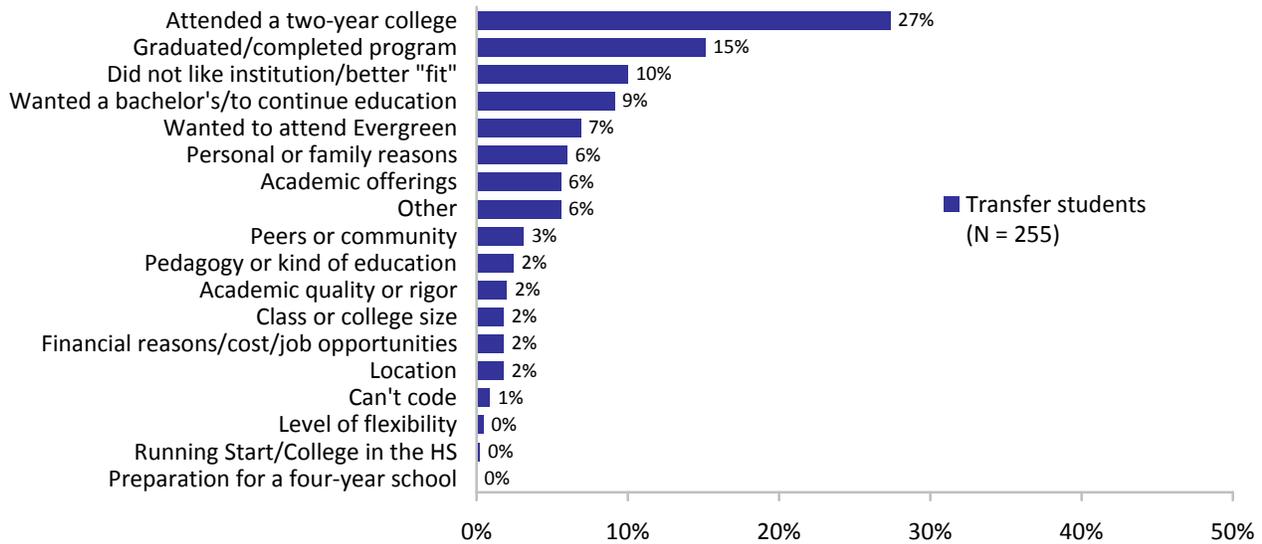


The Evergreen State College
Evergreen New Student Survey 2012
Olympia Campus - Transfer students

Reasons for Transferring

The majority of students attending the Olympia campus indicated that they transferred to Evergreen after attending a two-year college (27%) or graduating/completing a program (15%). A smaller proportion of responses from students indicated: previous institution was not a "good fit" (10%), wanted a bachelor's degree/continue education (9%), or wanted to attend Evergreen (7%).

Why did you choose to leave your previous institution?



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

Categories are not mutually exclusive	Transfer students (N=255)	
	N	%
Graduated/completed program	68	15%
Attended a two-year college	123	27%
Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education	41	9%
Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities	8	2%
Did not like institution/better "fit"	45	10%
Other	25	6%
Wanted to attend Evergreen	31	7%
Pedagogy or kind of education	11	2%
Personal or family reasons	27	6%
Academic offerings	25	6%
Academic quality or rigor	9	2.0%
Can't code	4	0.9%
Class or college size	8	1.8%
Level of flexibility	2	0.4%
Location	8	1.8%
Peers or community	14	3.1%
Preparation for a four-year school	0	0%
Running Start/College in the HS	1	0.2%

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Olympia transfer students were asked why they chose to leave their previous institution. Comments are redacted to protect individual students' identities.

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Transfer after completing community college

This was a community college and I will soon have my associates degree.

They only offer Associates Degree

The community college system in California is not something I wanted to be stuck in for more than a year or two, and since I did not take the SAT but still felt I could handle a college education with relative ease, I thought Evergreen would be a good fit [message truncated]

The community college environment was detrimental to my education

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Graduated/ completed program (continued)

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I was finished with my AA degree and could go no further at that institution.

I was fed-up with the lack of experience and competency of the faculty at the community college level. I also didn't feel there was communication between school staff, or a feeling of community at the school.

I was enrolled in Direct Transfer Agreement. I got my associates and am now going for my Bachelor's.

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I wanted to move on to a four-year university (I was attending [2-year institution]). I wanted to have the "college experience". Additionally, I have some issues with the education system as it stands in most schools and I much prefer the way [message truncated]

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Completed my AA

Completed AA-DTA at community college

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Because my previous college only gives out 2-yr. degrees.

Because Evergreen will open doors that [2-year institution] and others will not. I want my BA!!

Bates is a 2 year tech college

Acquired AAUCT, June 2012

aa transfer

AA program is only offered at [2-year institution]

1.) Leaving my old environment behind. 2.) Evergreen's individualized educational pathways. 3.) Previous institution was community college. Ready for more challenging academics.

1) They only go as high as associate's. 2) They aren't as good as Evergreen.

[2-year institution] is only a two year school.

[2-year institution] does not offer Bachelor's degrees.

[2-year institution] didn't have the resources to help me learn Math.

[2-year institution] completed my AA degree

Wanted a bachelor's/to continue education

Went as far as I could go.

Was prepared to move to the higher learning Institution of The Evergreen State College.

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I completed the degrees offered there in my desired field.

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Pedagogy/kind of education

to pursue higher education and a more integrated curriculum

The unique educational experience and philosophy at Evergreen.

Needed somewhere smaller and more focused on helping students succeed.

My previous college didn't teach me anything. Many teachers I had lacked the spirit I enjoy when learning. The teachers seemed uninterested in what they were teaching therefore making the students less eager to attend classes.

lack of personal + professional direction

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I wanted a change from the traditional learning style. I like the idea of doing more hands on learning rather than reading a book and simply taking a test on the information. I want to learn, not just memorize.

I prefer to attend a physical college to learn from rather than online without immediate access to the instructor or other students for clarification of lessons and assignments.

Desired a change in academic philosophy. I appreciate Evergreen's mode of interdisciplinary education.

[4-year institution] ****ing sucks. evergreen is the school I want to attend because the traditional education system isn't trying to educate, but trying to pump out robots to do the work that the economy wants and needs in order to perpetuate its capital [message truncated]

Financial reasons/cost/job opportunities

too expensive & lack of financial aid, I attended [four-year university]

Ran out of finances, needed to take a break to reconsider what I wanted to do with my life.

Left previous institution because I ran out of personal funds and was almost done with my second year. (I have been out of school (full time) for a few years)

I left [4-year institution] because I could not afford to attend college at that time in my life.

I left [2-year institution] because they didn't provide the classes necessary for my change from a pre-law degree to a pre-med degree. Also, it was more expensive than Evergreen.

I chose to leave those institutions because I lived too far away from the other schools and it was too expensive to travel back and forth from home to school.

Chose to not incur any more debt, given that I wasn't particularly interested in any particular field of study.

Because of the lack of art programs, funding (California, community and opportunity to go above and beyond in my studies.

Personal or family reasons

Personal/Family concerns.

personal issues

My values and interests shifted, and the field that I was studying did no longer fulfill me.

My soul and the person I'm becoming demanded that I come

My fiancée got a job at Evergreen.

moved

Military move/marriage.

It's pretty common to leave [previous 4-year institution] after two years, and it's located in my home town. I really wanted the opportunity to leave Massachusetts and the east coast, and go somewhere I'd never been before. Hence why my first two choices [message truncated]

It was years ago, my husband is military.. constant moves made continuing difficult.

It was not the right fit for me socially, and I wasn't prepared to take college seriously at the time.

It was a community college in my town and I don't want to live there anymore.

I was tired of living with my parents.

I was not mentally or emotionally prepared for serious studies...I'm older and wiser now!

I was attending [4-year institution] in the early 90s when my family moved to Portland, Oregon for a job. I moved to Portland shortly after and took a full-time job. I'm only now going back to school.

I wanted to attend an institution that was in alignment with my aspirations for environmental sustainability.

I wanted to attend a four year college out of State that fits my morals and interests. Evergreen is perfect! I am ready for the challenge!

I wanted more freedom

I needed to return to full time work.

I needed a change to inspire me to continue learning at a higher level.

I needed a change of pace. I thought a big university would be my thing, but it wasn't due to the pressure of grades and intensified exams. I need a smaller school like Evergreen to accomplish my academic goals.

I moved from New York City not only to attend a better institution and also for personal reasons.

I left due to health issues, and chose Evergreen because it's a nice balance for my life.

I got married. 17 years later I am still married but finally getting around to continuing my studies.

Didn't feel engaged/needed more personal growth

Because it wasn't beneficial or fun.

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[previous institution] is traditional, non-interdisciplinary, specialized, uninspiring, disengaged, apathetic are some adjectives that describe it. I also want to leave home, and get outside of the "academic bubble"

Did not like institution/better "fit"

Was not getting the kind of education I felt I deserved; did not feel apart of the campus.

Too religious, only wanted your money, attracted people that I didn't want to be around

They didn't have what I wanted anymore.

The students did not care for higher education, they went because mom and dad paid for it. I wanted a school where people were interested in what they were studying. Also, I could not learn in the "normal" educational environment.

The community college environment was detrimental to my education

The atmosphere at [4-year institution] was confining for me, and after returning home I felt inspired to change locations.

Preferred to be in a class room environment instead of taking only online course.

[2-year institution] was too much like high school, and I hated high school. I was harassed during my years in high school and it was just a depressing time for me, and [institution] brought that to the surface too often to focus or get into my classes.

Not challenging/engaging enough, few like-minded people

Not an effective learning environment.

My previous university was not the best fit academically or socially.

Large school did not appeal to me.

it wasn't meeting my needs as far as what classes i could take and how soon i would be able to complete my degree.

Did not like institution/better "fit" (continued)

It wasn't a good fit.

It wasn't a good fit, too big

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I wasn't learning enough; I felt like I wasn't connecting enough with other students and the teachers.

I wasn't in an environment that facilitated me learning the things I wanted to be studying.

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I wanted a more in-depth learning experience.

I transferred from [4-year institution], I was an online student and that scenario was just not my cup of tea. It served me well in the fact that I was able to keep a full-time job while taking classes, but that is not why I want to go school. I want to t [message truncated]

I took some credits in 2011 at [2-year institution], but didn't like it. I realize it's underfunded and overbooked, but I like the way Evergreen approaches learning much better, especially as a socially, politically and environmentally conscientious adult [message truncated]

I received my AAOT from [2-year institution], then attended two terms at the [4-year institution], which I found mediocre at best in academics and which had a college culture I did not fit into at all.

I prefer to attend a physical college to learn from rather than online without immediate access to the instructor or other students for clarification of lessons and assignments.

I needed a change of pace. I thought a big university would be my thing, but it wasn't due to the pressure of grades and intensified exams. I need a smaller school like Evergreen to accomplish my academic goals.

I left two schools. [4-year institution] because it would take 6 years to complete what I was trying to accomplish. I left The Creative Circus because I felt like they were trying to take photography and market everything or even the photograph. It went a [message truncated]

I had gone as far as I could in my previous school. The curriculum at Evergreen just seemed to fit my personality best.

I felt that the large university setting did not provide sufficient (/any) professional support for students who wished to incorporate issues of social justice into creative endeavors. I felt that I the inclusive learning community and interdisciplinary a [message truncated]

I felt that the campus environment was not for me and that I had learned enough from the challenges I faced in that environment. It was time for a change.

I didn't like my previous institution.

i didn't like it there, obviously, because i never met anyone, was always alone, unchallenged in class, i liked it mostly academically but not socially

I didn't find the community college environment to my liking.

I did not like the administrative staff at [2-year institution], the faculty were not much help. I loved the teaching however.

I chose not to go back to a community college because I felt I would learn better and get more out of my education from the academic curriculum Evergreen has in place.

I chose going to [2-year institution] for all of the wrong reasons. I was not getting enough individual attention from professors and I felt that I could not learn sitting in a lecture hall with 400 other people.

I choose to leave because I wanted a change (both academically and geographically) and felt that it did not meet all my needs.

I believe I had received the majority, if not all I could from [2-year institution]

I am not receiving an education that feels worth my time and effort, and most schools seem to continue that trend. Evergreen seems to be one of the only places that truly cares about real learning.

decided the community college wasn't right for me

Completed Associates Degree and looking for different educational experiance because it didn't offered what I needed to continue my education.

[previous institution] is traditional, non-interdisciplinary, specialized, uninspiring, disengaged, apathetic are some adjectives that describe it. I also want to leave home, and get outside of the "academic bubble"

[previous institution] did not have the major that i wanted to pursue. I did not like the atmosphere there.

[4-year institution] ****ing sucks. evergreen is the school I want to attend because the traditional education system isn't trying to educate, but trying to pump out robots to do the work that the economy wants and needs in order to perpetuate its capital

[4-year institution A] was too lax, and [4-year institution B] was too conventional, and I was hoping for a slightly more rigorous education than [4-year institution A]. I loved it, but felt that most students did not give their best or try very hard.

Academic offerings

The wide range of science related courses.

The film and video program was cancelled.

The curriculum did not line up satisfactorily with the way I wanted to approach my own schooling. Evergreen's seems to fit perfectly.

Previous institution didn't have classes I wanted to take.

No other degree's available.

My values and interests shifted, and the field that I was studying did no longer fulfill me.

My previous institution had limited photography classes

it wasn't meeting my needs as far as what classes i could take and how soon i would be able to complete my degree.

it did not offer all the classes I needed

I wasn't in an environment that facilitated me learning the things I wanted to be studying.

I was going to a community college that would not have allowed me to obtain my goals. I had to transfer in order to get the education I truly desired.

I wanted a change from the traditional learning style. I like the idea of doing more hands on learning rather than reading a book and simply taking a test on the information. I want to learn, not just memorize.

I needed to find an institution that allowed for independent & multidisciplinary studies.

I left my former University due to the constraints of the major I was in and not being able to take courses relevant to my interests and career goals.

I left [4-year institution] because the arts were very limited and because I was tired of the bullying I was receiving from peers from being more liberal.

I left [2-year institution] because they didn't provide the classes necessary for my change from a pre-law degree to a pre-med degree. Also, it was more expensive than Evergreen.

I felt that the resources and programs available, and the degrees I was capable of receiving there, didn't completely meet my expectations.

I felt that the large university setting did not provide sufficient (/any) professional support for students who wished to incorporate issues of social justice into creative endeavors. I felt that I the inclusive learning community and interdisciplinary a [message truncated]

I decided to leave my previous institution ([2-year institution]) because they did not offer the sort of courses that interest me. Also I like the fact that you create your own curriculum here at Evergreen, I do better without too many guidelines.

I choose to leave because I wanted a change (both academically and geographically) and felt that it did not meet all my needs.

field of study, academic community, music scene/community, arts community/scene/department, closer to home

Didn't offer Marine Science

DEGREE NOT OFFERED

Because of the lack of art programs, funding (California, community and oppurtinity to go above and beyond in my studies.

[previous institution] did not have the major that i wanted to pursue. I did not like the atmosphere there.

Academic quality or rigor

Poor educational style, too many students, not enough individual attention, too many distractions, poor grades.

Not challenging/engaging enough, few like-minded people

It did not meet my educational expectations or requirements.

I was fed-up with the lack of experience and competency of the faculty at the community college level. I also didn't feel there was communication between school staff, or a feeling of community at the school.

I received my AAOT from [2-year institution], then attended two terms at the [4-year institution], which I found mediocre at best in academics and which had a college culture I did not fit into at all.

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1) They only go as high as associate's. 2) They aren't as good as Evergreen.

[4-year institution] doesn't have the classes that I need in order to accomplish my goals in life, they also lack teachers that have a passion for what they teach unfortunately. I do not like how marketed this school is either, I sometimes feel like money

[4-year institution A] was too lax, and [4-year institution B] was too conventional, and I was hoping for a slightly more rigorous education than [4-year institution A]. I loved it, but felt that most students did not give their best or try very hard.

Can't code

Want to earn experience of studying in the USA, get more professional knowledge on my speciality in order to find better job.

To get out of the state of Florida.

The previous institution I went to [4-year institution] was right after high school. After morally disobeying rules in high school (while getting honor role grades) pursuing a liberal arts grade driven/requirement school was unappealing af [message truncated]

[previous institution]

Class or college size

Needed somewhere smaller and more focused on helping students succeed.

Large school did not appeal to me.

It wasn't a good fit, too big

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Distance from home, social environment, class sizes

Classes were too large School was too large

Level of flexibility

There was not enough flexibility in their fine art curriculum.

I left my former University due to the constraints of the major I was in and not being able to take courses relevant to my interests and career goals.

Location

Technically I am a transfer, but it is my tenth or so "one semester off". My original school is in New England. So you know, it would've been a long commute. I took a semester off way back when in order to gain a better academic attitude which I feel that [message truncated]

Relocated

I took a year off of school to do City Year Seattle-AmeriCorps which is an education-based nonprofit that has AmeriCorps members serve in public schools to address the dropout crisis. I decided I wanted to stay in the area where I served and go to a scho [message truncated]

I moved from New York City not only to attend a better institution and also for personal reasons.

I chose to leave those institutions because I lived to far away from the other schools and it was too expensive to travel back and forth from home to school.

I choose to leave because I wanted a change (both academically and geographically) and felt that it did not meet all my needs.

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Distance from home, social environment, class sizes

Peers or community

The students did not care for higher education, they went because mom and dad paid for it. I wanted a school where people were interested in what they were studying. Also, I could not learn in the "normal" educational environment.

[2-year institution] was too much like high school, and I hated high school. I was harassed during my years in high school and it was just a depressing time for me, and [institution] brought that to the surface too often to focus or get into my classes.

Not challenging/engaging enough, few like-minded people

It is important to me to work with people who share an interest in creating positive, ethical change, and to learn among people who are more serious about their education.

I wasn't learning enough; I felt like I wasn't connecting enough with other students and the teachers.

I was fed-up with the lack of experience and competency of the faculty at the community college level. I also didn't feel there was communication between school staff, or a feeling of community at the school.

I wanted to move on to a four-year university (I was attending [2-year institution]). I wanted to have the "college experience". Additionally, I have some issues with the education system as it stands in most schools and I much prefer the way [message truncated]

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Preparation for a four-year school

No responses.

Running Start/College in the HS

I received my AA from [2-year institution] in running Start 10 years ago, now completing BA.