

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between Virginia  
Polytechnic Institute and State University's College of  
Engineering  
and  
Montgomery College in Maryland**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and Montgomery College in Maryland (MC), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to Virginia Tech College of Engineering, resolve to adopt the following Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA or Agreement).

**SECTION I: General Requirements and Application of Credit**

In order to meet the requirements of this Agreement and be guaranteed admission, a student must have:

- Completed a Computer Science and Technologies Associate of Arts with a Computer Science Concentration degree one semester prior to the planned start of classes at Virginia Tech
- Achieved a cumulative grade point average of not less than 3.2 (in a 4.0 system) on associate degree, as determined by the Virginia Tech Undergraduate Admissions Office<sup>1</sup>

Students who were previously enrolled at Virginia Tech as degree-seeking students and transferred back to a Montgomery College campus to complete the transfer degree do not meet the terms of this Agreement.

Associate degree holders accepted for transfer under this Agreement will not be subject to special requirements beyond those specified as major department, general education, and/or graduation requirements for students who originally enrolled in Virginia Tech as freshmen.

Virginia Tech waives its application fee for students with demonstrated financial need, specifically students who are eligible for Pell Grants.

MC students who have completed the associate degree listed above and have a cumulative GPA of 3.2 at the time of associate degree completion are guaranteed admission to General Engineering at Virginia Tech. Admission to the Computer Science department is subject to space availability, the departmental entrance requirements, and the student's academic performance at Virginia Tech. Eligible students will be admitted to alternate engineering majors if their first choice of major is not available.

Graduation credit hour requirements for the Computer Science degree in the College of Engineering currently equal 123 hours. The College of Engineering will transfer from MC up to one-half of the credit hours required for graduation (61 total credits). The College of Engineering may require more than two years of course work for the baccalaureate degree and will specify major course requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> All course grades on the Montgomery College transcript, including repeated classes, are included in the calculation of the overall GPA prior to degree being conferred

AP, IB, Cambridge, and CLEP credit will not be awarded from high school transcripts or another institution's transcripts; official scores must be sent to Virginia Tech from the testing agency for evaluation by Virginia Tech. AP, IB, Cambridge, and CLEP credit awarded at a prior institution may not satisfy the same course requirements as previous institutions. Virginia Tech will not award any credit for experiential learning.

MC students without the earned associate degree, or grade point average lower than that specified above, may be considered for transfer admission on an individual, competitive basis: however, admission and application of credit will not be guaranteed under the terms of this Agreement.

Students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation (sometimes referenced as dual enrollment, Early College, or Middle College) are not eligible for admission under the terms of this Agreement. These students are considered freshmen with transfer credit, not transfer students. Such students must apply as freshmen and should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.

Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended, or to those convicted of a felony. Per university policy, all applicants and currently enrolled students must report arrest, conviction, and protective orders. Disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission.

Montgomery College students who choose associate degree electives from the following list will complete of the Virginia Tech Pathways to General Education component of the undergraduate curriculum:

<b>HUMD/GEIR</b>
Choose one course from the following: ENGL 208 - Women in Literature, HIST 117 - World History: A Comparative Survey from A.D. 1500 to the Present, HIST 147 - History of Europe from the Fall of Rome to the 17th Century, HIST 148 - History of Europe from the 17th Century to the Present, PHIL 101 - Introduction to Philosophy, PHIL 201 - Morality and Contemporary Law
Choose one course from the following: HIST 200 - History of the United States, a Survey Course: from Colonial Times to 1865, HIST 201 - History of the United States, a Survey Course: from 1865 to the Present, HIST 235 - The History of African Americans to 1865
<b>BSDD (must choose 2 courses from separate disciplines)</b>
ANTH 201 - Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, ECON 201 - Principles of Economics I, ECON 202 - Principles of Economics II, POLI 101 - American Government OR POLI 105 - Introduction to Political Science, POLI 203 - International Relations, PSYC 102 - General Psychology
<b>ARTD/GEIR (choose one course)</b>
ARTT 102 - Introduction to 2D Design or ARTT 127 - Art Appreciation (Art in Culture), MUSC 110 - Listening to Music

**SECTION 2: Course Transferability**

Credits accepted by the College of Engineering may or may not satisfy the requirements of the degree program into which the student transfers. Subsequent graduation from the College of Engineering, therefore, is not assured within a two-year period of full-time study.

Remedial, developmental, and/or vocational courses will not be counted for academic credit in transfer.

All courses completed at MC and offered for transfer credit to the university must be passed with a grade of C or better.

### **SECTION 3: Publication of Requirements**

All requirements for admission to the university should be set forth with precision and clarity. The university catalog will include a description of this articulation agreement in the Engineering section.

Checksheets with graduation requirements for each engineering major will be available through the University Registrar's office (at <https://www.registrar.vt.edu/graduation-multi-brief/checksheets.html>).

### **SECTION 4: Term of Agreement**

The term of this Agreement shall be effective with the academic year beginning August 2020 and apply only to the College of Engineering. It shall be reviewed every three years at the Virginia Tech Engineering Articulation Conference.

Virginia Tech will provide tracking data annually on the performance of students enrolling in the College of Engineering under this Agreement, to include comparison with native-to-Virginia Tech students.

### **SECTION 5: Agreement Withdrawal**

Either party to this agreement (Montgomery College and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's College of Engineering) may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice to the appropriate parties. The following must be notified two years in advance of their intention to withdraw: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Provost, Dean of the College of Engineering, and the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs of Montgomery College.

Signed:

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