

# NYU Transfer Essay

*Please provide a statement that addresses your reasons for transferring and the objectives you hope to achieve.*

Almost a year ago, I stood in the rain, freezing in my thin hoodie in [state], trying my hardest to envision my next four years as a Kinesiology major at [University]. While I was shivering all over, there was a deeper calling inside telling me that something was off.

I soon realized my hesitation was due to a burgeoning interest in media that eclipsed my interest in fitness and health. So I decided to squeeze two [local community college] courses into my senior year schedule to explore my interests beyond Kinesiology. "American Media", which indulged my interest in storytelling, was pitted against "Women in Sports," a Kinesiology class, in a battle for my intellectual curiosity. As much as I enjoyed "Women in Sports," I realized I was drawn to the narratives (Rhonda Rousey making her place in the fighting world and Kim Ng working her way up to a manager position in the MLB) more than the subject of Kinesiology. Recognizing where my interests were strongest led me to finally decline admission to [University] and begin recalibrating my educational goals.

Since my realization occurred late in the admissions cycle, I didn't have time to apply to other four-year colleges. To make the most of my time before I could transfer, I enrolled in community college full-time and took a wide breadth of courses to continue exploring other subjects that interested me. I also sought opportunities to further my interest in communications outside of the classroom with an internship at the local public access station. There I helped create programming that highlighted community members' stories and worked on social media marketing. I learned how to navigate the algorithms of different platforms to make sure every post was seen, and operated cameras for multiple studio shows.

Throughout all my academic exploration, I kept coming back to the same conclusion: I wanted to major in Communications.

I have now earned enough credits at community college to apply as a transfer student rather than a freshman, and I hope to bring the enthusiasm I have discovered for media to NYU's Media, Culture, and Communications program.

Giving up admission at [University] was difficult in the moment, but enrolling in community college was one of my best decisions because it provided clarity in my passions. Along the way, I also discovered other subjects I'm curious about and developed a fearlessness when it comes to learning. It took me a few extra quarters to figure out what I wanted to study, but I am now confident in my decision and thrilled to pursue Communications at NYU.