

Buffalo State College Transfer Finder Fact Sheet

Transfer Finder is a tool in Degree Works which allows students to go “Degree Shopping” at all 63 of our SUNY partner schools.

It should be used to help students who want to see a snapshot of how their courses may transfer to another SUNY school in a degree program of their choice.

By logging into the portal and then into Degree Works students and faculty may compare SUNY schools and see how and where their Buffalo State courses fill degree requirements in various degree programs.

The tool creates a “What if” by pulling in the student’s Buffalo State coursework and running a degree audit against a selected program. You may compare up to 3 different programs/colleges at once and see the results displayed in an audit display similar to Buffalo State’s.

Each institution accepts transfer courses differently. The number of credits and the grades that are acceptable for transfer are dependent on each institution unique transfer policies. Students should speak with a representative at the transfer school if they have questions.

Only three programs/colleges can be compared at once. If the student wants to compare more than three programs/colleges, they have the option to save the transfer audit as a PDF. There is a link to do so on the Transfer What If Audit detail page.

The Transfer Finder tool is especially useful in ensuring that all General Education courses are transferring seamlessly. Seven out of ten General Education categories must be completed at all SUNY institutions in order to earn a degree. When a General Education course is transferred and meets one of these categories, you will see “GETA Class Used” in the audit which indicates a course has been applied to that specific category. (The categories are Mathematics, Basic Communication, Natural Science, Social Science, American History, Western Civilization, Other World Civilizations, Humanities, The Arts, and Foreign Language).

The Transfer Finder Audit will show the degree completion percentages displayed in a progress bar. Buffalo State does not use progress bars in our audit so this will be a new feature for our students. Degree progress is divided into two separate categories: Requirements and Credits.

The requirements bar indicates the percentage of requirements that the student has completed or is registered and working towards. The credits bar indicates the percentage of credits that the student has successfully completed.

Copies of the Transfer Finder audits are not saved anywhere within the system. The only way to save the audit for future use or comparison is to use the Save Audit as PDF functionality.

Some SUNY institutions are still working to implement the Transfer Finder tool on their campuses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Transfer Finder, please email audit@buffalostate.edu