



HECC Vision Statement for Transfer

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Oregon's Commitment to Student Transfer

The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) is committed to making learning in Oregon work together—so that education feels connected, not confusing. We partner with K–12 schools, colleges, universities, and job training programs to help students move smoothly from one stage of education to the next.

Building on years of collaboration and progress in student transfer, including the Transfer Student Bill of Rights, we affirm our commitment to student transfer with a renewed vision to guide our future work.

Our Vision

We imagine an Oregon where transferring between colleges is simple, clear, and fair for every student. A strong transfer system should:

- Let students transfer credits without losing time or progress toward their bachelor's degree
- Lower costs by preventing students from having to retake classes
- Make sure all public colleges and universities treat transfer credits consistently
- Give students and families clear, easy-to-find information about how transfer works
- Align common courses and general education requirements so transfer paths are easier to follow
- Build trust and confidence between students and institutions

How We'll Make This Happen

To achieve this vision, we're launching the next phase of transfer work through three main efforts:

1. Stronger Statewide Alignment

We will:

- Align commonly transferred courses, especially in general education and popular majors
- Make graduation requirements for Bachelor of Arts (BA) and Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees more consistent across public universities
- Ensure Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) early college credits are recognized in the same way across the state
- Strengthen major transfer maps so students can complete more major coursework and other degree requirements, making it easier to graduate on time
- Create a lower division transfer block that satisfies general education requirements at all public universities.

2. Clearer Tools for Students

We will:

- Build an easy-to-use online platform where students and families can see how credits transfer and explore degree options

- Create simple guides that highlight Oregon's transfer tools and how they can help students with their educational goals

3. Community Education

We will:

- Host webinars and training sessions for teachers and advisors to help them guide students through transfer options

In Plain Terms

We've made important strides in transfer, and now we're leveraging that strong foundation to create seamless, student-centered pathways for Oregon students.