

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY
GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

PREFACE

Frostburg State University (FSU) welcomes students from College of Southern Maryland (CSM) into our community of learners. The Guaranteed Admission Transfer Agreement is designed to facilitate CSM students' ease of transfer to FSU. This Agreement supersedes any other general admissions agreement signed between CSM and FSU.

Under this Agreement, CSM students graduating with any CSM Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associates of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T), Associates of Science in Engineering (A.S.E.) or Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree program will be eligible for the Guaranteed Admissions program.

Students must:

1. Submit the FSU Application for Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester he/she wishes to transfer to Frostburg State University
2. Satisfy all other FSU admissions requirements, which are available on the College website at www.frostburg.edu or by contacting an admissions counselor at Frostburg State University.
3. Submit a FAFSA form by the deadline established by the FSU Financial Aid Office for full consideration of financial aid awarded by FSU.
4. Graduate from CSM with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0.
5. Recognize that grades of "D" or better will transfer. However, many majors require a minimum grade of C or above for courses that fulfill major requirements.
6. Understand that there is no residential living requirement for incoming students, though transfer students may request on-campus housing if they wish.
7. Understand that FSU will accept up to 70 transferable credits.
8. Understand that students with at least 60 transferable credits will enter with Junior status.
9. Understand that if they were previously enrolled at FSU, they are not eligible for this agreement.
10. Submit CSM transcripts along with transcripts from any other colleges they may have attended prior to attending CSM.
11. Understand that admission to Frostburg State University does not necessarily guarantee admission to a particular major. A few majors at FSU have additional admission criteria.

To benefit from the Guaranteed Admissions program, students must enroll in FSU within one year of graduating from CSM without attending another institution of higher education.

FSU welcomes International Students to apply to the College. Additional admission materials might be required. Please check the university website at www.frostburg.edu for details.

The Guaranteed Admission program is also available for part-time students.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS AGREEMENT

Students interested in the Guaranteed Admission program are encouraged to consult with a Transfer Coordinator at CSM and the Transfer Coordinator at FSU to assist in choosing courses which will meet the requirements in the declared major. Transcripts will be evaluated on a preliminary basis by a representative from the FSU Admissions Office prior to application upon request.

OBLIGATIONS OF FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

To facilitate the transfer of CSM graduates to FSU in accordance with the foregoing, FSU agrees to the following:

1. To attend regularly scheduled "transfer" programs at CSM.
2. To invite CSM students to information/advising meetings with FSU faculty and/or staff on a regular basis at both CSM and FSU in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to Frostburg State University.
3. To ensure that those students entering full-time study at FSU are considered for academic scholarships and/or grants similar to any other student entering the College within the same semester. Most scholarships are renewable on an annual basis and students must meet with a Financial Aid advisor from FSU for additional information. FSU offers a variety of scholarships and grant awards. These opportunities include merit-based and need-based aid and grants. Sources of these awards include FSU, private donors, as well as federal and state programs.
4. To ensure that incoming students will be provided with FSU financial aid information and receive full consideration for FSU financial aid, in addition to appropriate scholarships and grants listed above, upon matriculation at Frostburg State University.
5. To ensure that CSM graduates entering FSU under the terms of this Agreement go through FSU's normal transfer admissions process, including meeting all applicable FSU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof that apply to all FSU students. Incoming matriculated students will have all the rights and privileges of other FSU students.
6. To continue working with CSM on program-to-program curriculum articulation agreements that specify for CSM transfer students the CSM courses that satisfy major requirements required for degree completion at FSU.

OBLIGATION OF THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

CSM agrees to publicize this agreement to prospective and current CSM students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for FSU recruiters and advisors to visit CSM.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

1. To consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any changes of policy or curricula that affect those students. Both FSU and CSM will review this Agreement on a regular basis and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will be effective when both CSM and FSU sign the revised document.
2. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising both from FSU and CSM. FSU will make available contact information for questions about Frostburg State University's academic requirements, Core Curriculum requirements, degree requirements, and the process of transferring to FSU.

3. To jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of Guaranteed Admission transfer.
4. To exchange data and documents on a regular basis that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions.
5. To provide, when available, direct links between the FSU and CSM websites when applicable.

REVISIONS, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The FSU Vice President for Academic Affairs and the appropriate officers at CSM are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

This Agreement will be in effect, as of the date of its signing, for students entering FSU fall semester 2015 or after. It will be reviewed on a regular basis by the appropriate parties at each institution and will be renewed automatically until superseded by new Agreements or formally terminated. This Agreement may be updated (by means of addenda), upon mutual agreement by appropriate officials of the two institutions, to allow for additional curriculum articulation sheets accommodating course equivalencies for specific major(s)/minor(s)/certificate program(s). This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, memos, writings or agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any waiver by a party of any of its rights or of the other party's obligations must be in writing. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effective date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to FSU under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from CSM to Frostburg State University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures. The undersigned representatives of the parties, College of Southern Maryland and Frostburg State University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:

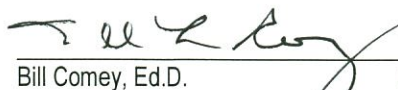
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 Bradley M. Gottfried, Ph.D. Date
 President

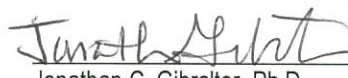
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 Robert Farinelli Date
 Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

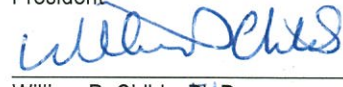
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 Bill Comey, Ed.D. Date
 Vice President of Student and Instructional
 Support Services

Frostburg State University

 12/15/14

 Jonathan C. Gibraltar, Ph.D. Date
 President



 William P. Childs, Ph.D. Date
 Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

 12/17/14

 Thomas L. Bowling, Ph.D. Date
 Vice President, Student & Educational Services