“Revolving Doors”
Our Advising Story on Transitioning Students Into or Out of a Regional Campus

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Agenda

1. Online Orientation
2. Data Management
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Online Orientation for Transfer Students
Orienting Online

Transfer Students:

» Have already been oriented to a university environment

» Use Miami’s existing LMS (Canvas)

» Take quizzes to ensure knowledge

» Have a one-on-one appointment with an advisor to register and evaluate T-credit
Evaluating Transcripts and Petitioning "T" Credit

When your transcripts are evaluated, your "T" credit will post to your Degree Audit Report (DAR). Some of the credits you have transferred in may match Miami Course descriptions exactly, for example. If you have taken Introduction to Psychology at Sinclair Community College since 2012, when Sinclair began using the semester system, Introduction to Psychology will transfer in as PSY111 on your DAR. To transfer in as an equivalent class, the course must be at least 70% identical in content. If you took Introduction to Psychology at Sinclair prior to 2012, it would not be at least 70% identical because it would be a class taught during a quarter not a semester. In this case, the class will appear on your DAR as "T" credit, which carries the department designation from the letter "T" and then a number (PSY111). The "T" credit does not automatically fulfill our Criminal Justice Foundation requirements and does not automatically fulfill requirements for your major, though it will count as elective credit toward graduation. You can, however, petition this "T" credit to fulfill requirements at Miami University.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Credit from other schools can be used to meet requirements at Miami University, but it depends on how the credit comes in to your DAR.

Which you can petition in one of three ways:

1. Merged with Psychology
2. Merged with Philosophy
3. In the class name

You can petition "T" credit for courses that fulfill Criminal Justice requirements to be considered "in the class name of the Miami Plan" and to meet requirements for your major. To petition "T" credit for the
Orienting Online

After two years of orienting transfer students online, survey shows:

» 43/44 said they felt “prepared” or “well prepared” to begin classes immediately after finishing the orientation.

» Vast majority preferred 1-2 hours online Orientation to 6 hour face-to-face.

» Over three quarters said they felt the online orientation prepared them well, after they’d finished their first semester.

“Liked the option of online...Miami’s online version showed me everything I needed to know to start taking classes.”

“As a transfer student, the college felt the same as other schools I’ve attended. College is college.”

“The only questions I had after were about how online lab experiments worked and how to get my hands on the equipment.”
Data Management
“Transfer Tracker”
Transfer Student Processes

Step 1
Apply and Confirm Attendance

Step 2
Orientation and Placement Testing

Step 3
Transcript Evaluation

Step 4
Advising and Registration
Impact of these Tools

- **Improved Student Experience**
  - Most have a completed credit evaluation
  - Decrease in requests to expedite

- **Improved Advising Conversation**
  - More time on academic & career goals, multi-semester planning
Philosophies & Strategies
Miami’s selective Nursing program means students sometimes transfer out and back in (RN/BSN).

Students come to Miami to get pre-requisites for specific programs in the Cincinnati area.

Helping students who start with or transfer to us make the most of their credit through OTM.
Philosophies & Strategies
Thank you for your time!

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