



# Transfer 101

## Time to Learn about Student Transfer

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# Myths and Facts

- Fact - The first Community College was in Illinois. Joliet Junior College
- Fact - One-third of college seniors have transferred at some point during their college careers. Predictably, more students at two-year colleges transfer (about 42%) than those at four-year institutions (about 23%).
- Fact - Transfer students are less likely to graduate with a bachelor's degree and also less likely to be in the group to graduate in a four-year period.
- Myth - Transfer students are inferior.
- Myth - Retention strategies are not needed for transfer students.
- Myth - The majority of transfer students are non-traditional in age.

Taken in part from The Institute for the Study of Transfer Students - <http://www.unt.edu/transferinstitute>



# Trends in Transfer Students

- Traditional - 2 year transferring to 4 year.
- Reverse Transfers - move from 4 year to 2 year.
- Lateral Transfers - move from 2 year to 2 year or 4 year to 4 year.
- Swirling Transfers - co-enrolled in two or more schools simultaneously.

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# National Transfer Student Enrollment

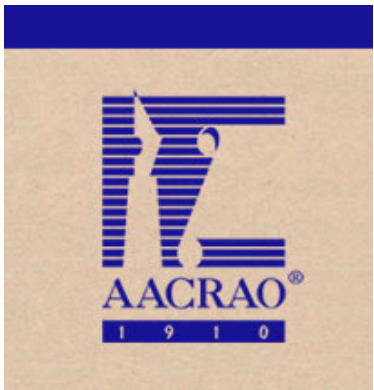
- Nearly 60% of students have attended more than one institution
- 35% have attended more than two
- 20% of those who started at one 4 year school earned a bachelor's degree from another 4 year school
- 15% moved back and forth between community colleges and 4 year schools
- 60% of the community colleges students who transferred to a 4 year school earned a bachelor's degree
- Of the 58% who attended more than one college, 37% crossed state lines

Report from the US Department of Education, February 2006



# Transfer Topics you may Encounter...

- Articulation
- Course to course, and program to program articulation
- Degrees: A.A., A.S., A.A.T., A.F.A., A.E.S., and A.A.S.
- Bachelor's degree, after the A.A.S.
- Transfer Agreements



# Transfer Topics you may Encounter...cont'd

- Evaluation of Transfer Credit
- Other Credit Options
- Dual Enrollment
- Transfer Scholarships
- Transfer Admissions Requirements



# Course Applicability System (CAS)

- CAS
  - <http://www.transfer.org>
- Participating States & Schools
- Planning Guides
  - Add your courses
- Course Equivalency Guides



# Statewide Agreements Example - Illinois

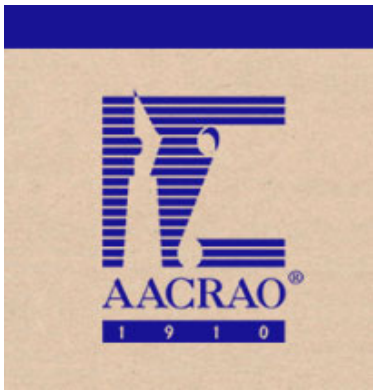
- Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) Launched in 1993
  - iTransfer.org went live in 1998
  - 112 Participating Schools
    - Community Colleges, 4-Year Public Institutions, 4-Year Private Institutions, 2-year Private Institutions
  - General Education Core Curriculum (GECC)
  - 27 IAI Majors are represented
- <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Fact/Forms/IAILibrary/HistIAI.pdf>



# Illinois Transfer Demographics - 2005

| From:                      | To: Public University | Community College | Independent NFP | Independent FP | Total transfer from:        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Public University          | 1129                  | 3051              | 955             | 194            | 5329                        |
| Community College          | 9937                  | 3969              | 5844            | 655            | 20405                       |
| Independent not for profit | 928                   | 2071              | 993             | 211            | 4203                        |
| Independent for profit     | 30                    | 203               | 235             | 88             | 556                         |
| Other                      | 3896                  | 7417              | 4224            | 1135           | 16672                       |
| <b>Total Transfer to:</b>  | <b>15920</b>          | <b>16711</b>      | <b>12251</b>    | <b>2283</b>    | <b>All Transfers: 47165</b> |

The above table contains information as reported by institutions to the Illinois Board of Higher Education in the annual Fall Enrollment Survey. (<http://www.ibhe.org/Data%20Bank/DataBook/default.asp>) The overall transfer figures include transfers to and from out-of-state, foreign, and unknown institutions and represents the full extent of student transfer to Illinois Colleges and Universities.



# General Education Core Curriculum (GECC)

- 12-13 Courses, 37-41 Credit hours
  - 5 Different areas: Communication, Mathematics, Science, Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences
- Transfers to any IAI Participating school.
- Lower Level General Education will be fulfilled upon completion of the GECC.
- Course Approval Process



# Transfer Resources

- Institute for the Study of Transfer Students:  
<http://www.unt.edu/transferinstitute/>
- Illinois Articulation Initiative:  
<http://www.itransfer.org>
- Illinois CAS: <http://www.ibhe.org/CAS>
- Illinois Board of Higher Education:  
<http://www.ibhe.org>
- Illinois Community College Board:  
<http://www.iccb.state.il.us/>



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