TRANSFER OR FRESHMAN?
CLASSIFICATION RULES

Some rules, like the General Education wildcard rules, only apply to students who are officially classified as a transfer student. However, many students classified as freshmen have a number of transfer hours. So how do you tell who is considered a transfer and who is a freshman?

A **freshman** is:

⇒ a student who graduated from high school within one year of admission regardless of the number of transfer hours completed

OR

⇒ a student who has ≤ 15 semester hours of transfer work when entering the University for the first time

A **transfer** student:

⇒ must have graduated high school more than a year prior to admission

AND

⇒ must have completed at least 30 semester hours of transferable coursework (GPA ≥ 2.0) at another accredited university

Some of the rules that apply only to true transfer students include:

- The wildcard rules for the General Education perspectives only apply to transfer students.
- Transfer students receive a waiver for UCO 1200.
- Transfer students aren’t guaranteed on-campus housing; but freshmen, regardless of the number of hours of transfer work, are guaranteed housing the first year.

http://www.cas.appstate.edu/students/undergraduate-academic-services

**Office of Transfer Services**

The new Office of Transfer Services opened the doors to its new space in room 130 of the John E. Thomas building during summer 2014. This office includes transfer articulation office staff, as well as others including a transfer advisor, the transfer admissions staff member, and the Jump Start Appalachian program.

You can visit their website at: transferservices.appstate.edu to find out more about their services for your transfer students.