



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Counseling International Transfer Students: From Down the Road and Around the World

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What makes a transfer student?

- ✓ Has completed high school
- ✓ Has enrolled at a college or university
- ✓ Wishes to attend another college or university

A look at our numbers for Autumn 2017:

- Applied: 5,880, 1,028 international
- Admitted: 4,295, 594 international
- Enrolled: 2,567, 252 international



The Process for Domestic Transfer Students

- For the most part, the process is straightforward:
 - ✓ Submits application
 - ✓ Submits transcripts
 - ✓ Student is evaluated based on academic performance
 - ✓ Student is admitted or denied
 - ✓ Student receives Transfer Credit Report
 - ✓ Student decides whether or not to enroll



Characteristics of the Domestic Process

- ✓ Electronic transcripts
- ✓ Verifiable by the National Student Clearinghouse
- ✓ Documents submitted in English
- ✓ Documents mostly come from the US
- ✓ Straightforward transfer credit process



What makes an international student?

- For our purposes, someone who will study on an F-1 student visa



The Process for International Transfer Students

- For the most part, the process is **not as** straightforward:
 - ✓ Submits application
 - ✓ Submits transcripts **and official English translations**
 - ✓ Student is evaluated based on academic performance **and college/department requirements**
 - ✓ **Student must meet minimum English proficiency requirement**
 - ✓ Student is admitted or denied
 - ✓ Student receives Transfer Credit Report, **must have foreign coursework evaluated**
 - ✓ Student decides whether or not to enroll

The Process for International Transfer Students

Now, we need to take into consideration that the student needs a visa to study here.

To give the student an I-20, we need the following:

- ✓ Ohio State affidavit of financial support
- ✓ Confidential bank statement
- ✓ Copy of the student's valid passport

The Process for International Transfer Students

The student must be added to the Department of Homeland Security's database, called SEVIS (Student Exchange Visitor Information System)

- Initial Record: students outside the US
- Transfer Record: students attending a US institution



Challenges

- Can we accept this document?
 - Areas of conflict
 - If we can, will the student receive any transfer credit?
- English proficiency requirement: English courses at the university level do not waive requirement
- College/departmental policies
- How much time will it take for student to complete a degree?
- Chinese transfer students: semester vs. quarters, CDGDC, deadline



Discussion

- Obtaining credentials
- International educational systems
- Accreditation
- Language
- Resources: NAFSA, Foreign Credits, WES, ECE, EducationUSA, other universities

Thank you!