

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

Transfer students were asked, in an open-ended question, why they chose to leave their previous institution. Responses from transfers were categorized and are summarized below.

48% of transfers left their previous institution because they graduated or because they wanted to earn a BA. 31% left for Academic reasons; the most often cited academic reason is students who wanted to change their area of study (areas mentioned include Computer Science, Agriculture, Writing, Music, Arts, and Science.) The second most cited academic reason for transferring to Evergreen is the level of challenge/wanting a better learning environment, (many respondents felt unchallenged at their previous institution and/or wanted a better academic culture.) The other academic reasons for transferring include the interdisciplinary options offered by Evergreen, not wanting to continue with online studies, and other reasons that could not be categorized.

10% transferred because they moved or they liked the location of Evergreen, or because of the military. 5% left for personal or family reasons. 3% left for social reasons (either wanting a social life or leaving behind bad experiences), and 1% came to Evergreen for the chance to play sports. 8% transferred from their previous institution for other reasons, including transfer after a long time (15+ years), getting a second BA, or they felt they had "soaked up everything [the prior school] had to offer me."

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| Completed degree, left to pursue 4-year degree | 52% | 77 |
| Academics Reasons | 28% | 41 |
| <i>Academics: Area of Study</i> | | 19 |
| <i>Academics: Challenge / Better learning environment</i> | | 10 |
| <i>Academics: Too traditional/want a different style</i> | | 7 |
| <i>Academics: Interdisciplinary options</i> | | 5 |
| <i>Academics: Did not want to continue with online education</i> | | 2 |
| <i>Academics: Other</i> | | 3 |
| Location / Moved / Military | 10% | 14 |
| Personal, Health, or Family reasons | 5% | 8 |
| Financial Reasons | 4% | 6 |
| Social Reasons | 3% | 5 |
| Athletics | 1% | 2 |
| Other | 8% | 12 |

