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## FREDOINA TRANSFER ROAD MAP

TRANSFER PERSONA

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## Transfer Persona:

## Goal-Oriented and Determined

As a highly directed persona, a goal oriented student has well-defined aspirations and goals and rely on transfer sites to support their decision-making process. They refer to sites frequently to educate themselves on the transfer process and stay up-to-date on requirements and deadlines

From high-school, the student has planned to transfer from a two-year to a four-year institution. They had access to academic advisors who could help them plan their major coursework and are very clear about what they want to do.

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The student is excited about their major or career choice because they have some relevant life experience. They're doing their best to plan ahead but are struggling because the institution keeps throwing them curveballs.

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The student has a strong desire to succeed but is balancing multiple priorities — family, work, school, and other obligations — and might feel their progress is too slow.

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The student has dreamed of attending a particular institution since childhood. Unfortunately, the experience isn't as expected, and they need to relocate for personal, social, financial, or academic reasons..

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As an overcoming obstacles persona, a decidedly undecided student is one who wants to transfer but might not have a clear path to follow due to a lack of resources at their previous institution. They may explore the site to find proactive guidance and tangible support for navigating the transfer process

The student has an array of skills and talents and is interested in multiple disciplines. As a result, students are struggling to commit to a particular career and/or degree program.

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The student has dreamed of a specific career for years but is realizing they are unlikely to be admitted to their preferred program. Student feels sad and confused about next steps.

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The student is working hard to make the right choices but is having trouble navigating the system due to unfamiliar policies and processes or lack of (or mis-) information.

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# Transfer Persona: Unsure/Questioning

As an overcoming obstacles persona, a unsure/questioning student is one who wants to transfer but might not have a clear path to follow due to a lack of resources at their previous institution. They may explore the site to find proactive guidance and tangible support for navigating the transfer process

The student isn't sure if attending college right now is the best choice. They are enrolled because it is what they are "supposed to do" and may not be committed to finishing a college degree.

# Let's map out your time at Fredonia...

Choose your credit range and see what steps you should be taking in order to make the most of your time here!

#### 1-29 Credits

- Academic Steps
  - o Introduce yourself to your academic advisor, or continue to build a partnership with them
  - Learn how to navigate DegreeWorks and YourConnection
  - Review and explore your Fredonia Foundations Requirements

#### Extracurricular Steps

- Join the Transfer Student Organization (TSO) in order to meet other transfer students and get involved!
- Join a club or organization the sparks your interest or career aspirations
- Get involved in your residence hall and make it your new home. Ask your RD if there are other transfers in your residence hall

- Visit The Career Development Office on campus to expand your transfer student momentum
- Create a resume! Keep track of your relevant experiences and skills. Maintain and update throughout undergrad experience

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- Need to declare a major? You are encouraged to explore any transfer ambitions with your advisor or The Career Development Office!
- Consider joining and engaging with the Transfer Student Council
- o Participate in the National Transfer Student Week! Brought to you by NISTIS

#### **30-59 Credits**

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- o Determine electives that interest you and your career aspirations
- Consider creating a new personal email address if your current one is not professional. Add a signature of your relevant achievements
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#### Extra Curricular Steps

- Maintain your leadership position for your club or organization. Encourage other transfers to embrace new positions
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- Highly consider becoming a transfer mentor! Positively impact the next generation of transfers!

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