

Profile and Performance

Profile and Performance of BC Transfer Students (2013/14-2017/18)



Profile and performance of undergraduate students transferring from more than 30 BC Transfer System (BCTS) institutions to 6 BC Research Universities (or "RUs"). These RUs are all members of the Research Universities' Council of BC (RUCBC).

For more information about RUCBC, see <http://www.rucbc.ca/>

Student mobility to colleges, institutes and other universities is beyond the scope of this report.

(This infographic is a summary of key findings. The full report is available at bccat.ca/search/publications.)



Who is included in this study?

RU Transfer Students are a subset of all mobile undergraduate students in BC who moved to 6 universities between 2013/14 and 2017/18.



RRU SFU TRU
UBC UNBC UVic

All Mobile Students in BC (~53,000/year)



RU Transfer Students (10%)

RU Transfer Students...

2.0+

are admitted with post-secondary GPA of 2.0 or higher.

15+

bring more than 15 credits from a different college, institute, or university.

36%

constitute more than 1/3 of all students admitted in a year at the 6 universities (on average).

Students from across the province take advantage of BC's transfer pathways.

Total # RU Transfer Students in 5 yrs



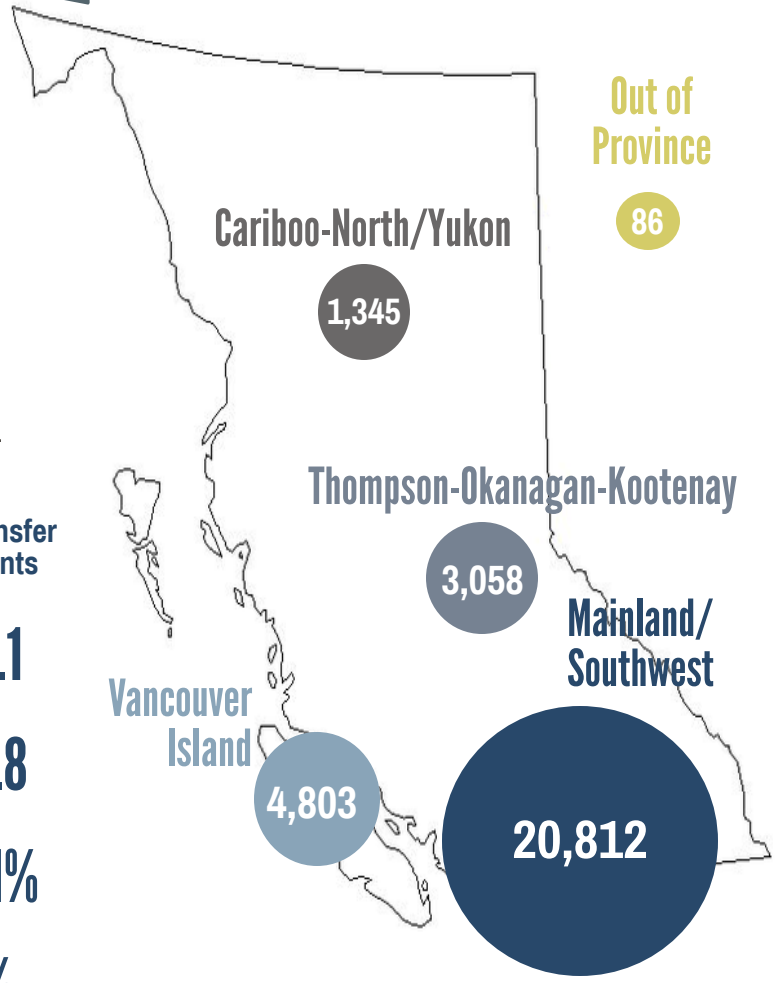
25%

Almost 1/4 of RU transfer students come from private BC Transfer System institutions.

48.6

On average, transfer students carry credits equivalent to more than 1.5 years of full-time study.

	Direct Entry Students	RU Transfer Students
Credits Taken in First Year at Universities	25.9	24.1
Average Age	17.9	22.8
International Students	4.4%	27.1%
Aboriginal Students	3%	4%



Where do they transfer from?

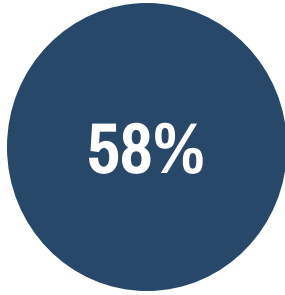
72% Colleges, Institutes

18% Other BCTS Universities

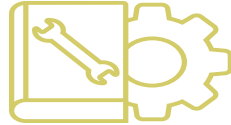
10% Research Universities



What do they study at university?



Arts & Sciences



Engineering & Applied Sciences



Business & Management

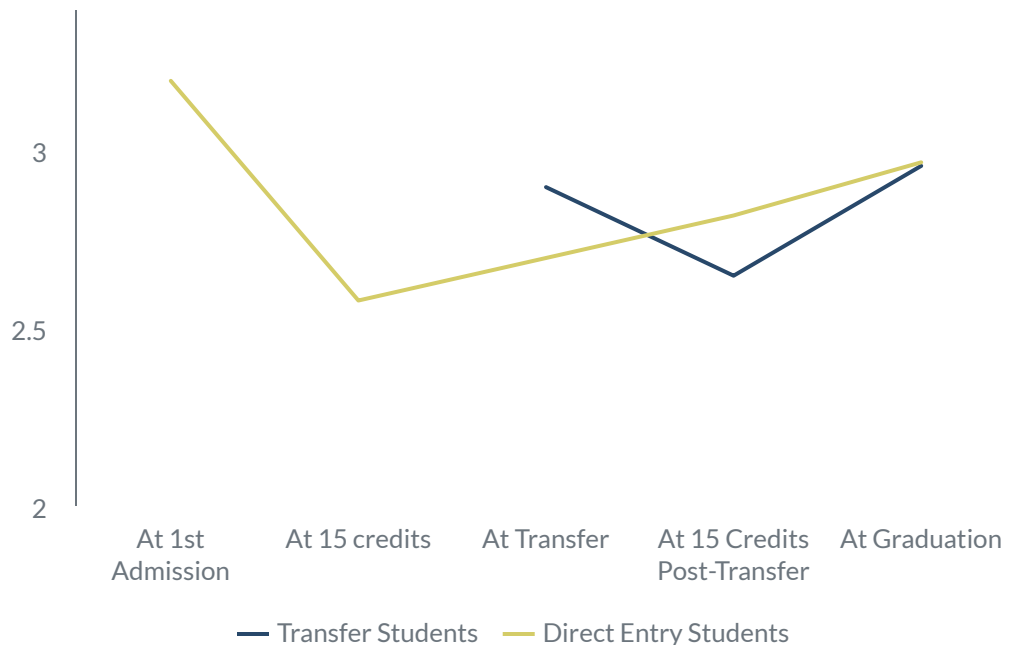
Also: Health (7%), Human and Social Services (6%), Education (2%), Visual & Performance Arts (1%), Other (1%)

How do they perform?

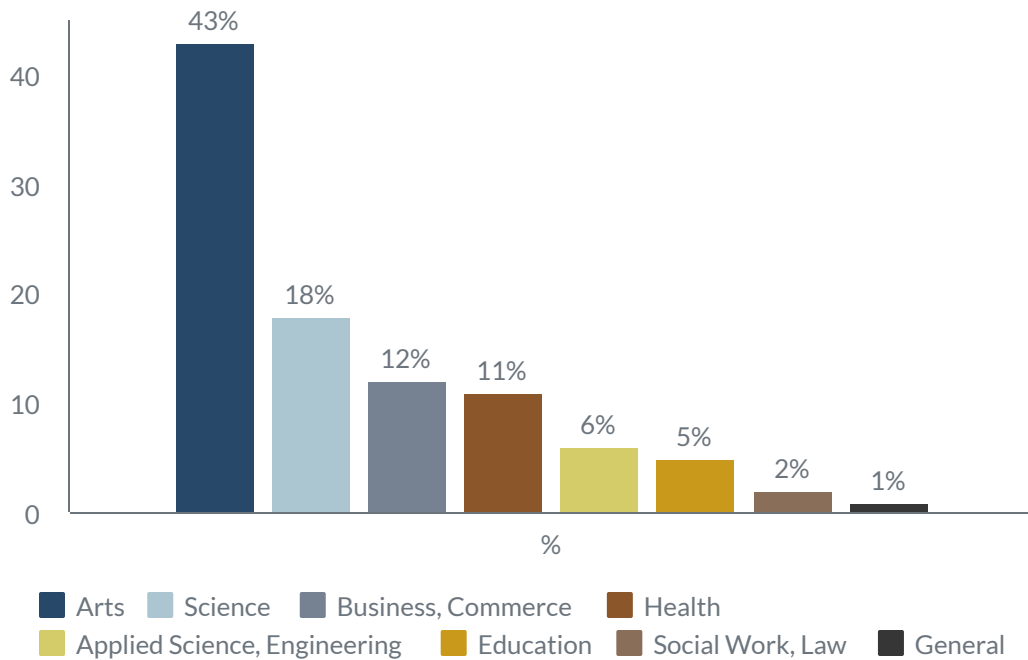
"While the educational journeys of transfer students differ from those of direct entry students in a number of ways, most performance trends seen in data from direct entry students are echoed in data from the transfer student population."

Typical GPA Trends during Studies

After a drop in GPA by the end of the first semester at a Research University, the GPA for both RU Transfer Students and students entering directly from high school improved significantly by graduation. Transfer students graduated with a GPA comparable to the direct-entry students' GPA.



Baccalaureate credentials achieved by graduated transfer students, by field of study (%)



24.3

Average Time (months) to Completion of Degree

Time to graduation from 60 credits for RU transfer students who graduated with a baccalaureate degree in or before 2017/18.

72%

Baccalaureate Degree Completion Rate

72% of transfer students admitted in 2013/14 academic year completed a baccalaureate degree by the end of the 2017/18 academic year.

For more information...

BCCAT reports and resources are available at bccat.ca/search/publications

