

Triton Transfer Exit

Survey Report 2023

The 2023 Class of Triton Transfers were asked to complete an exit survey, reflecting on their transfer experience, engagement, and future plans. **12%** of survey recipients (students who filed Spring 2023 DDA) responded, giving us approximately 240 students. Here are some highlights on what we learned.

* Insights

1 Triton Transfer Student Engagement

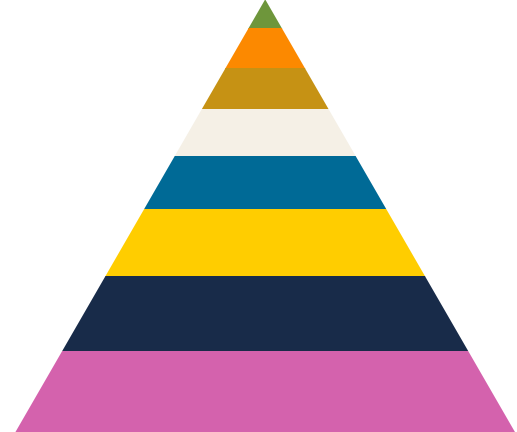
89%
↑ by 1% from 2021

engaged with the Triton Transfer Hub in both passive (email/social media) and active (peer coach/workshop). Most common engagement was through our social media and newsletter reviews.

94% engaged outside the classroom.
↓ by 2% from 2022

Clubs/orgs continue to top the list for ways transfers engage outside of the classroom.

Top theme for students who did not engage: commuting. "Everything was made available for people who lived on campus. Not very commuter friendly school, so made it difficult to do anything outside of class time."



2 Themes related to feeling welcomed or unwelcomed

75% felt welcomed or very welcomed at to UCSD. Below are the top three reasons for when students shared they felt welcomed or unwelcomed.



Events

The different events happening on campus throughout the two years I was here made me feel welcomed.



Transfer Hub/Peer Coaches

Programs like Triton Transfer Hub making different approaches to transfer students in order to make them feel welcomed and appreciated!!



People in general

Individuals like O.L.s, people on library walk, kind classmates and professors.



Lack of Resources

The lack of support for transfers in academics.

The lack of resources as well as difficulty in getting the resources I needed...Feeling like a freshman as a 3rd year.



Disinterested classmates

Everyone in class was friendly but didn't seem to want to hang out but more have someone to message if they missed class.

The un-social culture and general inability to engage with the community, both within the transfer community, my major and Tritons in general.



Age

Exclusion due to perceived age gap and thus not being part of peer group,

Everyone was younger than me.

3 Where transfers found sense of belonging

1. Student Orgs/Clubs

I am part of a club called Women In Business and I found myself loving that club and it's people a lot. Some even will probably be my lifelong friends.

Club sports. Those are my people and my community.

2. Housing

My roommates in Rita Atkinson Residences. I was blessed with great roommates and felt a sense of belonging with them as we are all transfers and going through similar journeys but different paths.

I would say my roommates. I really lucked out having great roomies.

3. Tie: Classroom & Transfer Hub

I think in my classes because I realized that there's a lot more transfer students than I imagined so it was like a community!

Triton Transfer Hub because I was surrounded by like-minded people.

Fun Fact For the first time in the three years conducting this survey, not finding a sense of belonging was not found in a top theme.

4 The impact of space - a new Transfer Hub

The Triton Transfer Hub moved into a new space in Winter 2023 which increased visits by 153%. The impact of this move on sense of belonging and connection was reflected in qualitative responses:

"It helped me feel like there was a **space for students like me**, that I had resources that were tailored to help me succeed."

"It provided a specific space for transfers at UCSD and allowed for **other transfer students to connect** with one another."

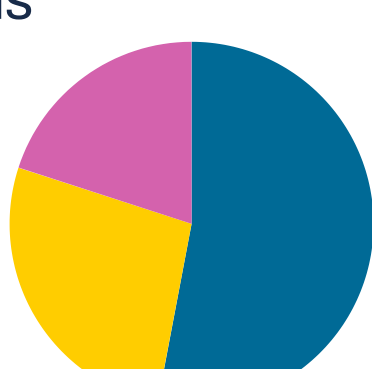
"Now having the new place on campus, it is **nice to be recognized as an integrative part of the student body**."

"I think the most useful resource for UCSD transfers is the transfer hub as it provides a quite **place to study for people to meet** and relax compared to Geisel or other study space on campus that are generally crowded."

5 Alumni engagement plans

Students were asked in what ways they would want to participate as an alumni. 80% indicated they would volunteer their time or provide funding to departments and resources that would help them out.

For those who shared they were not interested in giving back, top reasons included student beliefs that UCSD funds were not allocated appropriately, UCSD had enough money, and negative experiences.



6 Advice to their past self:

Everything works out in the end. Try to create a plan for yourself early on and take your time, time goes by quickly and you'll be graduating before you know it.

Don't stress. I know that it may be a lot at first but you will be fine. You deserve to be here!

Work hard but take care of yourself.

College can be lonely sometimes, but it doesn't have to be if you are willing to step outside your comfort zone to join organizations and attend social events.

Be actively searching resources on campus, don't just bury yourself in the study. Look up and look around. Ask help if you are in trouble and help others while you're strong.

Get involved in things you find passion in, don't overwhelm yourself with doing too much at once.

Take some time to get to know the system and your surroundings. Engage in school activities.

Feedback & Recommendations from the Transfer Student Success Council

Apply the information above and recommendations based on what is relevant to your mission.

1. Consider how to continue building community for transfer students as the campus continues to grow (physically and virtually).

2. Find ways to provide individualized, or customized, services to meet the diverse needs of the transfer population.