Tips for Transfer Students

Being a transfer student can be challenging. You may not be a freshman, but you are new to our institution. It can be difficult to adjust when you don’t know many people, but there are ways to ease your transition to Columbia College.

Go to orientation
Orientation is a great time to meet other students, learn your way around campus, and get answers to any questions you may have. Many of the students participating in orientation will be freshman students. You may feel a bit out of place, since you’ve already got a year or more of school under your belt, but don’t let that hold you back. Get out there, meet people, and make connections.

Join a club or organization
Clubs and organizations are a great way to meet people who have interests similar to yours, and the group can serve as a social network. Columbia College has over forty clubs, organizations, and academic honor societies available for you to join. Sign up today and start meeting people!

Take advantage of Facebook
Social networking sites such as Facebook can be very useful for students trying to make connections on campus. It is easy to find new friends and acquaintances at Columbia College. Get connected and get questions answered by your new online friends.

Take advantage of opportunities to socialize
You will have many chances to socialize, and you should definitely say yes whenever you can. If someone interesting to you asks you to hang out on Miller Lawn or to join them for dinner in Dulany, take them up on their offer. Saying yes to opportunities like this can be the easiest way to make lasting friendships on campus.

Get a job on campus
Apply early for a campus job. Working on campus can have many benefits; it will teach you time management skills, provide opportunities to meet new people, and put a little extra cash in your pocket.

Find a place to live
Living in the residence halls is the easiest way to meet people where you live. You’ll be in close contact with lots of people, including other transfers, international students, and students from different grade levels. It’s impossible not to meet new people with similar interests to yours in the residence halls. If you live off campus, try to find some areas where other off-campus students live, so you can have potential classmates as neighbors.

Ask questions!
Every school is different. Some policies and procedures at Columbia College may be different policies at your old school, so don’t assume that you know how everything works. Ask questions to ensure that you know how things work here.