

Articulation Agreement

Between The College of Southern Maryland and Strayer University

I. PURPOSE

The articulation agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, and promote the acceptance of equivalent courses/credits between Strayer University (SU) and the College of Southern Maryland (CSM).

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. Admissions Practices

1. SU will accept applications from students who wish to transfer from CSM into any baccalaureate degree program at SU. Transferring CSM applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as other students applying for transfer to SU.
2. CSM students, who have completed or will complete an AA/AS or AAT/AAS degree by the time they enroll in classes at SU, will be exempted from paying the SU application fee when applying to a related degree program..
3. Students transferring from CSM to specific SU programs must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria, as other native or transfer students applying to SU's programs.
4. CSM students who graduate with an AA/AS or AAT/AAS degree have earned at least 24 semester hours of transferable work at CSM, and have a CSM curriculum GPA of at least 2.0 are guaranteed admission to SU. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirement of SU, as outlined in the SU catalog in effect when the student is admitted to SU. Students who have questions may consult a counselor and/or advisor at either institution for assistance.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. SU will transfer in, in its entirety, the AA/AS or AAT/AAS degree program for students enrolling in a related degree program at SU.
2. General Education/Integrative Studies - students completing an AA/AS or AAT/AAS at CSM will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at Strayer University.
3. Where course equivalencies exist for required courses and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply to SU's graduation requirements in the student's stated major field of study. For courses taught at the 300 or 400 level at SU, students may be required to take alternative courses to earn upper division credit.
4. All credits earned at CSM while completing an associate degree program will be evaluated for credit by SU. "D" or better grades will be accepted by students who have completed the requirements for an associate degree at CSM. However, SU will accept only courses in which a grade of "C" or better is earned by students who have not completed the requirements for the associate degree at CSM.

5. SU will maintain course equivalency information and make this information readily available to CSM.

C. Update/Report/Relationship

1. SU and CSM agree to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies annually. CSM & SU will designate an individual to serve as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. Each institution will provide updated catalogs to the other immediately upon their availability. Upon request, SU agrees to provide CSM reports on enrolled CSM transfer students, their majors and academic performance to the extent permitted by law.
2. SU and CSM agree to assist each other in promoting this agreement appropriately in their respective promotional materials, events, web sites, reports and through the sharing of mailing lists.
3. All notices to be given shall be delivered in writing as follows:

If to SU:

Lloyd B. Tredwell
National College Relations Manager
Strayer University
Region 2 Corporate Office/Newington
8550 Cinderbed Rd., Ste. 1000
Newington, VA 22122

If to CSM:

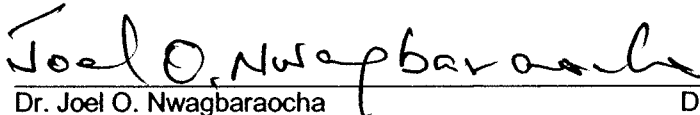
James Spence
Coordinator of Transfer
Evaluation and Articulation
College of Southern Maryland
8730 Mitchell Rd.
La Plata, MD 20646-0910

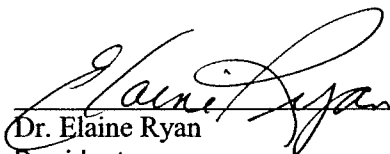
D. Amendments and Term of Effect

1. The curriculum transfer guides in effect at the time a student first enrolls at CSM will be honored by SU if the student completes an AA/AS or AAT/AAS degree and successfully transfers to SU within 4 years of that first enrollment at CSM.
2. This agreement may be amended, as necessary, for specific program articulation without affecting the master agreement.
3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party on sixty (60) days prior written notice. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum transitional period of two (2) years to accommodate students already enrolled under the agreement.
4. If the application of any term or provision of this agreement whether in whole or in part is held invalid or unenforceable in general or in any instance the remainder of the agreement shall be affected by such holding and shall be fully valid and enforceable.
5. Neither party to this agreement shall assign or delegate this agreement or any part thereof without the prior written consent of the other party. Any agreement or delegation made without prior written consent is void.
6. The agreement may only be amended or modified in writing, signed by both parties. Each party acknowledges that no representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, other than those embodied herein, have been made by any party.

E. Miscellaneous

1. Each institution shall be solely responsible for determining whether any responsible accommodations must be made under any federal, state or local law protecting persons with disabilities with respect to its courses or facilities and for making sure necessary reasonable accommodations available at its sole cost.
2. Neither SU nor CSM shall discriminate against or harass any student who partakes of the benefits of this agreement on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, age, color, religion, disability or martial status, nor retaliate against such student for alleging any such discrimination or harassment.
3. Students who begin their studies at CSM will be treated on an equal basis with students who begin their studies at SU in regards to the award and distribution of financial aid, campus housing, course selection, registration and all other student services.
4. This agreement is not intended to create legal rights on the part of any applicant, student, or other third party as a third party beneficiary or in any other capacity.

 7/6/06
Date
Dr. Joel O. Nwagbaraocha
Interim President
Strayer University

 6/29/06
Date
Dr. Elaine Ryan
President
College of Southern Maryland