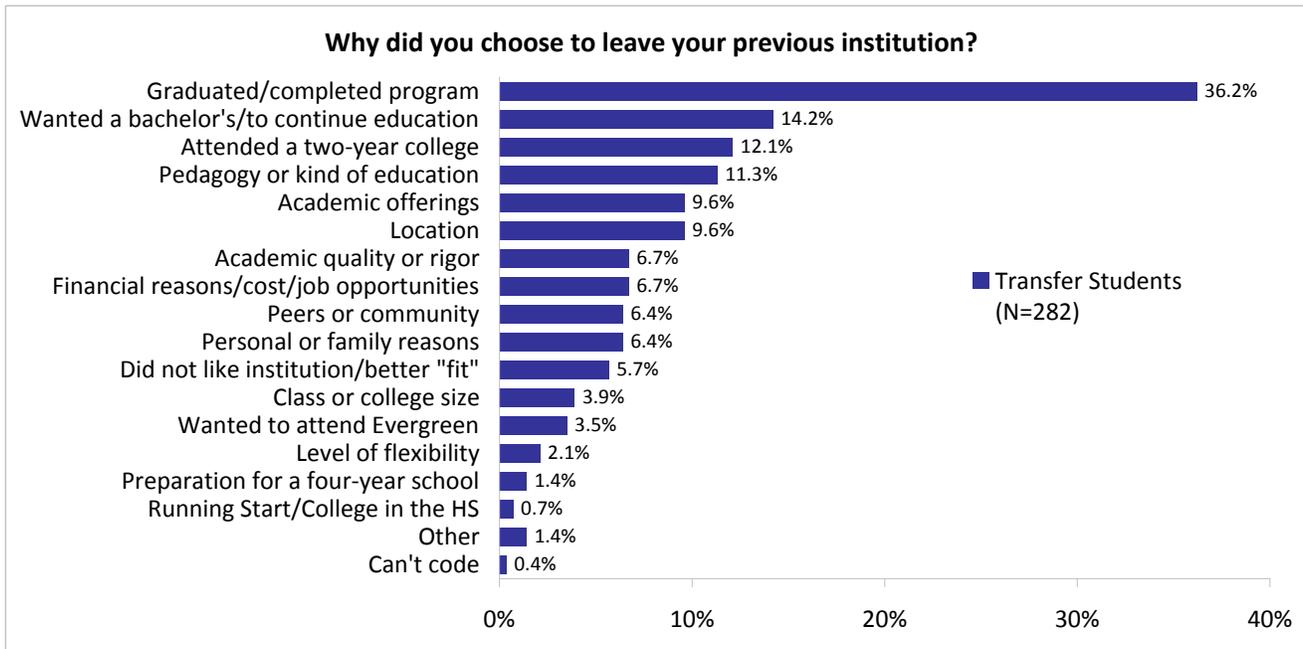


The Evergreen State College
Evergreen New Student Survey 2010
Olympia Campus - Transfer Students

Reasons for Transferring

New students were asked "If you are a student transferring from another college or university, why did you choose to leave your previous institution?" Of the 282 transfer students responding to this question, over 48% indicated reasons related to attending or completing a program at a junior college, 14% indicated they wanted to continue their education, and 11% percent cited reasons relating to the kind or style of instruction.



Why did you choose to leave your previous institution? (Categories are not mutually exclusive)

<i>Categories are not mutually exclusive</i>	Transfer Students (N=282)	
	N	%
Graduated/completed program	102	36.2%
Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education	40	14.2%
Attended a two-year college	34	12.1%
Pedagogy or kind of education	32	11.3%
Academic offerings	27	9.6%
Location	27	9.6%
Academic quality or rigor	19	6.7%
Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities	19	6.7%
Peers or community	18	6.4%
Personal or family reasons	18	6.4%
Did not like institution/better "fit"	16	5.7%
Class or college size	10	3.9%
Wanted to attend Evergreen	10	3.5%
Level of flexibility	6	2.1%
Preparation for a four-year school	4	1.4%
Running Start/College in the HS	2	0.7%
Other	4	1.4%
Can't code	1	0.4%

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New students were asked why they chose to leave their previous institution. Detailed below are the individual

Graduated/ completed program
1)[Out-of-state 4-year school]: the expense and lack of family support. 2) SPSCC: I got my AA
2 year college. // Yes. Finished AA 2 year college
Antioch college: only a 1 year school
Because it was a community college and I recieved my AA
Clark College, finished my AA there
completed 2 yr degree
Completed Associates
Completed my AA at Grays Harbor
completed my associates // finished A.S.
Completed my Associates degree
completed two year college with Associate of Arts
Completion of a A.A.
Completion of associates degree.
Completion of my Associate's Degree
Done there
done with 2 years
Earned my AA so here to earn my BA.
Finished an Associate Transfer Degree.
Finished at the community college.
Finished my AA
Finished my AA at South Puget Sound. Time to move on to the higher educational goals, as well as a more focuses area of study in the sciences.
Finished my AA from SPSCC
finished my degree
Finished my program
finished their 2 year program and received my a.a.
Got my AA
Got my AA from South Puget Sound Community College and decided to come to evergreen to get my BA.
Got my AA from TCC and moved forward to Evergreen
Got my Associates, now want my Bachelors
Graduated
Graduated (AA)
Graduated community college
graduated from 2 year college
Graduated from a community college and recieved my AA. // My family moved out of state and I graduate (AA), could no longer advance.
Graduated from Grays Harbor College
Graduated from South Puget Sound Community College.
Graduated from SPSCC.
Graduated June 2010
Graduated w/ AA
Graduated w/ AA from SPSCC
Graduated w/ AAs
Graduated with AA
graduated with my AAS
Graduated!

Graduated/ completed program (cont'd)

Graduated.

I acquired my AA at WCC, and am moving on to BA work.

I am a transfer student, but my AA degree is from [the 90's]. My intent back then was to transfer to a university to finish BA but I had to start working. My ideal school choices back then were Antioch, Evergreen and UC Berkley

I am completing my Associate of Arts and Science and need to transfer to complete my baccalaureate degree.

I attend community college. The AA is the highest degree I could achieve.

I attended SPSCC and went as far as I felt I could- Needed a different environment that appreciates differences

I believe learning should come from wide range of subjects. When I found out that The Evergreen State College offers interdisciplinary programs, I wanted to receive 40+ credit from the community college and transfer to the Evergreen Stage College.

I completed a two year AAS technical degree in computer graphics and Web Design at [...] College.

I completed my 2 years at SPSCC

I completed my Associates Degree at Seattle Central Community College and could not earn a BA from the college.

I completed my Associate's degree, which is the highest offered at my community college.

I completed my ATA at SPSCC

I completed the maximum education offered there.

I earned my Associates Degree, I was done.

I finished getting my ATA and Olympic college has an upside down degree implemented for transferring to Evergreen.

I finished my AA and needed to move to a 4-year college.

I finished my AA degree at Centralia College and sought to further my education.

I finished the required classes at SPSCC // Took what I needed at SPSCC

I got my AA and am going on/ graduated with AAS

I got my Associates and could not get a Bachelors there as it was not offered.

I graduated from a community college with an Associates in Science and could only continue my education at a four year institution. // It did not offer my program of interest.

I graduated from community college

I graduated from Olympic College, with my Associates.

I had completed my AA requirements.

I have completed my two years at a community college and would like to complete my Bachlors degree at Evergreen.

I have finished my AA transfer degree and wanted to continue my education

I left because I complete all req. to obtain my associate of arts degree.

I left Centralia College With an AA with no intent on continuing school, until 2 yrs. later!

I obtained my AA.

I received an AA transfer degree from North Seattle Community College and am looking to continue my education.

I received my AA and it was time to make the next step.

I received my AAS from Grays Harbor College and needed to take the next step in getting my Bachelor's.

I recieved an AAS and am now ready to continue my education

I transferred from SPSCC. I graduated from there with my AA degree.

I was at a junior college- I got my AA.

I was finishing school with my AA. I looked into all 3 schools where I applied and liked Evergreen the best

I went to a community college first, I had no other choice but to transfer if I wanted to further my education.

I'm transferring from Centralia Community College. I left because it is a 2 yr. school and I graduated with a AS and AA and am now persuing a BS at Evergreen.

It was a community college and I graduated this year.

It was a yearlong program - [overseas]

It's two-years college. I graduated

Obtained AA

Obtained both an AA and an AS with a Direct Transfer Agreement.

Pierce College - got my Associates.

Received my Associates from Community College

Technical college with 2 yr programs

They only offer an associates, I wanted to continue and get a batchelors.

To further my education and because I wanted to attend Evergreen, I just need my first two years elsewhere.

Graduated/ completed program (cont'd)

took all I could take there.

Transferred from Clover Park Technical College, completion of AAS-T degree in Environmental Study

Transferring on an Upside Down transfer from Centralia College. A wonderful opportunity was afforded to me via the Trio Program. I did not have plans to transfer nor did I even know I could transfer to further my education.

two year program and graduated

Was in a one year program. Gap Year.

Went to Centralia College- and received my AA.

Yes, I obtained the highest level of degree offered at SPSCC.

Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education

Better my location for job opportunities, futher my education

Complete 4 year degree

Earned my AA so here to earn my BA.

Finished my AA at South Puget Sound. Time to move on to the higher educational goals, as well as a more focuses area of study in the sciences.

Got my AA from South Puget Sound Community College and decided to come to evergreen to get my BA.

Got my AA from TCC and moved forward to Evergreen

Got my Associates, now want my Bachelors

Highline because it was a 2-yr and wanted to transfer to a 4-yr

I acquired my AA at WCC, and am moving on to BA work.

I am a transfer student, but my AA degree is from [the 90's]. My intent back then was to transfer to a university to finish

BA but I had to start working. My ideal school choices back then were Antioch, Evergreen and UC Berkley

I am completing my Associate of Arts and Science and need to transfer to complete my baccalaureate degree.

I am transferring from [2-year school], so it was time to move on.

I attended a community college for two years, and then decided I was ready to go off to a four year institution.

I completed my Associates Degree at [WA community college] and could not earn a BA from the college.

I finished my AA and needed to move to a 4-year college.

I finished my AA degree at Centralia College and sought to further my education.

I got my AA and am going on/ graduated with AAS

I got my Associates and could not get a Bachelors there as it was not offered.

I graduated from a community college with an Associates in Science and could only continue my education at a four year institution. // It did not offer my program of interest.

I have completed my two years at a community college and would like to complete my Bachlors degree at Evergreen.

I have finished my AA transfer degree and wanted to continue my education

I left a two year institution so that I could continue and get a bachelors degree.

I left Centralia College With an AA with no intent on continuing school, until 2 yrs. later!

I left South Puget Sound Community College to complete my undergraduate work at Evergreen.

I received an AA transfer degree from North Seattle Community College and am looking to continue my education.

I received my AAS from Grays Harbor College and needed to take the next step in getting my Bachelor's.

I transfered from a 2 year school. I would like to recieve a 4 year Degree.

I went to a community college first, I had no other choice but to transfer if I wanted to further my education.

I wished to continue on to a Bachelor's, I was at a community college.

I wnted to begin work on my Bachelors Degree.

I'm transferring from Centralia Community College. I left because it is a 2 yr. school and I graduated with a AS and AA and am now persuing a BS at Evergreen.

SPSCC does not offer Bachelor degrees

The first time I left college, I wasn't ready - I was 17 and didn't know what I wanted. Then I did a few short term programs at other schools and now just need to finish up everything.

They only offer an associates, I wanted to continue and get a batchelors.

To complete a degree I was unable to finish earlier in life.

To further my education and because I wanted to attend Evergreen, I just need my first two years elsewhere.

To get my Bachelor's degree out of state.

Want to complete BS degree

Was attending community college and wanted to complete a Bachelors

Attended a two-year college

2 year institution

Centralia College only offers 2 year degrees.

Coming from a Community College

Community College

Community college // SPSCC (community college)

Community college, wanted higher learning environment that was gearing more towards my age group and had curriculum that were in line with my interests and ideals

Highline because it was a 2-yr and wanted to transfer to a 4-yr

I am a transfer student from a 2 year community college

I am transferring from a community college and I found that this environment best suits my personal and academic needs.

I attended a community college for two years, and then decided I was ready to go off to a four year institution.

I chose to transfer because I was attending a two year institution, SCCC.

I considered Portland State, UW, & UH Hilo. I'm transferring from a junior college.

I did not like the first I was in, and then the second was a community college.

I left a two year institution so that I could continue and get a bachelors degree.

I transferred from a 2 year school. I would like to receive a 4 year Degree.

I Transferred from community college after two years.

I was at a junior college previously.

I wished to continue on to a Bachelor's, I was at a community college.

It is only a JC and does not offer the type of education and hands on learning I prefer.

It only offers two-year Associates degrees and is in a town I HATE.

It was a 2 year institution.

It was a community college, and I moved to Olympia for my wifes [...] job.

It was a junior college

it was a two year college

It was only a community college

It was only a two-year institution.

Junior college // Too many students

LCC is a Jr. College

Olympic College was only a two year college

Only two year college. Had nothing to offer.

Pierce college is a two-year college.

Skagit Valley College

TCC, Evergreen fits!

Was attending community college and wanted to complete a Bachelors

Pedagogy/kind of education

[State university] was too large and not interactive enough to suit my learning needs. I didn't fit in.

[Previous institution] is a small private liberal arts college socially/politically liberal, but academically very traditional and conservative. The psychology department there is geared towards producing researchers. I intend to be a practitioner and thus want more hands on interdisciplinary experience.

Academically and socially Evergreen is much more suited for me. [4-year out-of-state school] was cool but I hated the academic B.S. and the progressive model speaks to me

Art school was too focused and technical, and with my credits I was a quarter behind in taking the pre-reqs I needed to in order to advance, and was not able to move forward smoothly.

Because Evergreen seems to offer more opportunity for the kind of education I want.

Community college, wanted higher learning environment that was gearing more towards my age group and had curriculum that were in line with my interests and ideals

Decided that the traditional education system was a poor fit for my educational needs.

Did not enjoy the curriculum or program format

Didn't offer the type of education I wanted.

I am transferring from a community college and I found that this environment best suits my personal and academic needs.

Pedagogy/kind of education (cont'd)

I am leaving [private 4-year school] mostly because I believe that another institution, especially Evergreen, will better fit my educational needs, but my financial needs as well, as [private 4-year school] is limited in Environmental Studies and Science courses and is not affordable for my family and our financial situation.

dropped out 4 years ago for lack of inspiration or direction in traditional educational routes.

I believe learning should come from wide range of subjects. When I found out that The Evergreen State College offers interdisciplinary programs, I wanted to receive 40+ credit from the community college and transfer to the Evergreen State College.

I felt that the education being offered to me was too narrow and overly restrictive, not allowing me to pursue my own interests to a sufficient degree.

i have previously attended only community colleges, and felt they did not give me the immersion, cohesion, and support that i needed to succeed in school.

i left art school because i wanted a more rounded education. i was also living in a city, and wasnt comfortable in the environment.

I left [state university] because it was too big and I felt like my professors didn't care whether I learned anything or not. I felt like a number. Also, I realized that Evergreen's approach to education is more in line with the way I want to learn.

I moved away from [out-of-state two year school] years ago. I did not consider going back to the UW-Seattle because of the higher cost of living and tuition, as well as preferring to try out Evergreen's educational model.

I previously attended [university] to study international relations. I quickly realized that such a structured and politically infused atmosphere would not allow me to further my passion for the creative arts. I began looking for other alternative schools, found Evergreen, and knew it was the perfect match for me.

I valued Evergreen's interdisciplinary approach to learning. I was tired of just attaining a "passing" grade, but instead wanted to think critically about many different subjects and connect them somehow.

I wanted a different kind of education

I was attending a community college, and I decided that the A-typical education was not satisfying my academic inspirations. Upon this conclusion, i traveled to [foreign country] and applied to Evergreen and Fairhaven in [date].

I was tired of the tunnel-vision approach that my former university had regarding education. I believe the only way to truly understand on particular field of study is by realising that every other fields plays an integral part.

I was very unhappy at the previous school I attended, which had a negative effect on my studies. Evergreen sounded like the perfect opportunity for me. I was drawn to the unique curriculum Evergreen offers.

It is only a JC and does not offer the type of education and hands on learning I prefer.

It was too rigid, not engaging

It wasn't a place I felt comfortable. I need the space to learn more than one thing at a time. Classes that don't interrelate.

Lack of interdisciplinary study, did not like town, lack of job opportunities.

My interest shifted from engineering to sustainable studies and the traditional class structure was ultimately repressive towards my education..

Not receiving a valuable or interesting education.

Not the hands on experience that I can get at Evergreen.

The teaching style at evergreen

Academic offerings

After studying computer related classes for years, I found that I dislike them. I felt pigeonholed and unsatisfied with the online program.

Community college, wanted higher learning environment that was gearing more towards my age group and had curriculum that were in line with my interests and ideals

Did not enjoy the curriculum or program format

Didn't have enough video classes offered for four years; wanted more opportunity and a better understanding of the field for when I graduate from college. // Not meeting my expectations for what I thought I should be learning, lack of resources

Didn't offer courses or major I desired.

Far away from home, and my major was being combined with 2 others

Academic offerings (cont'd)

Finished my AA at South Puget Sound. Time to move on to the higher educational goals, as well as a more focuses area of study in the sciences.

I am leaving [private 4-year school] mostly because I believe that another institution, especially Evergreen, will better fit my educational needs, but my financial needs as well, as [private 4-year school] is limited in Environmental Studies and Science courses and is not affordable for my family and our financial situation.

I could not earn a degree in the desired field I wanted.

I did not have money left in my parent's college fund to continue and I did not like their art program.

I graduated from a community college with an Associates in Science and could only continue my education at a four year institution. // It did not offer my program of interest.

I left my previous college because they didnt have to major i wanted to study.

I realized that the program I was in was unsuited to my interests and [previous institution] did not have a better program for me at that time.

I wanted a change of environment when I could learn and excel in what I'm good at and what I'm interested in.

It didn't have the opportunities to the extent I wanted, academically or socially // The people and their goals didn't fit with mine, lack of opportunities to get off campus

It didn't offer the specific programs I'd like to be involved in.

It was too small and I had exausted most of the academic and social options there were.

It was turning into a diploma mill; core classes in science were being cut from my program because I was in the Earth Sciences track.

It was way too big and I hated taking classes that didn't interest me

Location and new direction in Interests

not as many 4 year BA degrees at Bellevue College

Not the right fit, Changed Majors

On line classes were not possible, tuition too expensive, distance for live classes was too far to drive

The College i was in only concentrated on the Fine Arts, and it was great for the first 3 years, but i found it was not for me and not very challenging and i wanted to learn about other things, not just art.

The previous institution I attended did not have the program I wished to study (sustainable agriculture).

They didn't have the programs I wanted to study.

They lacked the computer program I wanted.

Location

didn't like it, long commute, large classes

Didn't thrive there due to various factors...urban setting, never found my social niche, lack of feeling of community

Education both credit and non-credit over several years relocated

Far away from home, and my major was being combined with 2 others

Finacially uncertainty in California and closer home

First, I answered #17 as I would have leaving high school. #18. I left [private research university] for a number of reasons-- cost, academic rigor (for 60Gs, I was expecting to learn something new not just what I'd learned in high school), city life was draining, weather, etc. etc.

Graduated from a community college and recieved my AA. // My family moved out of state and I graduate (AA), could no longer advance.

Had to because I moved out of state.

I always hated living in [location] or any big city for that matter, so once my contentment with [4-year art school] itself took a nose-dive, it was time to get out of there asap.

i left art school because i wanted a more rounded education. i was also living in a city, and wasnt comfortable in the environment.

I like Evergreens location

I relocated to Olympia

I transferred from WWU because I hated living in Bellingham, even though I loved the school.

I wanted to start to establish connections in the area (my hometown) instead of across the country where i didn't plan on living for any longer than school.

It only offers two-year Associates degrees and is in a town I HATE.

It was a community college, and I moved to Olympia for my wifes [...] job.

Location (cont'd)

Lack of interdisciplinary study, did not like town, lack of job opportunities.

Location and new direction in Interests

military forced moves

Moved

moved from area with family

moved out of state

Moved. // Did not feel challenged

On line classes were not possible, tuition too expensive, distance for live classes was too far to drive

Relocated.

To get my Bachelor's degree out of state.

Wanted to be closer to home.

Academic quality or rigor

Academics

cost. poor instruction.

Didn't have enough video classes offered for four years; wanted more opportunity and a better understanding of the field for when I graduate from college. // Not meeting my expectations for what I thought I should be learning, lack of resources

Disappointment in faculty and services.

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I chose to leave because I found the learning environment somewhat limiting; the range of students who did not care was wider than those who actually wanted to learn.

I left [state university] because it was too big and I felt like my professors didn't care whether I learned anything or not. I felt like a number. Also, I realized that Evergreen's approach to education is more in line with the way I want to learn.

I was not challenged academically, and I did not fit in socially at the University. Students were content with mediocrity and would put in minimal effort in classes which made class conversations dull and friendships difficult when you valued education and being a self starter.

It was extremely average.

It was like high school all over again, i felt like i wasn't really learning skills that could help me in my field of study

It was turning into a diploma mill; core classes in science were being cut from my program because I was in the Earth Sciences track.

Loved the work but I was unable to keep up when studying 60+ hours a week.

Moved. // Did not feel challenged

Not receiving a valuable or interesting education.

Not satisfying, a source of energy and inspiration. Lacking an atmosphere of true learning.

Previously I was at South Puget Sound Community College, and while there are some truly great classes and teachers there, there is a lack of depth in any given field of study.

private college cost (\$\$\$\$), mediocre online education

The class sizes were way to big and the education that I received did not differ much from my high school background.

The College i was in only concentrated on the Fine Arts, and it was great for the first 3 years, but i found it was not for me and not very challenging and i wanted to learn about other things, not just art.

Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities

1)[Out-of-state 4-year school]: the expense and lack of family support. 2) SPSCC: I got my AA

Better my location for job opportunities, futher my education

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I am a returning student I was laid off and am under the Fair Trade act for re-training

Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities (cont'd)

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I chose Evergreen over Saint Martins because it is cheaper, mainly, and because I am a firm believer in helping the environment and would love to go to a college that does to.

I did not have money left in my parent's college fund to continue and I did not like their art program.

I lived in [city] went through a divorce and was layed off. [My work] paid for my classes after my lay off I couldn't afford to go. I didn't go full time because raising my kids was more important than my needs or wants.

I moved here, but I had originally left for work

I was attending a community college full time and working full time. I stretched myself too thin and failed to balance my time and my responsibilities. I chose to work and save rather than spend more money on school if I couldn't get the most out of it.

I was too young at the time, and didn't want to incur debt when I was unsure of my life goals.

Lack of interdisciplinary study, did not like town, lack of job opportunities.

Money

On line classes were not possible, tuition too expensive, distance for live classes was too far to drive

Previously I have attended a couple of community colleges here in Washington State, and one in California. I felt that switching to a university in a town where I could afford to live and go to school full time was the best choice I could make to help forward my personal, educational, and professional goals.

private college cost (\$\$\$\$), mediocre online education

work reasons

Peers or community

[State university] was too large and not interactive enough to suit my learning needs. I didn't fit in.

Academically and socially Evergreen is much more suited for me. [4-year college] was cool but I hated the academic B.S. and the progressive model speaks to me

Attended [a WA university]. As a queer student, I was uncomfortable in the homophobic environment of that institution. Didn't feel like I fit in.

Didn't thrive there due to various factors...urban setting, never found my social niche, lack of feeling of community

Evergreen is like home. i visited the campus once and felt at home.

Felt a lack of diversity in intellectual conversations.

I am transferring from a community college and I found that this environment best suits my personal and academic

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It didn't have the opportunities to the extent I wanted, academically or socially // The people and their goals didn't fit with mine, lack of opportunities to get off campus

It has little to do with [state university]. Rather than choosing to leave, I chose to come to Evergreen because I feel it is an incredible place for me to make the most out of my education while living in an environment that is comfortable for It was too small and I had exausted most of the academic and social options there were.

Location (So. California) didn't fit in socially or w/ the lifestyle

The School did not meet my needs, nor did I fit in socially.

wasn't ready to be in college because i was young. different social values than the majority of the student body

Personal or family reasons

[4-year onsite and online college]. I left because my parent were both sick and in the hospital. [They] did not treat me kindly when it came time for me to take a break. They charged me \$5,000 on top of the \$5,000 I had already paid for my classes because I had to take a leave due to my parents being sick. I had to take care of them as I was the only one who could.

burnt out

Dropped out of [state university] to help [with family matters]. Dropped out of [another state university] to work full time and raise my family

I lived in [city] went through a divorce and was layed off. [My work] paid for my classes after my lay off I couldn't afford to go. I didn't go full time because raising my kids was more important than my needs or wants.

I transferred from Western Washington University. I stopped attending quite a while before applying to Evergreen because I was unable to create a goal for myself--one that inspired a sense of purpose and drive. In short, I could not pick a major. Now I have a more clear vision of what I want out of my education.

I was too young at the time, and didn't want to incur debt when I was unsure of my life goals.

I was young and was lacking direction and inspiration.

just not the right time to be there

Left on a personal family matter

Life-40 years ago

Mostly personal reasons. I needed time to figure out what is important to me, and the school atmosphere wasn't conducive to that process. I didn't know why I was there.

Moved out of state for reasons other than pertain to education

Moved to Olympia to be with girlfriend

The first time I left college, I wasn't ready - I was 17 and didn't know what I wanted. Then I did a few short term programs at other schools and now just need to finish up everything.

To expand my horizons.

Wanted to come to Evergreen and wanted to live on my own.

Wasn't mature enough yet to conduct myself properly at a university.

wasn't ready to be in college because i was young. different social values than the majority of the student body

Did not like institution/better "fit"

[state university]-not a good fit

Because community college was not fun

didn't like it, long commute, large classes

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I always hated living in [location] or any big city for that matter, so once my contentment with [4-year art school] itself took a nose-dive, it was time to get out of there asap.

I did not like the first I was in, and then the second was a community college.

I didn't like going to community college

I really disliked the institution and I had no academic drive.

I was very unhappy at the previous school I attended, which had a negative effect on my studies. Evergreen sounded like the perfect opportunity for me. I was drawn to the unique curriculum Evergreen offers.

It has little to do with [state university]. Rather than choosing to leave, I chose to come to Evergreen because I feel it is an incredible place for me to make the most out of my education while living in an environment that is comfortable for me and appealing to me.

It sucked

It wasn't the right school for me.

Mostly personal reasons. I needed time to figure out what is important to me, and the school atmosphere wasn't conducive to that process. I didn't know why I was there.

Not the right fit, Changed Majors

The School did not meet my needs, nor did I fit in socially.

because it was very impersonal

Class or college size

[State university] was too big and impersonal. I felt like the school looked at me as a bank account number and had absolutely no interest in my education or well being.

[State university] was too large and not interactive enough to suit my learning needs. I didn't fit in.

[State university]'s academic programs were impersonal due to it's large size.

didn't like it, long commute, large classes

I left [state university] because it was too big and I felt like my professors didn't care whether I learned anything or not. I felt like a number. Also, I realized that Evergreen's approach to education is more in line with the way I want to learn.

I was not given the specific attention I needed in the large class environment

It was too small and I had exhausted most of the academic and social options there were.

It was way too big and I hated taking classes that didn't interest me

Junior college // Too many students

The class sizes were way to big and the education that I received did not differ much from my high school background.

Wanted to attend Evergreen

Because I heard Evergreen is the place to be.

completed running start at Grays Harbor College to transfer to evergreen.

Evergreen is giving me a chance to become great.

Have always wanted to go to Evergreen

I previously attended [university] to study international relations. I quickly realized that such a structured and politically infused atmosphere would not allow me to further my passion for the creative arts. I began looking for other alternative schools, found Evergreen, and knew it was the perfect match for me.

I wanted to go specifically to Evergreen. I moved here, in part, because of this.

I was finishing school with my AA. I looked into all 3 schools where I applied and liked Evergreen the best

Really wanted to go to Evergreen!

To further my education and because I wanted to attend Evergreen, I just need my first two years elsewhere.

Wanted to come to Evergreen and wanted to live on my own.

Level of flexibility

[4-year onsite and online college]. I left because my parent were both sick and in the hospital. [They] did not treat me kindly when it came time for me to take a break. They charged me \$5,000 on top of the \$5,000 I had already paid for my classes because I had to take a leave due to my parents being sick. I had to take care of them as I was the only one who could.

Art school was too focused and technical, and with my credits I was a quarter behind in taking the pre-reqs I needed to in order to advance, and was not able to move forward smoothly.

I could transfer to evergreen at the level of units I had already achieved

Inflexible when I wanted to change my major

It was too rigid, not engaging

The community college I was attending did not offer many options for working adult students. It was overall a very frustrating experience to be unable to study the items that would lead to a career that I actually want instead of the one that I fell into by accident.

Preparation for a four-year school

I attended Community College while saving to afford tuition at Evergreen.

I finished getting my ATA and Olympic college has an upside down degree implemented for transferring to Evergreen.

I only ever planned to take one year at [out-of-state 2-year school] to get a year of language and raise my GPA for acceptance at Evergreen, as my high school GPA was not very high.

It was my intent to use a two-year institution as a stepping stone toward gaining admittance at a four-year college.

Running Start/College in the HS

completed running start at Grays Harbor College to transfer to evergreen.

Took college in H.S.

Other

Disappointment in faculty and services.

Financially uncertainty in California and closer home

It didn't have the opportunities to the extent I wanted, academically or socially // The people and their goals didn't fit with mine, lack of opportunities to get off campus

Myriad Reasons

Can't code

I'm returning to school after a [many] year hiatus.