# Student Introduction to the Co-Curricular Transcript

#### What is a co-curricular transcript?

Augustana College

A co-curricular transcript is a record of a student's co-curricular and extra-curricular activities with some level of college verification. Having a transcript of your co-curricular activities will provide an easy way to track and communicate the good work you've done outside the classroom.

The Augustana Co-Curricular Transcript has five distinct sections:

- 1. Academic Enrichment
- 2. Awards, Honors and Scholarships
- 3. Campus Leadership
- 4. College Involvement\*
- 5. Volunteerism\*

\* Volunteerism and some aspects of college involvement will be self-reported by students.

Individual activities will be categorized under one of these sections. For example, if you are the vice president of the Student Government Association, that will be recorded on your co-curricular transcript under Campus Leadership.

#### How do I use a Co-Curricular Transcript?

It depends where you are in your Augustana experience. You will use your Co-Curricular Transcript in different ways as you progress from a first-year student through applying for an internship, graduate school, your first job, or wherever life takes you after Augustana.

In its most basic function, the Co-Curricular Transcript is a tool to help you keep track of your campus involvement and volunteerism; it's a showcase of your experiential learning outside of the credit-bearing curriculum. However, the Co-Curricular Transcript is not intended to be a stand-alone document. The power of the Co-Curricular Transcript comes from your reflection on the impact these experiences have on you, your skill set and your learning.

#### **First-Year Students**

What do you hope to gain by getting involved in campus activities?

Review the Augustana College Student Learning Outcomes. What do you hope to learn by getting involved in campus activities?

Having trouble finding activities that are a good fit? There are many people on campus who want to help you! Talk to your peer mentor, your CA, your advisor, Katey Bignall in the Office of Student Life and Leadership (fourth floor of the CSL) or Laura Mahn in the Center for Vocational Reflection (first floor Sorensen).

#### Sophomores

Exploring majors? Visit the Internships & Careers Office to discuss internship options.

Is the level of your campus involvement complementing your classroom learning?

What are your strengths? How are you building on your strengths through your campus involvement?

Where are your weaknesses? How does your campus involvement help develop your weaknesses?

How do you plan to use your Augie Choice award? Start talking with your advisor now.

### Juniors

How do you plan to use your Augie Choice award?

What common themes can you identify in your areas of academic interest and your co-curricular activities?

Have you incorporated the experiences listed on your Co-Curricular Transcript into your résumé?

Have you equally developed each area within the Augustana College Student Learning Outcomes? How might you focus on underdeveloped areas in your co-curricular activities? Are there opportunities for you to lead or mentor?

# Seniors

Have you incorporated the experiences listed on your Co-Curricular Transcript into your résumé?

Can you clearly articulate how your co-curricular activities have complemented your classroom learning? For help on how to talk about your co-curricular activities, visit the Internships & Careers Office.

Refer to the Augustana College Student Learning Outcomes. Give examples of how your co-curricular activities have shaped your understanding of "How you know, How you relate to others, and Who you are."

# Transfer students

Keep in mind that your Augustana Co-Curricular Transcript might not look as "full" as the transcripts of students who started at Augustana as a first-year student because the Augustana Co-Curricular Transcript represents only your activities at Augustana. However, we know you learned from experiences at other campuses, too! Make a list of your activities at your previous campus. Be sure to include these activities as you reflect on your co-curricular activities.

Have you found activities at Augustana that are a good fit with your interests? If not, talk to your advisor, your peer mentor, faculty in your major, your CA, Katey Bignall in the Office of Student Life and Leadership (fourth floor of the CSL) or Laura Mahn in the Center for Vocational Reflection (first floor Sorensen).

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# How do I access and/or modify my Co-Curricular Transcript?

The Co-Curricular Transcript will be available for all students later this spring. Students and alumni (starting with the graduating class of 2014) will access their Co-Curricular Transcript through ARCHES. Instructions on how to access and/or modify the contents of your Co-Curricular Transcript will be distributed this spring.