

Articulation Agreement

West Virginia University

Bachelors of Science in Journalism

1511 University Ave.
Morgantown, West Virginia 26506

and

Montgomery College

Associate of Arts in Communication Studies

51 Mannakee St.
Rockville, MD 20850

I. PURPOSE

This articulation agreement between West Virginia University, hereafter referred to as WVU, and Montgomery College, hereafter referred to as MC, is designed to improve the coordination between WVU and MC related to transfer policies, acceptance of equivalent courses and advising.

II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. WVU accepts applications from students who wish to transfer directly from MC to WVU to pursue a bachelor's of science degree in Journalism located within the Reed College of Media. Guaranteed admission to the College of Media is provided for students who earn an Associate of Arts in Communication Studies degree from MC with a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
2. For the purpose of admissions and credit recognition, the transfer GPA is determined by a calculation that includes all attempted MC courses, as well as, all attempted courses at regionally accredited institutions.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRANSFER ADMISSION APPLICANTS

Transfer admission applicants must:

1. Submit a Transfer application by either the August 1st deadline for fall admission or the December 1st deadline for spring admission. The application fee will be waived for applicants under this agreement.
2. Complete an Associate of Arts in Communication Studies degree, while following the prescribed curriculum outlined in this articulation agreement.
3. Achieve at least a cumulative GPA of 2.0. Cumulative GPA is determined by a calculation that includes all MC courses and all attempts, as well as all courses attempted at previous institutions.

IV. ACCEPTANCE AND APPLICATION OF CREDITS

1. If course equivalencies exist for required courses, general education curriculum, and/or prerequisites, these courses will apply toward WVU's graduation requirements. Course equivalencies will be determined consistently with transfer criteria at WVU.

2. Only courses taken at MC are covered by this agreement. Credit awarded by MC for AP, CLEB, IB or any other sources based on work not completed at MC, will be reevaluated by WVU. Credit is not guaranteed for these sources and will be reviewed for credit consistent with WVU's standards. A maximum of 72 credit hours can be transferred from MC to WVU.
3. WVU will maintain an online transfer equivalency system, allowing students to view course equivalents. This information will be maintained with the most recent MC information compared to the most recent WVU courses.

V. UPDATE/REPORT/RELATIONSHIP

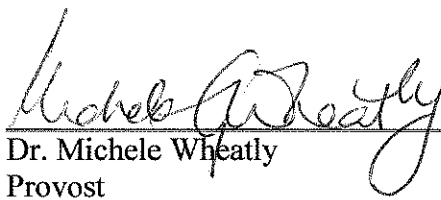
WVU and MC agree to review this agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies every two years. Each institution will designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purpose of monitoring this agreement. Additionally, WVU and MC agree to share student data for the purpose of assessment, recruitment and reporting.

VI. AMENDMENTS AND TERM OF EFFECT

1. All course by course transfer guides and transfer credit equivalency systems may be amended as needed.
2. This agreement will go into effect as of the date of its signing. The initial term of this agreement shall be two years from the date of the last signature, with three (3) automatic renewals of two years each. MC and UDC further agree to monitor the performance of this Agreement and to review biennially. 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 all MC students who have been accepted to WVU as part of the agreement will be provided all of the benefits as stated.
3. Articulation agreement: credit validation. WVU will adhere to the credit validation policy posted in the WVU catalog, which states: students returning to WVU to complete a degree after a significant break in enrollment may be asked to retake certain courses to validate their subject knowledge (or otherwise demonstrate mastery). This significant break is normally defined by the department offering the course. Typically, a course must be revalidated if taken seven or more years previously.

In witness thereof, the parties hereto have executed or approved this agreement on the date entered below.

West Virginia University:




Dr. Michele Wheatly
Provost

5/6/14

Date

Montgomery College:



Dr. Sanjay Rai
Interim Senior Vice President for
Academic Affairs

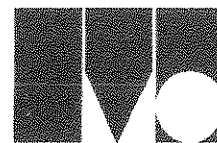
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Suggested Transfer Pathway

Montgomery College A.A. in Communication Studies to West Virginia University's B.S. in Journalism



Year One – Montgomery College

Fall Semester	Cr
ENGL101 (if needed for ENGL102/103, or elective)	3
MATH117 Elements of Statistics	3
COMM108 or COMM112 Speech Foundation	3
Health Foundation (1-credit HLTH recomm.)	1-3
Foreign Lang. (101-level or higher, or Elective) *	3
Humanities Dist. (HIST201 recommended)	3
Total Credits	16

Course Numbers – Starting Fall 2014

Spring Semester	Cr
ENGL102 or ENGL103 English Foundation	3
Arts Distribution (GDES120 recommended)	3
COMM121 Public Speaking	3
Foreign Lang. (102-level or higher, or Elective) *	3
Behav. & Soc. Sci. Dist. (POLI101 recommended)	3
Total Credits	15

Year Two – Montgomery College

Fall Semester	Cr
ECON201 Principles of Economics I or Elec. #	3
BSSD (SOCY100/PSYC102/ANTH201)	3
Natural Science Distribution w/Lab	4
LING200 Introduction to Linguistics	3
Arts or Humanities Distribution	3
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Cr
ECON202 Principles of Economics II or Elec. #	3
COMM250 Intro to Comm Inquiry & Theory	3
Natural Science Distribution	3-4
COMM Elective (COMM204/220/TRVA course)	3
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Total Credits	15-16

Apply to graduate from Montgomery College with an Associate of Arts in *Communication Studies*

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It is recommended that students complete ECON201 & ECON202 prior to transferring to WVU. If these courses are not completed prior to transferring, students must complete them upon matriculation to WVU.

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Year Three – West Virginia University

Fall Semester	Cr
JRL215 Media Writing	3
JRL225 Media Tools & Applications	3
HIST153 Making Modern America	3
POLS102 Intro to American Government	3
MATH121 Intro to Math Concepts	3
ULIB101 Intro to Library Research	1
Total Credits	16

Spring Semester	Cr
JRL428 Media Ethics and Law	3
Major Area of Emphasis course	3
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POLS220 State and Local Government	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	18

Year Four – West Virginia University

Fall Semester	Cr
Major Area of Emphasis course	3
Major Area of Emphasis course	3
Major Area of Emphasis course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
BUSA202 or BUSA340 Business course	3
Total Credits	18

Spring Semester	Cr
Major Area of Emphasis course	3
Major Capstone course	3
English Literature course	3
Minor course	3
Minor course	3
Total Credits	15

COMMUNICATION STUDIES A.A. to WVU's B.S. in Journalism

Course Numbers – Starting Fall 2014

Name:	Date:	ID#	
Foundation Courses	COURSE	HRS	GRADE
ENGL101 (if needed for ENGL102 or ENGL103, elective if not)		3	
English Foundation (ENGL102 or ENGL103)	ENGL	3	
Math Foundation, Elements of Statistics	MATH117	3	
Speech Foundation (COMM108 or COMM112)	COMM	3	
Health Foundation (1-credit HLTH recommended)	HLTH	1-3	
Distribution Courses	COURSE	HRS	GRADE
Arts Distribution (GDES120 recommended)		3	
Humanities Distribution (HIST201 recommended)		3	
Arts or Humanities Distribution		3	
Behavioral & Social Science Distribution (POLI101 recommended)		3	
Behavioral & Social Science Distribution (SOCY100/PSYC102/ANTH201)		3	
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab		4	
Natural Sciences Distribution		3-4	
Program Requirements	COURSE	HRS	GRADE
101-Level Language or Elective *		3	
102-Level Language or Elective *		3	
Economics I #	ECON201	3	
Economics II #	ECON202	3	
Introduction to Linguistics	LING200	3	
Communication Theory & Inquiry	COMM250	3	
Public Speaking	COMM121	3	
Communication Elective (COMM204, COMM220, or any TRVA course)		3	
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Global & Cultural Perspectives Requirement: LING200

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