

# TRANSFER STUDENT PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

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**Hometown:** Laramie, WY (but I have lived in several different states)

**Major:** Secondary Spanish Education

**Personal Interests:** Watching the Great British Baking Show with my husband, traveling to South America, and spending time with friends and family.

**Campus Involvement:** I am a current member of Sigma Delta Pi. I was the former President of the Latter-day Saint Student Association, and I also previously worked for the ASUW Executive Team as the Director of RSO Relations.

## **How I can help as your peer mentor (and former transfer student):**

As a peer mentor, I want to be able to help you love your experience and transition to UW! By becoming involved on campus, I have been able to learn about resources and programs that can enhance your experience. I have been amazed to learn of so many things this campus has to offer that caters to each person's individual needs and interests.

## **What was I nervous about?**

I was very nervous about navigating around campus. Although I had lived in Laramie for several years, I had never actually visited the UW Campus. I was also nervous about not being able to find a place where I felt comfortable, and where I could be myself.

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Thankfully, by searching out different groups on campus, and getting involved in my area of study, I was able to find several places where I felt at home.

## **What was I excited about?**

I was thrilled to start my program in the College of Education and the College of Arts and Sciences, more specifically in the Modern and Classical Languages Department. Learning Spanish, for me, brings me joy. I also was excited about getting more involved on campus. At my previous institution, I didn't get involved in many things, and I wanted this change to jumpstart my campus involvement. Through campus involvement, I was introduced to a variety of events, programs, and clubs that are offered on our campus. I was also introduced to many people that made an impact on my life.

## **Advice for an incoming transfer student:**

Don't be afraid to get out there and have your voice heard and your interests fulfilled! As a transfer student, you offer a unique perspective to the college experience that benefits people around you. Talk to your department head, professors, and peers about the ins and outs of your individual college. Search for opportunities to get involved, but most important of all, have lots of fun!

## **What is it like being a transfer student at UW?**

Personally, transferring to UW has been one of the best decisions I have made. I was received by a campus that was accepting and welcoming. I hope that your experience at UW is just as enjoyable! Hopefully we can help make the transition as smooth as possible.