spring admittance and February 15th for fall.**

Counselor & Advisor Day: Thursday, September 28, 2017: This visit is designed specifically for high school and community college counselors and advisors. The day will provide information about Appalachian, the admission process, programs and scholarships, and an opportunity to see campus first-hand. Lunch will be provided. Interested professionals should register at the link found [here](#).

Explore Appalachian Transfer Webinars: This interactive webinar provides prospective transfer students with valuable transfer information, including the best time to apply, details about the transfer admission process, and advising tips for a successful transfer experience.

Fall Webinar dates:

- Wednesday, September 27th at 11AM
- Thursday, October 12 at 10AM
- Wednesday, October 25 at 11AM
- Wednesday, November 8th at 2PM
- Friday, November 17th at 10AM

Students can follow the link [here](#) for more information and to register.

Transfer Track Visits: Transfer Track visits provide participants with a 30-minute information session followed by a 90-minute walking tour of campus, led by a Student Ambassador and a Transfer Student Mentor. This visit allows participants to hear about the application process while also learning about what it means to be a Mountaineer.

Transfer Track visits are offered every Tuesday and Friday, throughout the semester, at 1PM. We encourage both individual and group participation, but space can be limited so please register early. More information and registration can be found at the link [here](#).

Group Tours: Group Tours are a great option and available upon request on Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays. We ask that group tours be scheduled one month in advance to ensure accommodations can be provided. Please utilize the group tour request form, found [here](#), to schedule a visit.



Welcome Transfer Students!

#AppSaidYes!

What's Next?

Join @appstatetransfers on Facebook Live for information and Q&A sessions on the following topics:

Housing...Thurs, 10/5 at 4pm

Financial Aid...Tues, 10/10 at 3pm

Jobs in Boone...Wed, 10/11 at 3pm

Involvement at App...Wed, 10/25 at 3:30pm

All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST). Can't attend live? You'll be able to view the recorded session afterwards!

Register for an online webinar on **Understanding Your Transfer Credit** - review your credit evaluation and the registration process

Wednesday, 10/11....10am EST

Monday, 10/30....2pm EST

Thursday, 11/16...11am EST

Registration is required for the Webinars
Register at
ugrad.appstate.edu/portal/otswebinars

The Office of Transfer Services will be offering a variety of webinars this fall to assist newly admitted spring transfer students with transitioning to Appalachian and Boone. Please pass this information along to students who you know will be attending Appalachian in the spring of 2018!

Transfer Spotlight: Kate Hayes

When I was about to graduate high school, I never thought that I would end up graduating from Appalachian with a Bachelor's and Master's degree or that I would grow to love this university as much as I do. During senior year in high school I was actually busy applying for Navy Scholarships because I had participated in NJROTC every year in high school. When I wasn't awarded the scholarship, I started to panic and scramble to find a school. I settled on UNC-Asheville nestled near the Pisgah National Forest. I loved my first year there, but something was missing. There wasn't a sense of community for me. I started looking into other schools in the mountains of Western North Carolina and came across Appalachian. My mom and aunt both graduated from App years before, but when I was looking at schools it just seemed too big for me. I decided to give it a chance and came to open house and went on a tour. It shocked me how willing everyone was to lend a helping hand and take all the time I needed to get my questions answered. When I was worried about by credit transferring in, one of the credit evaluators Traci Hartley, sat down with me for at least an hour and helped me understand how everything was supposed to work and what I needed to do to make it happen! Fast forward to when I arrived at Appalachian, the Transfer Student Mentors made all the difference in my transition because they welcomed me with open arms and invited me to all sorts of events where I could meet people. I had to push myself out of my comfort zone, but it's been THE most rewarding experience of my life! I've grown more than I ever thought I could and I've had gotten to do so many fun things! From concerts to football games and from professional conferences to giving an orientation speech, App has opened so many doors for me to take advantage of.



Jump Start Appalachian

Jump Start Appalachian is available to help transfer students with departmental visits, campus tours, and transitioning to our main campus. Please visit our Facebook group at **App State Transfers** to meet other transfer students, help with off campus housing, and living in Boone, NC.

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