UT Transfer Conference
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Admissions

- Transfer 101.org – is a good college transfer information page for students
  - http://transfer101.org/
- 60 hour transfer residency requirement at UT
- Transfer applications for this year: 7,000; 2,900 were admits; 2,200 of those enrolled
- They look at actual grades + personal achievement + other factors
- Impacted majors
  - Business
  - Engineering
  - Architecture
  - Geo Sciences
  - Communications
  - Pharmacy
  - Fine Arts
- Less impacted
  - Liberal Arts
  - Nursing
  - Natural Science
  - Sociology
  - Undergraduate Studies
- Competition is by major and the numbers vary each year
- GPA determines initial position in pool of applicants, then
  - Required courses for specific area of study already completed
  - Evidence of positive academic trend
  - Letters of recommendation; personal resume
  - Special circumstances - socio-economic, hardships, culture will be looked at
- Admissions places students on a grid based on above categories
  - GPA, achievement
- UT Transitions
  - free help to students wanting to transfer
- SB 175
  - automatic admission to UT from a 2-year college
  - graduated in high school top 10%
  - completed core and a minimum of 2.5 GPA
  - although not guaranteed to a specific college at UT
- Transfer students are required to take a math assessment (ALEKS)
- Music department requires auditions also
- Direct students to “be a longhorn” web site
  - http://bealonghorn.utexas.edu/
- Encourage students to visit campus early
Undergraduate Studies

- for undecided majors or those who weren’t accepted into their chosen college
- they help student find alternative majors right from the start
- Wayfinder
  - new website to look at majors/careers
  - www.utexas.edu/ugs/wayfinder
  - games, career exploration, chat room, assessments
  - will include all majors by the fall

Engineering

- nationally ranked 9th
- offers study abroad program
- 5,000+ undergrads
- 10 different majors
- Aerospace - average starting salary is 58k
- Architecture - 61k
- Bio-medical - 56k
  - Design/development of medical/hospital equipment
- Chemistry - 71k
  - design and production
- Civil - 59k
  - bridge design, city planning
- Electrical/computer - 66k
  - computer chips, wireless
- Mechanical - 67k
  - design, create devices & systems
- Petroleum - 87k
  - oil & gas exploration, environmental regulations
- Take chemistry, calculus, english & physics
- must have completed calculus I & II before accepted
- write a statement of purpose (related to engineering)
- research major before choosing
- They look at calculus closely - shoot for an A

Communication

- Advertising and Public Relations
  - School name change
  - Selling a product
  - Advertising Management is now called Account Planning
    - In 2 areas: Texas Creative & Texas Media
- Public Relations
  - Selling an image
  - Many writing intensive courses
- Communications & Science Disorders: 3 tracks
  - Audiology, deafness studies, speech language pathology
  - Prepares students for master’s degree
- Communication Studies: 3 areas
  - Corporate Communications – conflict resolution; corporate area
  - Human Relations - prepare for counseling degree, HR offices
  - Political Communication - speech writing; good for law school
• Journalism: 4 areas  
  o Print - newspaper, magazine, copy editing  
  o Broadcast - radio/TV newscasts  
  o Photo Journalism - not just taking pictures  
  o Multi-media - reporting online  
• Must take a grammar/spelling test when accepted  
• Photography & Visual Design courses must be taken in residence  
  o Journalism 318 & 319  
• Radio/TV/Film: 3 areas  
  o Media studies  
  o Production - making films  
  o Screen writing - TV or feature films  
• Animation, digital arts areas also available  
• Can minor in another area, but not in communications  
• Semester in Los Angeles - 12 hours coursework  
  o 3 of which is hands-on in the field  
• Finish foreign language requirement at 2-year college  
  o Or at least complete the freshman year  
• 3.0 GPA to be considered  
  o RTF wants a 3.5 and some experience helps

Business

• New change in admissions requirements  
• 30 hours transferable coursework required  
• 3.0 minimum GPA  
• Complete Calculus I & II; Economics I & II (must be completed by spring before fall start)  
• 86 transfers admitted in 2009  
  o 42% from 2 year colleges  
  o Average GPA - 3.9  
• Accept applications for fall only  
• If applying as a junior - take ACCT courses at 2 yr. college  
  o Otherwise take them at UT  
• Integrated MBA program has their own study abroad program and career office  
• Really focus on leadership qualities once GPA has been met

Nursing

• Shortage in certain areas, but not all  
  o Want more BSN nurses and graduate nurse practitioners  
  o Need nursing faculty  
  o Ranked in top 10 nationwide  
  o RN-BSN transition program has room for more students  
  o Several nurse practitioners programs (MSN)  
  o They look at GPA of science courses & GPA of overall courses  
    ▪ Also look at UT course GPA  
  o Volunteer/work experience important  
  o Must have an excellent essay  
  o Average GPA was a 3.5  
  o Nutrition & Chemistry courses transfer  
    ▪ BIOL 1322, HOEC 1322, CHEM 1401  
  o Pharmacology must be taken at UT  
    ▪ Waived in ADN-BSN program
• No time-frame on science courses
  o But if older than 5 years old, they suggest a retake
• Students accepted to UT as a pre-nursing major in sciences or liberal arts
• Then will apply to school of Nursing when competitive
• Will look at repeated pre-requisite courses

**Natural Sciences**

• ALEKS - assessment placement program for math
  o Online assessment places students in math courses
• Required for all students taking math courses at UT
• Can use ALEKS for tutoring
• Those with Calculus I completed are not required to take ALEKS
• Can use ALEKS before attending UT (after accepted)
  o Through UT’s website
• Math 1332, (Math 302) does not require ALEKS
• Don’t break sequence in any courses
• Take both freshmen level or both sophomore level
  o In BIO, CHEM, MATH, etc.
• Take both BIO A & P at same college
• Contact department early
• Environmental Science is a new major- lots of hands-on

**Liberal Arts**

• Largest college at UT - 55 majors
• International Relations & Global studies - new majors
• Foreign language sequences changing to 3, 5 or 6 hours courses
• Take foreign language sequence at 2 year college
• It’s not the hours that are important
  o it’s finishing the 4th level foreign language course
• [www.utexas.edu/cola](http://www.utexas.edu/cola) click “Ask Libby”
  o Ask questions online for Liberal Arts

**Education**

• Visit early
• 3 different degrees
• BS in Athletic Training
  o Come in as pre-athlete training - then apply to program
• Applied Learning & Development – for teaching majors
  o EC- 6 generalist - requires ESL in program
  o All-level special education available
• BS in Kinesiology & Health
  o Applied Movement – if you want to teach P.E. or coach
  o Exercise Science - towards grad school or Physical Therapy
    ▪ Heavy science degree
  o Health Promotion - personal trainer, health field, PT, nutritionist
• Sports Management – for business side of sports
  o first takes pre-requisites courses in Physical Culture & Sports
  o enter PC&S then apply to Sports Management major
• Physical Culture & Sports- prepare students for grad programs
  o broadcasting, journalism in sports
- New science courses for teachers - Science for the 21st Century I, II, & III
  - NSC 306 J,K,L
- If you can, wait on science until you get to UT for education majors
  - Otherwise, will have to repeat science courses
  - But can do a reverse transfer
- Math 1332 will work
- 2 semesters of foreign language required by course or test
- Less competition in spring

**Articulation - Keith Baird**

- ATE system - good search program for transfer courses
  - Automated Transfer Equivalency
  - Transfer guides available here
  - Can select and follow older transfer guides
- All UT colleges have now adopted the new core curriculum
- BIOL 1408 & 1409 will work for science transfers
- 2 new calculus courses just for natural science majors
  - M408N & M408S = MATH 2413 & 2414
- BIOL A&P courses at UT are now upper division
  - However, will accept A&P 2401 & 2402
- Foreign Language - 4 courses compressed into 3
  - Includes transfer courses and testing out
  - Suggest taking all foreign language courses at the community college

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