

Is your student or advisee thinking about transferring from Hartwick?

Transferring to another college is a big decision—and one that should, ideally, involve the same level of research and reflection on the part of the student that preceded his or her decision to come to Hartwick.

It's important to know **why** the student is thinking of transferring—and to do our best to get to the real reason. In that way, if it's an issue that can be resolved by actions on our part (e.g. roommate or residence hall issues, not sure what s/he wants to major in, finances, etc.) we can put them in touch with the staff/offices that may be able to help.

Attached is a checklist that will be helpful to guide the student through this process. It's possible that his or her first contact—you—may be the **only** contact the student makes with faculty or staff regarding this decision, so it's important to gather as much information as possible. The intent is to help the student discover what school is the best fit for him/her—whether or not that institution is Hartwick.

Below are some ideas that may help you start the conversation:

- I understand that you are thinking of transferring to _____.
- I learned through the HEART committee that you are thinking of transferring...(if applicable)
- The decision to transfer is a big one—and I'd like to help you explore it further.
- In helping you explore your options, please understand that my intent is not to convince you that Hartwick is the only college for you—but to make sure you're at the **right** college for you.

Following are questions that may be helpful in this process:

- What factors are causing you to think about transferring?
- Do you have another institution in mind? What makes that institution attractive to you?
- What are your current classes like? Interesting? Boring? (if the student is bored, remind them that intro classes are just that—basic classes—and that further on, classes are more in-depth, and possibly more interesting to him/her)
- What do you hope to major in? (If a major is not offered here, an Individual Student Program, or ISP, may be an option).