What can I do to ensure a successful transfer?
Work with a Yavapai College Academic and Career Advisor: (928) 776-2106 or (928) 634-6510. Plan early! Your commitment to a specific program and university directly impacts the success of transferring credits. The longer you wait to make decisions, the more you risk delaying degree completion.

The following is a general timeline to assist you in planning your transfer.

4 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:
- **Visit a YC Academic and Career Advisor** to fine-tune your career goals. Visit yc.edu/advising for helpful tools and then set up an advising appointment.
- **Choose a major** to align with your career goals. Visit yc.edu/careers for helpful tools.
- **Research universities** by visiting their websites, attending University Transfer Days, and working with your YC Academic and Career Advisor. Compare schools that offer your intended program(s) and consider curriculum, cost, transferability of credits, location, housing availability, services, etc. Also try college ranking websites such as usnews.com/rankings. For out-of-state schools, consider residency requirements and understand out-of-state tuition costs.
- **Fine-tune your YC program** to target university requirements. Work with your Academic and Career Advisor, and visit yc.edu/transfer for valuable tools.
- **Begin your college student budget**. Create a budget with up-front costs and ongoing expenses (including tuition, fees, books/supplies, housing, food, transportation, etc.). Your resources to meet these costs may include part-time work, financial aid, savings, and a frugal lifestyle. Your budget is a living document; keep it healthy by regularly adjusting costs vs. resources to stay on track! Check out saltmoney.org.

3 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:
- **Choose a university** that offers what you want based on your comparisons.
- **Learn about university admissions** as well as admission requirements specific to your program. This information is found in catalogs and on university websites. Contact a university admissions representative as early as possible.

2 SEMESTERS BEFORE TRANSFERRING:
- **Continue working** with your Academic and Career Advisor to assist with course selection that is applicable for your degree and is transferable.
- **Plan a visit** to the university. Sign up for a recruitment event and/or schedule a meeting with the academic program advisor. Bring questions to direct your decision-making process!
- **Create a calendar** of important deadlines for admission, financial aid, housing, and special program applications. Also note withdrawal and refund deadlines in case your plans change unexpectedly.
- **Apply for admission**. Include all required transcripts, test scores, forms, and documents.
- **Apply early for financial aid** – federal, state, institutional – before the school’s priority date. Also search for private scholarships to minimize or avoid borrowing.
- **Apply for housing**, if needed.

1 SEMESTER BEFORE TRANSFERRING:
- **Apply for YC graduation** with your Academic Advisor. Fall deadline: Oct 1. Spring deadline: March 1.
- **Order YC transcripts** by logging on to the Yavapai College website. You may need to send official transcripts once for admission and again after your final grades and degree/certificate are posted.
- **Respond immediately** to all requests for more information.
- **Attend new student orientation** sessions or use online orientation tools.