

If you are a student transferring from another college or university, why did you choose to leave your previous institution?

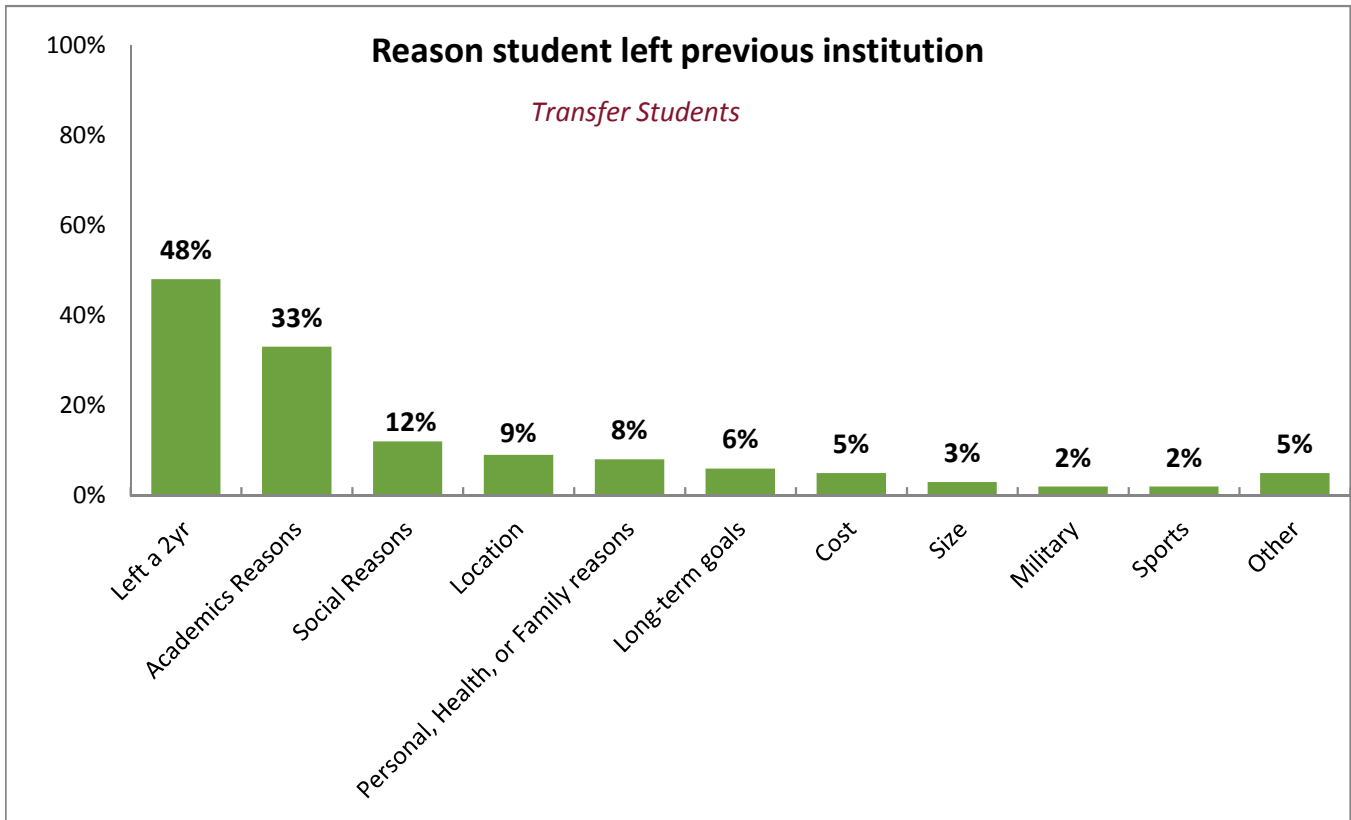
Students were asked, in an open-ended question, why they chose to leave their previous institution. Responses from transfer students were categorized and are summarized below. 48% of transfers left their previous institution because they graduated or because they wanted to earn a BA.

33% left for Academic reasons; the most often cited academic reasons include students who wanted an alternative learning or teaching style or who thought their previous school was too 'traditional', students also wanted to change their area of study (areas mentioned include Women's and Gender studies, Environmental studies, Zoology, and Asian studies.) Other academic reasons include level of challenge (most respondents were unchallenged in their previous institution), specific programs offered at Evergreen (PLE, Independent learning, and research).

12% of respondents left for social reasons, including the wrong 'fit', racism and homophobia, and lack of activism on the part of other students. 9% left because of the location, 8% left for Personal, Health, or Family reasons. 6% left because they didn't feel that their school would help them achieve their lifelong goals (including future studies, personal, and career goals). 3% left because of the size of the previous school, 2% due to the military, and 2% due to sports. 5% transferred from their previous institution for other reasons, including scheduling conflicts with employers, the time felt right, and they felt valued only for their tuition money.

	<i>Transfer Students</i>	
	%	N
Completed degree, left to pursue 4-year degree	48%	127
<u>Academics Reasons</u>	33%	88
<i>Academics: Too traditional/want a different style</i>		29
<i>Academics: Area of Study</i>		24
<i>Academics: Interdisciplinary options</i>		7
<i>Academics: Challenge</i>		6
<i>Academics: Other</i>		28
<u>Social Reasons</u>	12%	32
<i>Social: Fit was wrong</i>		13
<i>Social: Racism, homophobia, activism</i>		8
<i>Social: Other</i>		12
Location	9%	23
Personal, Health, or Family reasons	8%	20
Long-term goals	6%	15
Cost	5%	14
Other	5%	12
Size	3%	8
Military	2%	5
Sports	2%	4

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My previous institution [was] online.

I didn't like the way I was forced into classes that I didn't enjoy and didn't help my major. I felt like I was being used for my tuition, not valued as a student

Unhappy with the distribution of tuition money and other institutional practices.

uw sucked

Further Education

I left to pursue a career in the circus.

I like the set up

I was always planning on transferring

I'm a dated transfer - going back to school after several years in career field

Scheduling conflicts with employer

Time felt right

Time to move forward.