

Articulation Agreement

The College of Southern Maryland
Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences

AND

The St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM)
Public Policy

PREFACE

St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) welcomes students from College of Southern Maryland into our community of learners. This Articulation Agreement is designed to facilitate College of Southern Maryland students' ease of transfer from the Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences program at College of Southern Maryland to the SMCM Public Policy program. This Agreement augments any Guaranteed and Dual Admission agreements signed between The College of Southern Maryland and SMCM.

Under this Agreement, College of Southern Maryland students graduating with an Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Arts and Sciences: Social Sciences will be eligible for admission into SMCM Public Policy program, provided that students:

1. Submit the SMCM Application for Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester they wish to transfer to St. Mary's College of Maryland.
2. Complete the required courses as described in the Appendix A of this agreement.
3. Satisfy all other SMCM admissions requirements, which are available on the College website at <http://www.smcm.edu> or by contacting an admissions counselor at St. Mary's College of Maryland.
4. Graduate from College of Southern Maryland with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.00.
5. Recognize that grades of "C-" or better will transfer and will be transcribed as transfer credits or "TR" on the SMCM transcript. Per Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), grades of D will transfer although may not be used for major/minor 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 SMCM will accept up to 70 transferable credits.
8. Understand that students with at least 56 transferable credits will enter with Junior status.
9. Submit College of Southern Maryland official transcripts along with official transcripts from any other colleges they may have attended prior to attending College of Southern Maryland.

SMCM welcomes International Students to apply to the College. Additional admission materials will include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and WES transcript evaluations if applicable. Please check the College website at <http://www.smcm.edu> for details.

This Agreement is also available to part-time students.

ALTERNATIVES TO THIS AGREEMENT

Students interested in Dual Admission to SMCM are encouraged to consult with an Academic Adviser at College of Southern Maryland and the SMCM Admissions Office to assist in choosing courses to promote timely graduation from SMCM. Transcripts will be evaluated on a preliminary basis by the SMCM Admissions Office prior to application upon request.

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OBLIGATIONS OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND

To facilitate the transfer of College of Southern Maryland graduates to the SMCM Public Policy program in accordance with the foregoing, SMCM agrees to the following:

1. To attend regularly scheduled transfer programs at College of Southern Maryland.
2. To invite College of Southern Maryland students to information/advising meetings with SMCM faculty and staff on a regular basis at both College of Southern Maryland and SMCM in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to St. Mary's College of Maryland.
3. To send SMCM letters of admission to all College of Southern Maryland students who meet the conditions set forth herein and confirm their intention to matriculate at SMCM. It is recommended that students confirm their intention to matriculate at SMCM by June 1st for the fall semester, or by December 1st for the spring semester and satisfy all other regular SMCM admissions requirements.
4. Those students entering fulltime study at SMCM are eligible to be awarded academic scholarships and/or grants per established guidelines at the time of enrollment.

Scholarships are renewable on an annual basis and students must meet with a Financial Aid advisor for additional information. SMCM offers a variety of scholarships and grant awards. These opportunities include merit-based and need-based aid and grants. Sources of these awards include SMCM, private donors, as well as federal and state programs.

5. To ensure that incoming students will be provided with SMCM financial aid information and receive full consideration for SMCM financial aid, in addition to appropriate scholarships and grants listed above, upon matriculation at St. Mary's College of Maryland.
6. To ensure that College of Southern Maryland graduates entering SMCM under the terms of this Agreement go through SMCM's normal transfer admissions process, including meeting all applicable SMCM 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 SMCM students. Incoming matriculated students will have all the rights and privileges of other SMCM students.
7. To periodically invite College of Southern Maryland students to SMCM events.

OBLIGATION OF COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

College of Southern Maryland agrees to publicize this agreement to prospective and current College of Southern Maryland students in its promotional literature, and make special arrangements for SMCM recruiters and advisors to visit College of Southern Maryland to meet with prospective and current Public Policy students.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

1. To inform 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 SMCM and the College of Southern Maryland will review this Articulation Agreement by May 1st of each year and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will be effective when both College of Southern Maryland and SMCM sign the revised document.

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2. Students are required to graduate from College of Southern Maryland with a minimum GPA of 2.00. Transferrable courses with grades of D or better will be brought into SMCM as transfer credits. A minimum grade of C- or better is required in courses counting toward Public Policy.
3. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising both from SMCM and College of Southern Maryland. SMCM will make available contact information for questions about St. Mary's College of Maryland's academic requirements, Core Curriculum requirements, degree requirements, and the process of transferring to SMCM.
4. To jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Articulation Agreement.
5. Designate that the SMCM Department Chair and the CSM Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation will coordinate this agreement.
6. 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. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of students' learning, and decisions of curricula and other committees.
7. 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.
8. To provide, when available, direct links between the SMCM and College of Southern Maryland websites when applicable.

REVISIONS, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The SMCM Provost and Dean of Faculty and the CSM Vice President of Academic Affairs and Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Articulation Agreement.

This Articulation Agreement will be in effect, as of the date of its signing, for students entering SMCM fall semester 2023 or after. It will be reviewed on a yearly basis by the appropriate parties at each institution and will be renewed automatically until superseded by new Agreements or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effect date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to SMCM under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Articulation Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from College of Southern Maryland to St. Mary's College of Maryland, 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 St. Mary's College of Maryland, have executed this Articulation Agreement on the dates indicated:

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College of Southern Maryland	St. Mary's College of Maryland
<p><u><i>Yolanda Wilson</i></u> <small>Yolanda Wilson (Oct 1, 2023 23:59 EDT)</small></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Oct 1, 2023</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Katie Gantz</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">09.20.2023</p>
<p>Yolanda Wilson President</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>	<p>Katie Gantz Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Date</p>

APPENDIX A

College of Southern Maryland				St. Mary's College of Maryland			
Recommended Courses				St. Mary's College Course Equivalents			
Prefix	Number	Title	Credits	Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
TOTAL RECOMMENDED CREDITS			0.00	TOTAL GRANTED CREDITS FROM RECOMMENDED COURSES			0.00
Required Courses				St. Mary's College Course Equivalents			
Prefix	Number	Title	Credits	Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
POL	1050	Government and Politics	3.00	POSC	100	Introduction to Politics	3.00
POL	1010	American Government	3.00	POSC	201	American Politics	3.00
POL	1060	International Relations	3.00	POSC	269	International Politics	3.00
ECN	2020	Principles of Microeconomics	3.00	ECON	102	Principles of Microeconomics	3.00
ECN	2025	Principles of Macroeconomics	3.00	ECON	103	Principles of Macroeconomics	3.00
TOTAL ELECTIVE CREDITS			15.00	TOTAL GRANTED ELECTIVE CREDITS			15.00
GRAND TOTAL CREDITS			15.00	GRAND TOTAL GRANTED CREDITS			15.00

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Remaining Degree Requirements at St. Mary's College of Maryland and Advising Sheet							
First Fall Semester at St. Mary's College				First Spring Semester at St. Mary's College			
Prefix	Number	Title	Credits	Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
ECON	251 or 252	Intermediate Macroeconomics OR Intermediate Microeconomics	4.00	POSC	311	Public Policy	4
POSC or ECON	200 or 253	Scope and Methods of Political Science OR Economic Statistics	4.00	POSC	315	Policy Evaluation	4
		Electives as needed to reach 128 total credits.				Electives as needed to reach 128 total credits.	
Second Fall Semester at St. Mary's College				Second Spring Semester at St. Mary's College			
Prefix	Number	Title	Credits	Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
POSC	493	SMP	4	POSC	494	SMP	4
		OR				OR	
PPOL/ POSC	408	Senior Seminar	4	PPOL/ POSC	4XX	400-level courses in selected concentration area	4
POSC	3xx	Take designated course in selected concentration (see approved list)	4	POSC	3xx/4xx	Take approved elective in selected concentration (see approved list)	4
First Summer at St. Mary's College (if needed for timely graduation)				Second Summer at St. Mary's College (if needed for timely graduation)			
Prefix	Number	Title	Credits	Prefix	Number	Title	Credits
Additional Requirements							
<p>NOTE: Completion of the A.A. or A.S. Degree satisfies the foreign language requirement and the six categories of the <i>Liberal Arts Approaches to Understanding the World</i> requirement. Completion of CORE 301 is a requirement of attending St. Mary's College of Maryland.</p>							