

Articulation Agreement

Between

*West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia and
Hocking College, Nelsonville, Ohio:*

An Agreement enabling Hocking College students graduating with an A.A.S. degree in Forest Management to continue their education with the West Virginia University Division of Forestry and Natural Resources to attain a B.S. in Forest Resources Management

July 1, 2014

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
FOREST RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
AND
HOCKING COLLEGE

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into on this 1st day of July, 2014, by and amongst the West Virginia University Board of Governors on behalf of West Virginia University (“WVU”) and the Hocking College (“HC”) (referred to collectively as the “Parties”).

WHEREAS, one of the goals of WVU is to make academic programs available to citizens of the state of West Virginia and the region, provided that there is student need, faculty expertise, and sufficient resources;

WHEREAS, this Agreement establishes a 2-half-2 program between HC and WVU for students wishing to pursue a B.S. degree in Forest Resources Management (“FRM”) at WVU, having successfully completed their A.A.S. degree at HC in Forest Management, a Society of American Foresters accredited 2-year program;

WHEREAS, this Agreement seeks to reduce demands upon the WVU Office of Admissions for transfers from HC into the WVU FRM program by formalizing the educational equivalents received for courses taken at HC and specifying the remaining class work needed to complete the B.S. in FRM at WVU; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement attempts to minimize the effort required to transition certain transfer students from HC into WVU and to further WVU’s recruiting and enrollment of students from HC; and

THEREFORE, to implement and accomplish the above-stated commitments and objectives, the Parties agree to the following:

1. Program Expectations.

- a. HC students wishing to transfer to WVU’s FRM Program must meet the minimum entrance requirements to the FRM Program as established by WVU. Such requirements may change from time to time, at the discretion of WVU.
- b. All academic coursework at HC will be evaluated by faculty in WVU’s FRM Program and other WVU academic units as necessary, to determine the extent to which the prior courses and experience at HC satisfy, or are equivalent to, those expected of students in the 4-year FRM program at WVU.
- c. Based upon these academic evaluations, a specific 2-half-2 program of study will be developed by WVU faculty in the FRM Program that specifies what courses

will remain to be taken at WVU by students transferring from HC to complete the B.S. degree.

- d. Initial details of the curriculum for the Forest Management program at HC and the courses required to complete the B.S. degree at WVU, the requirements of which are subject to change at the discretion of WVU, are listed on Appendices I and II and attached to this Agreement.
 - e. Subject to applicable terms and conditions, graduates of HC who are residents of Virginia, Maryland, and Delaware may receive the benefit of in-state tuition at WVU while working on the B.S. in Forest Resources Management as part of the Southern Academic Common Market program. In addition, it is presently acknowledged by the Parties that residents of the state of Ohio may also be eligible for in-state tuition while working on the B.S. in Forest Resources Management at WVU through a separate reciprocal agreement between WVU and the state of Ohio.
 - f. Supervision of the 2-half-2 program at HC will be conducted by the Program Head of the Forestry Technology Program, and at WVU by the Program Coordinator for FRM at WVU. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Parties hereto agree and acknowledge that each party hereto shall maintain exclusive control over all aspects of its academic programs, including, but not limited to, admissions.
2. **Term; Cancellation; Amendment.** This Agreement shall become effective on July 1, 2014 and shall extend indefinitely, unless and until either party hereto gives notice of cancellation in writing to the other party at least ninety (90) days before the effective date of cancellation. In addition, either party hereto may cancel this Agreement upon a material breach hereof by the other party hereto, with notice of cancellation in writing to the other party. Except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, this Agreement can be amended only by mutual written consent of both Parties.
 3. **Funding.** All responsibilities or obligations articulated in this Agreement shall be implemented on a funding-available basis.
 4. **Compliance.** Each party hereto agrees to comply with, and abide by, any and all federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations applicable to its activities as contemplated herein. In addition, each party hereto agrees to execute such other documents, perform such other acts and provide such other assistance, as may reasonably be required by the other party hereto to carry out this Agreement.
 5. **Use of Trademarks, Logos, or other Intellectual Property.** Neither party shall use any trademarks, trade name, logos, trade dress, or other intellectual property of the other party without the express written approval of that party.

6. Equal Opportunity. The Parties agree that, as an essential proposition to any cooperative endeavor, all participants in programs created pursuant to this Agreement will be selected with equal opportunity for all persons in accordance with the policies of each party and without regard to the race, sex, age, national origin, religious affiliation, disability, veteran status, color, sexual orientation, or ancestry of participants or candidates for participation.
7. Severability; Multiple Counterparts. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held by any court or tribunal to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall remain in full legal force and effect. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and which taken together, shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
8. Responsibilities upon Termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, the responsibilities of either party to the Agreement to provide benefits to students begun prior to its termination may extend beyond the duration of the Agreement and termination of the Agreement does not abrogate responsibility to provide benefits
9. Governance; Entire Agreement; Authority. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of West Virginia. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties, and supersedes any and all previous or contemporaneous agreements or understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that it is fully authorized to execute this Agreement without obtaining the consent of any third party.


[SIGNATURES ON NEXT PAGE]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as the date of the signatures of their duly authorized representatives.

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
ON BEHALF OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY:**



Dr. Michele Wheatly, Provost 4/22/14
Date



Dr. Daniel J. Robison Dean, Davis
College of Agriculture, Natural Resources
and Design 4-17-14
Date

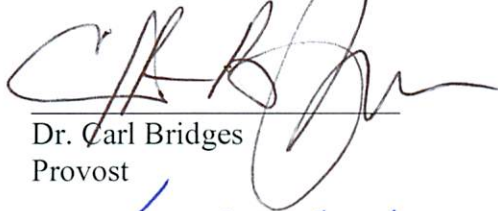


Dr. Joseph McNeel, Director,
Division of Forestry and Natural Resources 4-8-14
Date



Dr. John R. Brooks, Program
Coordinator, FRM Program, Division
of Forestry and Natural Resources 4/7/14
Date

HOCKING COLLEGE:



Dr. Carl Bridges
Provost 2/11/14
Date



Mr. Ken Bowald, Dean,
School of Natural Resources 1/24/14
Date



Jim Downs, Program Head,
Forest Management 1/30/14
Date

APPENDIX I

Coursework Requirements at Hocking College
for the A.A.S. Degree in Forest Management

FOR 1100	Focus on Forestry I	2
FOR 1111	Dendrology	3
NRM 1110	Chainsaw Operation	1
ENGL 1122	English Composition I	3
MATH 1113	College Algebra	4
FOR 1124	Forest Ecology	2
FOR 1132	Forest Products Utilization	1
GS 1000	HC Cornerstone	1
EM 1108	First Aid and CPR	1
FOR 1123	Forest Measurements	3
FOR 1112	Forestland Navigation and Mapping	3
MATH 1115	Trigonometry	4
ENGL 1152	Research Skills	1
FOR 1131	Forest Entomology and Pathology	2
GEO 1104	Intro to GIS and GPS	3
FOR 1101	Focus on Forestry II	1
FOR 1125	Forest Soils	2
FOR 2220	Applied Silviculture	3
FOR 2210	Forest Mensuration	3
FOR 2221	Wildland and Prescribed Fire	3
COMM 1130	Speech	3
FOR 2230	Forest Management	3
FOR 2219	Reforestation and Pesticide Applications	2
BIOS 1132	Field Biology	2
WLM 2215	Wildlife Management I	3
FOR 2226	Forest Operations	2
FOR 2205	Forest Issues and Policy	2
ARCH 2280	Cultural Antropology	3
FOR 2296	Forestry Practicum	2
		68 credit hours

APPENDIX II

If all of the suggested courses transfer to WVU, then Hocking College students will have the following courses to take:

ECON 201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
STAT 211	Elementary Statistical Inference	3
FOR 240	Intro. To computing in Nat. Resources	3
BIOL 101/103	General Biology with Lab	4
ECON 202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
GEC	(GEC 5, 6 or 7)	3
FMAN 330	Principles Forestry Economics	3
WDSC 223	Wood Anatomy & Structure	3
WDSC 232	Wood Grading & Procurement	3
MATH 150	Pre- Calculus	3
GEC	(GEC 5, 6 or 7)	3
FMAN 400	Summer Field Experience (Summer 5-week session)	6
FMAN 433	Forest Management	3
FOR 438	Human Dimensions of Nat. Res. Mgmt.	3
ENG 102	Composition and Rhetoric	3
ENG 304/305	Business or Technical Writing	3
CHEM 111	Survey of Chemistry	4
FMAN 434	Forest Resources Management and Planning	3
FHYD 444	Watershed Management	3
WDSC 100	Forest Resources in US History	3
GEC	(GEC 5,6 or7)	3
Total		68 credit hours

The above curriculum is based on Hocking College students taking one equivalent WVU General Education Curriculum (GEC objective 9 – ARCH 2280).

Students must complete all major requirements (FOR and FMAN courses) with a ‘C’ or higher.