



Middlesex Check Points

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Your Associate Degree and Beyond – Semester 1 (3-18 credits)

- What are your short term and long-term goals at Middlesex?
What are your reasons for attending college?
Do you have a dream career?
- Are you in the correct major to reach your goals?
- Major review and career exploration. Find your best fit!
Complete FOCUS2, if needed
- Will you need a Bachelor's degree or higher?
- Are you doing well in your courses? Have you connected with tutoring, math, and writing centers for help or advice?
- Do your professors know you? Do you know your instructors' names?
- Have you met with your Academic Advisor?
- Review the **Academic Pathway Map** for your program.
<https://catalog.middlesex.mass.edu/content.php?catoid=24&navoid=2190>
- Explore schools you may transfer to after completing your Associate Degree.
Research the programs, the school dynamics/setting, and school deadlines
Create a **College Information Chart** – School info, contacts, deadlines, your thoughts etc.
- Benefits of completing your Associate Degree before transferring.

Building Bridges – Semester 2 (16-30 credits)

- Degree audit and grade check – In MyMCC left side menu
Do you need to retake any courses? Most schools want a C or better in each course.
- Continue to check in with your Academic or Faculty Advisor for support and advice.
- Deadlines – Add important dates to your phone/calendar as needed.
- Course Equivalencies – How do your courses line up with your transfer school(s)?
Find program curriculum at your desired school(s)
Look at the school's transfer dictionary if available, or Mass Transfer website.
Connect with the transfer school's Admission/Registrar's office if you need assistance.
- FAFSA needs to be completed each year for financial aid review.
- Begin your transfer scholarship search - <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/foundation/external.aspx>

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Transfer Prep – Semester 3 (30- 45 credits)

- Revisit your College Information Chart (Details in semester 1)
 - Are your views the same?
 - Is your school list current and up to date?
- Review Deadlines – Applications, application checklists, financial aid, scholarships, open houses, etc.
- Continue researching scholarship applications - <https://www.middlesex.mass.edu/transfer/>
- FAFSA and Financial Aid
 - March 1st** is a common FAFSA priority deadline
- Are you on track with your program? Check your Degree Audit in MyMCC
 - Do you need to retake any courses or adjust your plan?
 - Is your GPA what your transfer schools/programs are looking for?

- Applying to Schools
 - March 1st is a common priority deadline for Fall entry and October 1 for Spring entry.
 - Check with your schools!
 - MassTransfer – Review deadlines
 - Private and out-of-state schools - Review deadlines
 - Start your essay; Help is available with our writing center or your English instructor.
 - Request recommendation letters
 - See if application fee is required.
- Send transcripts from all schools.
 - Your MCC transcript should include this semester's grades.

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Transfer Prep – Semester 4 (45 credits - Completion ☺)

- Apply to graduate from Middlesex Community College!
- Review prior Check Point items and deadlines. Complete the items you have not done.
- Learn about your transfer school:
 - When is Orientation?
 - What are the support systems at the school? Where are they located?
 - Have you inquired about course schedules and registration?
 - What student groups would you be interested in joining?
 - Are you looking to live on campus? What are the housing application deadlines?
 - What payment options are available, if financial aid does not cover everything?
- Send **FINAL** transcripts once graduation is complete.