

Project Name:	Transfer Transition Program
MIU Round:	Round 2
Sponsor(s):	Division of Student Life, Center for the First-Year Experience
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Project Specific Goal and Measures	
Project Impact Measure(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the academic and social transition for transfer students • Increase transfer student participation in high impact practices and engagement in the Wisconsin Experience. • Increase retention and graduation rates for transfer students. • Enhance transfer student satisfaction with their experience at UW-Madison.
Project Impact Data Source(s)	Transfer Transition Program report, APA data (WI Experience participation, NSSE responses disaggregated for transfer students, retention and graduation rates).
Baseline Measure(s)	Program did not formally exist before MIU funding. Baseline data on NSSE responses, participation in WI Experience activities, and retention and graduation rates can be used to evaluate progress to program goals.

General MIU Goals and Measures (applicable to project)	
A Increased access in bottleneck areas	The Transfer Transition program will work with selected departments to reserve sections for transfer students. This helps address the problems experienced by transfer students who register later than continuing students with the same academic level.
C Increased capacity for high-impact practices	<p>The Transfer Transition program will expand the number of transfer student sections in Counseling Psychology 125: A Wisconsin Experience Seminar. The course curriculum will also be modified to meet the transitional needs of transfer students.</p> <p>Work to increase transfer student awareness of the importance of participating in Wisconsin experience activities.</p>
F Decreased achievement gaps	Covered in project goals (increase retention/graduation rates).

Progress Reports

Year 1

- Worked with the following departments/courses to reserve sections for new transfer students: Anthropology 104, Biology 260, Comm Arts 100 and 350, English 100 and 201, Journalism 201.
 - Offered two sections of CS 125 in both Fall 2010 and Spring 2011.
 - Coordinated communication about transfer students issues and events by developing and implementing a new website: www.transfer.wisc.edu.
 - Promoted Wisconsin Experience opportunities and the importance of participation in them at Wisconsin Welcome programs, training of SOAR advisors, and through the newly developed transfer transitions website.
 - Benchmarked transfer orientation and transition programs at other institutions.
 - Built awareness regarding transfer students and solicited feedback on the Transfer Transition Program through a series of information sessions with key stakeholder groups on campus.
 - Established a CFYE grant to inspire campus wide initiatives to enhance the transfer student experience.
 - Created a Transfer Student Advisory Board comprised of undergraduate students to provide guidance to the Transfer Transition program.
 - Revised the mission of the Transfer Advisors Working Group (TAWG) to include serving as an advisory group to the Transfer Transition program.
 - Delivered a welcome dinner event (to 360 new transfer students) to new transfer students in both fall and spring semesters.
 - Started planning efforts for a revised transfer student orientation in summer 2012.
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