



TRANSFER STUDENT PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

The Transfer Peer Mentor Program has served as a core distinctive of the Transfer Success Center at the University of Wyoming since February 2018. The Program is a focused, high-impact initiative designed to support the transition experience and long-term success of incoming transfer students.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Transfer students often face unique challenges as new, upper-division students joining a campus community. Making connections with other students is often key to a successful transition.

Transfer Peer Mentors serve as academic and social role models for transfer students, sharing personal experiences and best practices as they guide new students through a successful transition to the University. Peer Mentors are leaders, encouragers, sounding boards, and points of contact who work diligently to help transfer students become a part of the UW community. Peer Mentors highlight campus resources, connect students with academic and social opportunities, and serve as experienced guides who can assist students facing challenges.

Peer Mentors begin communicating with incoming students early in the admissions process, and afterward offer one-on-one and small group support through the end of the student's first academic year. They assist with transfer orientation and welcome week activities, as well as supporting the transfer-focused First-Year Seminar (FYS) course. In addition, Peer Mentors conduct research, test technology platforms, and assist with hosting visiting student groups.

WHO ARE TRANSFER PEER MENTORS?

- Current UW transfer students who are familiar with the transfer student process and experience
- Individuals who are energetic and enthusiastic about helping others
- Hardworking, flexible, and self-motivated employees who value team-collaborative efforts
- Individuals who value cultural and personal diversity

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU TODAY?

Peer Mentors are available to talk with you, whether you are a current/prospective student, parent, or staff member.

Visit www.uwyo.edu/transfer for a listing of current mentors and majors, or write to transfer@uwyo.edu to be connected automatically.

BENEFITS OF CONNECTING WITH A PEER MENTOR

- Peer Mentors are great for making personal connections (via call, text, virtual, in person, etc.), offering support, answering questions, and helping you find resources
- Peer Mentors can answer those “How does this work at UW?” questions
- Peer Mentors can provide tips and tricks on the best places to eat, shop, socialize, exercise, live, etc. in Laramie and the surrounding region

WANT TO BECOME A PEER MENTOR?

We hire Transfer Peer Mentors to year-round, paid positions and provide training and one-on-one support. The positions are flexible and designed to work around student schedules.

The peer mentor position offers opportunities to:

- Grow in personal development, leadership communication, and mentoring
- Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills
- Think critically and exhibit problem-solving
- Develop meaningful relationships with others
- Build the UW community and culture

Application: Interested students must complete the Transfer Student Peer Mentor Application at <https://goo.gl/forms/pSJOQNNNlqHC8tqr1>. Please provide all requested information. Questions about the program or application process can be directed to transfer@uwyo.edu.



TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS

“The University of Wyoming was completely different from my former school. I reached out to a few peer mentors before I started, and they helped me feel comfortable with the transition. I still stay in touch with them.”

“When I started, I had a lot of questions about where to live and about my classes transferring. My peer mentor was a great resource. She checked in regularly to make sure I was doing okay, and if she didn’t know how to answer something, she researched and followed up later.”

“The peer mentor I worked with became kind of an instant friend. She was friendly, knowledgeable, and just seemed genuine. My former school didn’t have any program like this.”

“I’m incredibly thankful this program exists.”



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