

# Articulation Agreement

Montgomery College  
Associate of Arts in General Studies  
900 Hungerford Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850

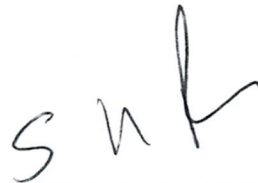
University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science  
1000 Hilltop Circle  
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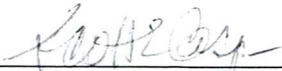
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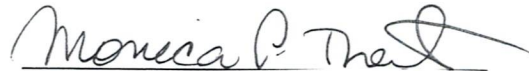
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**UMBC**  
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This agreement is applicable for students enrolled at Montgomery College (MC) upon the execution date of this agreement. This agreement may be modified by the mutual written consent of both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving notice six months in advance to the other party. Such termination will not affect the participation in the articulated programs of those MC students who have been fully or conditionally admitted to UMBC.

Any notice to be given hereunder shall be given in writing by U.S. mail or via reputable overnight courier (e.g., Federal Express, DHL, etc.). Notice shall be deemed received upon delivery to the party to whom the notice is directed or to its agent, in the case of UMBC to: UMBC, 1000 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, Maryland 21250, Attn: Dr. Philip Rous, Provost, with copies to Dr. Diane Lee, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Education, Dr. Yvette Mozie-Ross, Associate Provost, Enrollment Management, and Steven Smith, University Registrar, UMBC ; and, in the case of MC to: 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville Maryland 20850, Attn: Andrea Milo, Acting Director of Articulation, Transfer and Academic Services. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that this Agreement provides that any notice must be directed to a person other than the person designated for the receipt of notice in the preceding sentence, then notice must be directed to such other person in order to be effective hereunder.

This Agreement embodies the entire agreement and understanding among the parties hereto relating to the subject matter hereof and may not be changed orally, but only by an instrument in writing signed by all parties hereto. No representation, warranty, undertaking or covenant is made by any party hereto except as contained herein and any others are specifically disclaimed. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of Maryland (i.e., without regard to its conflicts of law rules). This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors, but shall not inure to the benefit of any third party beneficiary. This Agreement and any rights hereunder may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other, and any purported assignment without consent shall be null and void and of no effect whatsoever. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

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Associate of Arts in General Studies

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

This agreement is initiated this day, March 25, 2013 between Montgomery College, 900 Hungerford Drive, Rockville, MD 20850, hereafter "MC," and the University of Maryland Baltimore County, 100 Hilltop Circle, Baltimore, Maryland 21250 a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, and agency of the State of Maryland, hereafter "UMBC," to facilitate the transfer of students earning the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies at MC to UMBC in pursuit of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. This program is offered by UMBC at main campus and the Universities at Shady Grove location.

## I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") is to establish a collaboration between UMBC and MC in an effort to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Arts in General Studies at MC to the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at UMBC.

This Agreement also serves as a Memorandum of Understanding between both institutions for the purpose of clarifying roles and responsibilities in this partnership.

## II. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions expressed herein, the parties agree to the following:

### General Requirements

- 1 All courses meeting general education requirements at MC will transfer and be applied towards the general education requirements at UMBC.
- 2 A completed general education program shall transfer without further review or approval by UMBC and without the need for a course-by-course match.
- 3 A maximum of 60 credits will transfer from MC, a 2-year degree-granting institution.
- 4 Upon matriculation to UMBC, MC students must satisfy all general education, graduation and major requirements as outlined in the UMBC Undergraduate Catalog.
- 5 MC students must take a minimum of 30 credit hours at UMBC to earn a bachelor's degree. The final 30 credits must be earned at UMBC.
- 6 UMBC requires a minimum of 120 credit hours to attain a bachelor's degree.

### Advising/Academic Planning

- 1 Students should work closely with their academic advisor at MC to develop an academic plan to ensure a seamless transition.



- 2 Students and advisors are encouraged to utilize a variety of advising resources including the UMBC Undergraduate Catalog, Suggested Transfer Pathways, departmental websites, as well as ARTSYS (the USM online articulation database), to ascertain transferability of coursework.
- 3 Following admission to UMBC, students will receive an evaluation of prior college coursework via myUMBC. The evaluation will include a Transfer Credit Report and a Degree Audit detailing prior coursework, transferability and applicability to UMBC general and university requirements.
- 4 Prior to matriculation to UMBC, all new students are required to attend the mandatory new student orientation program. During orientation, students will meet with an academic advisor to review prior coursework, discuss academic interests and goals, and develop an academic plan.
- 5 Upon matriculation, students will be assigned an advisor in their area of study. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with their advisor periodically. Students are required to meet with their advisor prior to registering for subsequent semesters.

## **Admissions**

- 1 The UMBC Admissions Committee evaluates transfer applicants on the basis of their academic record at previous institutions. Cumulative grade point average, performance trends, strength of curriculum and performance in courses related to the intended area of study are considered.
- 2 Applicants successfully completing the articulated program with a 2.0 or better grade point average who have not subsequently matriculated at any other institution of higher education will be guaranteed transfer admission to UMBC. Additional requirements may apply on selective admissions programs (e.g. Engineering, Visual Arts, Performing Arts). A history of acts identified in the Federal Campus Security Act may disqualify a candidate for guaranteed admission.

## **Scholarships and Financial Aid**

Students transferring from MC to UMBC who meet application deadlines, academic and financial qualification that apply to all students, may be eligible for consideration for the following scholarships offered by UMBC:

- a) The Academic Achievement Award for Transfers (AAAT) – awarded to community college transfers on the basis of academic accomplishment. Awards of up to \$2,500 for each of two academic years of study. May be used for full- or part-time study. Students must have completed 35 or more college level credits at the time of application to be eligible for consideration.
- b) Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Scholarship – awarded to community college transfers on the basis of academic accomplishment. Awards range from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year for each of two academic years of study. May be used for full- or part-time study. Students must submit proof of PTK membership to be eligible for consideration.
- c) Honors College Scholarship – Transfer students admitted to the Honors College may be eligible for a \$1,000 award per year for each of two years of academic study.
- d) Transfer Student Alliance (TSA)- awarded to community college transfers from eligible 2-year partner institutions who will complete the associate's degree and meet all other program requirements. Awards of \$1,500 dollars for each of two years of full-time study.

1. To maximize consideration for need-based aid, students are encouraged to complete the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after January 1 but prior to February 14 for fall admission.

### Ongoing Collaboration

1. In the spirit of articulation, faculty representatives from both institutions will meet regularly to engage in ongoing discussion to enhance and strengthen this collaboration.
2. UMBC Political Science faculty may serve as a resource available to MC students and faculty by serving as guest lecturers, workshop/seminar facilitators and other program exchanges.
3. Partner institutions agree to communicate program changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption to student progress toward degree completion.

### III. PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The following details a recommended course of study for students earning the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies at MC transferring to UMBC in pursuit of the Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Where noted, course equivalencies, general education and major applicability are indicated.

MC Course Number	MC Course Title	MC Credits	UMBC Equivalency	UMBC Gen Ed Requirement	Notes
<b>General Requirements</b>					
EN102..... or EN109.....	Techniques of Reading & Writing II Writing for Technology & Business	3	ENGL100	EN	
MA110 or higher	Survey of College Math	3	MATH106 <sup>1</sup>	M	
SP108..... or SP112.....	Introduction to Human Communication Business & Professional Speech Communication	3	SPCH100	AH	
HE100 *..... HE109..... HE150.....	Principles of Healthier Living Personalized Health Fitness Fitness & Nutrition for Weight Management	1-3	Lower Level Elective		
Arts Distribution		3		AH <sup>1</sup>	
Arts/Humanities Distribution		3		AH <sup>1</sup>	
Humanities Distribution		3		AH <sup>1</sup>	
Pick One: PS201.....	Comparative Politics & Gov'ts	3	POLI Elective		



PS203.....	International Relations		POLI280		Major Requirement
PS210.....	Race & Ethnicity in U.S. Politics		LLE		
PS241.....	Western Political Thought		LLE		
PS250.....	Intro to International Conflict Resolution		LLE		
PS282.....	Politics of the Developing World		LLE		
Behavioral and Social Science Distribution: Non-Political Science		3		SS <sup>1</sup>	
Natural Lab Science		4		SL <sup>1</sup>	
Natural Science Dist. (Not AN105)		3-4		S/SL <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Total General Requirements</b>		32-35 Credits			
<b>Program Requirements</b>					
World Language 101		3			
World Language 102		3			
World Language 201		3	L <sup>1</sup>		
PS101	American Government	3	POLI100		Major Requirement
PE Distribution *		1	PE <sup>1</sup>		
PE Distribution *		1	PE <sup>1</sup>		
Pick Two:					Major Requirement
PS201.....	Comparative Politics & Gov'ts	6	POLI Elective		

PS203.....	International Relations		POLI280		
PS210.....	Race & Ethnicity in U.S. Politics		LLE		
PS241.....	Western Political Thought		LLE		
PS250.....	Intro to International Conflict Resolution		LLE		
PS282.....	Politics of the Developing World		LLE		
<b>Total Program Requirements</b>		20 Credits			
<b>Program Elective Requirements</b>					
EN101	Techniques of Reading & Writing II	3	LLE		
Elective		3	LLE <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Total Program Elective Requirements</b>		6 Credits			
<b>Total Number of Credits Required for Associate's Degree</b>		60 Credits			
<b>Maximum Number of Transfer Credits Applied Towards Associate's Degree</b>		60 Credits			
<b>Minimum Number of Credits Remaining for Completion of 120 Credits Required for Bachelor's Degree</b>		60 Credits			

Legend

AH	Arts/Humanities
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C	Culture
EN	English Composition
L	Language
LL E	Lower Level Elective
M	Mathematics
PE	Physical Education
S	Science
SL	Science (plus lab)
SS	Social Sciences

\* Physical Education Requirement - UMBC students must take two different PE activity courses. UMBC does not count PE credits toward graduation; therefore, 2 additional credits of electives are needed to reach 60 transfer credits from MC. Students may fulfill both the MC AA requirement and the UMBC PE requirements with HE 100 and 2 PE courses OR 1 PE and HE 109 or HE 150 (3 credits each). HE109 and HE 150 include a physical activity component, therefore 1.5 credits fulfill 1 PE req. & 1.5 credits will transfer as elective credits. Exempt: students at least 30 years old, or those with documented military service or a medical condition.

<sup>1</sup> Consult ARTSYS (<http://artweb.umsd.edu>) for course equivalency at UMBC.