

Office of Transfer Services

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *Talking Transfers*, the newsletter of Appalachian's Office of Transfer Services. We plan to put the newsletter out each Fall, Spring and Summer Semester, with the aim of highlighting important information as well as some of the services we offer to you in your work helping transfer students.

Jane Rex, Office of Transfer Services

What is the Office of Transfer Services?

Appalachian continues to make great strides in our commitment to transfer students, most notably with the opening of the Office of Transfer Services on July 1st, 2014. The new office aims to provide transfer students with the help, support and advice they need to be successful at Appalachian. The office combines the roles of the former Office of Transfer Articulation and Jump Start Appalachian, as well as creating several new positions to better serve the needs of Appalachian's transfer students: a Transfer Transition Advisor; an Admissions Counselor; and an Associate Director. The role of Beth Watts, the Transfer Transition Advisor, is to provide academic advising for prospective and admitted transfer students. In this capacity, Beth is a resource for community college advisors. She is currently working on a set of *Transfer Four-Year Guides*. The guides map courses that students can take as part of their community college program that will work towards their major at Appalachian. The guides can be found here:

<http://ncccfouryearguides.appstate.edu/guides/departments>

Transfer Admissions – Jayne Dowdy

I am so excited to be a member of the Office of Transfer Services. In my new role, I will be working exclusively with transfer students who are interested in becoming a member of the Appalachian family.



What do I love best about my job? Hands down it is the students! Their perseverance, drive and unique perspectives make me want to come to work each day. I look forward to building and strengthening relationships with all our community college partners.



Left to right: Jayne Dowdy (Associate Director of Admissions-Transfer); Beth Watts (Transfer Transition Advisor); Traci Hartley (Credit Evaluator); Leanna Walters (Administrative Assistant); Jenna Reed (Credit Evaluator); Selena Dollar (Assistant Director); Jane Rex (Director); Phil Lewis (Associate Director); Rick Wurth (Graduate Assistant). Absent: Bob Charlebois (Jump Start Coordinator).

Jump Start Appalachian

Jump Start is a transfer student support program at Appalachian. We visit our partner community colleges on a regular basis to help students find answers to any questions they might have about Appalachian. We serve students from other colleges via email outreach, or through the Jump Start Appalachian facebook group. We can arrange for students to meet faculty and staff in the department of their major. The Jump Start transfer student mentors also work with new students to help them get connected once they transfer to Appalachian. Check out the Jump Start website for lots of useful information about transferring to Appalachian:

<http://jumpstart.appstate.edu>

Transfer Track

One of the best ways for students to have an easy transition to Appalachian is to become familiar with the campus before transferring. This semester, we will be offering Transfer Track visits on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The visits target prospective transfer students and include information about admissions requirements and campus resources. Transfer Track visits also provide an opportunity to meet the transfer student mentors, and a chance to tour the campus. The first visit for the semester is on Tuesday, September 16th. Find out more here:

<http://admissions.appstate.edu/prospective-students/transfer-students>

Meet the Credit Evaluators



Traci Hartley



Jenna Reed



Selena Dollar

One of the key functions of the Office of Transfer Services is the evaluation of transfer credit. Three members of staff work directly with this function: Selena Dollar, Traci Hartley, and Jenna Reed. The office provides a range of services, including:

- **Course Equivalency Search**
This system is used to see how courses from other institutions may transfer to Appalachian.
- **Preliminary evaluations**
Students can now prepare their own preliminary credit evaluations using the recently improved Course Equivalency Search.
- **Petitions for credit**
Students who feel they have not received the credit they deserve for a particular course can petition through the Office.
- **Gen Ed Exchange**
Gen Ed Exchange allows students entering Appalachian to meet Gen Ed requirements by completing an Associates of Arts or Associates in Science in their first semester of enrollment at Appalachian.

You can find out more about the Office of Transfer Services and its functions here:

<http://transfer.appstate.edu>

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A Few Words from a Transfer Student Mentor

Hello everyone! It is my favorite time of the year - fall and football season. My name is Ashley Newman and I am a Transfer Student Mentor with Jump Start. I transferred from Wilkes Community College. I am double majoring in Communication Studies and Public Relations with my minor in Political Science. My goal is to one-day work in the PR field on a campaign. Curious about what a Transfer Student Mentor is? As a transfer student you can feel that you are lost in the mix. My job as a mentor is to assist students during their time here at Appalachian. We are here to be not only a mentor but also a friend. I am here to help students with anything they may need, even if it is simply going to get a cup of coffee. As a transfer student myself, I have been in your shoes so I am here to help.



Updates:

Our biology courses for non-science majors have changed. Credit that previously transferred as BIO 1101 and BIO 1102 effective spring 2015 will now transfer as BIO 1201, BIO 1202 and BIO 1203 respectively. The biggest change includes a separate two-semester hour lab (BIO 1203) as opposed to two one-semester hour labs. Questions? Call us on 828 262 7877.

Events coming up:

Open House

20th September 2014

An opportunity for prospective transfer students to meet faculty, tour campus, and learn what student life at Appalachian is really like.

<http://admissions.appstate.edu/visit/open-house>

Transfer Pre-Orientation Program

14th November, 2014

The Transfer Pre-Orientation Program is a day of activities designed to help newly admitted Appalachian transfer students find the answers to all of their questions and prepare for their upcoming Orientation session. Find out more:

<http://orientation.appstate.edu/transfer-pre-orientation-program>

Transfer Track Visits

<http://admissions.appstate.edu/prospective-students/transfer-students>