

AGSC & ALABAMA TRANSFERS

PRIORITY & GOALS UPDATE A Status Report as of January 2024

Background:

At our summer meeting in late July, the AGSC agreed to make the following items a priority:

Continuing Our Work

Establishing 2023-2024 Priorities & Goals



The Articulation & General Studies Committee (AGSC) and the Alabama Transfers Staff will commit to addressing the following priorities/goals in 2023-2024:

The Alabama Transfers Staff will:

1. Continue to work to improve and add new features to the new website/database.
2. Continue to train, educate, and re-engage transfer students, advisors, counselors, academic committee members, and administrators in relation to the new website and on-going AGSC activities.
3. Continue to market and promote the Alabama Transfers program in order to improve/increase system usage.

The AGSC will:

1. Host the 6th Annual Achieve Conference
2. Evaluate and analyze CLEP and AP in an effort to create a useful crosswalk matrix to bring attention to and address possible issues or problems.
3. Continue work of General Studies Core Sub-Committee with a goal of addressing the following:
 - Identify what general studies should look like in five years
 - Identify the mission of general studies in Alabama
 - Identify and address the challenges and/or barriers that prevent action on revising the general studies core
4. Address sequencing issues in Areas II and IV (Literature and History).
5. Work with Alabama Transfers staff to develop and recommend a succession plan.



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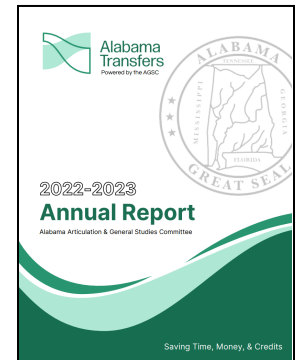


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The Alabama Transfers Staff will:

- Continue to work to improve and add new features to the new website/database.

The staff has already added a few new features to the website (i.e., **OVERALL SYSTEM USAGE REPORTS PAGE**) and we are working to build out new features that we hope to launch in the near future. We have made some updates and changes to the back-end of the website data structure to increase speed and load times for website content. We also have integrated site data analytic pages that track real-time website traffic and usage.

- Continue to train, educate, and re-engage transfer students, advisors, counselors, academic committee members, and administrators in relation to the new website and on-going AGSC activities.

Since July of 2023, we have hosted multiple zoom meetings and traveled to multiple campus visits to promote and publicize the new Alabama Transfers program in order to educate and train our primary end-user groups. We will present multiple times at the 2024 ACHIEVE Conference in March. We now send out a quarterly newsletter (THE ADVISOR) to promote transfer student success and share the on-going work of Alabama Transfers and the AGSC. If you would like to have us meet with your faculty or advising staff, please contact our office and we will be glad to set up these training sessions. We are working on new training videos and hope to make those available via our website in 2024. We have also worked with the community colleges to update their websites to reflect the change from STARS to Alabama Transfers.

- Continue to market and promote the Alabama Transfers program in order to improve/increase system usage.

In addition to what is discussed above, we have ordered various marketing and promotional items (pens, highlighters, posters, coffee mugs, phone chargers, and lanyards) that are given to students, advisors, and administrators to help get the word out about Alabama Transfers and encourage use of the new website.

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The AGSC will:

- Host the 6th Annual Achieve Conference

Conference is set for March 27 and March 28 of 2024. This year's conference will be hosted on the campus of the University of South Alabama. In addition, Bishop State Community College and Coastal Alabama Community College will co-host this year's conference. If you want to attend or find out more about this year's conference, please visit: <https://alabamatransfers.com/achieve-conference>

- Evaluate and analyze CLEP and AP in an effort to create a useful crosswalk matrix to bring attention to and address possible issues or problems.

The Alabama Transfers staff has been working with the four-year institutions and the Alabama Community College System (ACCS) office to gather updated AP and CLEP information in an effort to begin to create a useful Alabama AP/CLEP matrix that we can store and make available on the Alabama Transfers website. One obstacle that we have encountered is that many required scores and equivalent courses vary from community college to community college. We would like to see more consistency and continuity across the ACCS schools in regards to how AP/CLEP credits are awarded. In the past the AGSC has made a recommendation to the Chief Academic Officers across the state to all accept a score of "3" for all AP credit coursework. So far, this request has gained little to no traction and many of the universities still require a test score of "4" or "5".

- Continue work of General Studies Core Sub-Committee with a goal of addressing the following:
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No additional work has been done on this priority as of January 2024. The AGSC sub-committee in charge of this effort is encouraged to meet and begin to address this priority.

- Address sequencing issues in Areas II and IV (Literature and History).

The Alabama Transfers staff is working on an electronic survey to send out to provosts, registrars, and advising groups to obtain feedback regarding the sequencing issues in Areas II and IV. Hope to send this out and receive feedback on this issue over the next 4-5 months. The staff will present the results and feedback to the AGSC at a future meeting -Hopefully this summer.

- Work with Alabama Transfers staff to develop and recommend a succession plan.

The Alabama Transfers staff is currently working on a DRAFT Succession Plan. Once the DRAFT is ready, they will bring it before the AGSC sub-committee in charge of this effort for review and discussion. A final plan will be discussed at a future AGSC meeting.