

Transfer Mentor Expectations & Responsibilities

Goals

A Transfer Mentor's role is to assist a new transfer student (Transfer Mentee) with their transition into the Binghamton University Community and Bearcat family.

Why become a mentor?

The transition into Binghamton is a different and unique experience for everyone. No one transfer student has the same experience as another. Through your own experience, you have the knowledge and/or tips to help make a transfer student transition smooth. Not only will the Transfer Mentor Program be a great addition to your resume, but it will also provide you with a sense of giving back to a new transfer student, accomplishment and perhaps form a lifelong friendship.

Mentor Expectations

There are several expectations that Transfer Mentors must meet, including:

- Spend at least one hour per week for a minimum of one semester with your mentee doing whatever you'd like
- Call and email them regularly just to check-in and see how they are doing and if they need anything
- As the mentee becomes more comfortable as the semester progresses, still keep in touch. You may not talk as often, but it is still important to touch base throughout the semester, particularly during key times such as the beginning of the year, midterms, registration, Thanksgiving Break and finals week.

Some ideas of things to do with your mentee(s):

Loneliness can be the hardest thing for a new transfer to overcome, so ensure that your time spent with your mentee(s) makes the person feel more comfortable on-campus and will connect them with others. As a Transfer Mentor, you can come up with your own ideas for things to do. The activities should assist your mentees in getting to know the Binghamton campus and surrounding community. Some possible ideas include:

- Meet for coffee
- Have a meal together, on or off-campus
- Show them around campus, identifying residential communities and their amenities, academic and recreational facilities, identifying campus shortcuts
- Use their schedules, walk them through buildings to find their classrooms,
- Take OCCT and explore the other campuses such as ITC, UDC and SOOPES
- Talk with them about joining a campus club or organization, intramurals or club sports team through B-engaged
- Invite your mentee to go with you to an on-campus event (i.e., basketball game, club meeting, campus workshop or program, Late Nite in the Union)
- Play pool, go bowling, or play video games, etc. in the University Union
- Explore locals and happenings in the Greater Binghamton area (i.e., restaurants, shopping, local attractions)
- Introduce them to people you know

By becoming a **Transfer Mentor**, you will be doing something so wonderful for someone else. Thank you for the gift of your kindness and friendship. It will mean so much to the lives you touch.

If you have any questions, please contact the Transfer Student Services Office

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