ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Anne Arundel Community College Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

University of Baltimore Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

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Anne Arundel Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track, and University of Baltimore, Bachelor of Science in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track.

Anne Arundel Community College (hereafter referred to as AACC), a multi-campus community college in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and University of Baltimore (hereafter referred to as UB), a public upper-division state university and a member of the University System of Maryland, located in Baltimore City, Maryland, agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track. They further agree that students from AACC, through this articulation policy, will be allowed to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. at AACC, leading to the award of the B.S. at UB. The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

- The program is designed for graduates of the A.A.S. degree in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC. A maximum of 60 credit hours from AACC will be allowed toward fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion.
- All courses meeting general education requirements at AACC will transfer to UB
 as general education. Other general education requirements will be met by using
 required or elective courses at UB as noted in this agreement.
- Admission to the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at UB is competitive. Admissions requirements are:
 - a. Students have attained at least a grade of 'B' in each of these prerequisite science courses: Biology I, Chemistry I and II, Organic Chemistry I and II, and Physics I and II
 - b. A cross-institutional GPA of 3.0 or better
 - Completion of the admission process according to the following calendar: March 1: Admission application deadline
 - April 1: Admission notification letter mailed to applicant
 - May 1: Completion of the criminal background check and urinalysis
 - June 1: Applicant notifies the University of intent to enroll
 - d. A criminal background check and urinalysis.
- 4. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by UB toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores) is 30 credits. If the course is evaluated by AACC and applied to the AAS degree, UB will accept the course automatically as a transfer course. If the credit is not on the AACC transcript, the student may submit the score report to be evaluated by UB and

credit will be applied as determined by UB's evaluation. Tech Prep credits will transfer where appropriate. Credit awarded for experiential learning ("life experience") if awarded by AACC is recognized by, and is transferable to, UB.

- Once the A.A.S. is completed and the student has been admitted to UB, the student may commence the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track major by contacting the appointed academic advisor and registering for classes as approved by the advisor.
- AACC students who have completed the A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at UB.
- 7. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. AACC and UB agree to publicize this program. They further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary. The agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice to the other. Termination of the agreement will not affect any students enrolled at AACC in the A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at the time of termination, and they shall be able to transfer credits pursuant to this agreement.
- UB will establish a mechanism to provide information on the academic progress of the AACC student enrolled as a result of this agreement.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into to serve the instructional needs of AACC students and graduates. The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this articulation agreement.

There are three specific goals under this agreement. First, it is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from the A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC to the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at UB as efficiently as possible. AACC graduates will understand how UB transfers the credits they earn at AACC, as well as the changes in requirements that may permit more flexible scheduling once the student has been admitted to and enrolled at UB. There is no doubt that the A.A.S. degree qualifies individuals to work in certain entry-level positions related to forensic science. However, the ability to work in a crime lab and to plan a career that includes promotion and professional development in forensic science requires completion of Bachelor's and even Master's degree requirements. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond the A.A.S. degree from AACC.

Second, this agreement is a publication of a clear set of understandings and expectations for both institutions and programs. Making our expectations clear to students and between institutions not only contributes to the first goal, but also allows institutions to work collaboratively to meet the needs of AACC graduates. Like any policy agreement, this articulation agreement will need to be updated, revised and refined as instructional programs are revised.

Third, AACC encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway in forensic science for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in the forensic science profession. This articulation agreement facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

The following sections describe the specifics of the agreement.

A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track Transfer Agreements

The A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC is considered a career program. Therefore, Forensic Science students who transfer to UB will have their coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis (within the boundaries of this agreement) to determine which of UB's general education requirements and discipline requirements have been met. By taking full advantage of the AACC-UB course agreements outlined below, the transfer student will matriculate at junior standing with no confusion about this transfer pattern. Further, this agreement allows the student who has obtained an A.A.S. Degree in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track from AACC and who has enrolled in the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track program at UB to apply 60 transfer credits to required components of the major.

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between the A.A.S in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC and the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at UB.

<u>University of Baltimore Prerequisite Science requirements</u> (minimum "B" grade required)

University of Baltimore Prerequisite Science Requirements	AACC Equivalent	Explanation/Notes
Biology I (4 cr)	BIO 101	Requirement will be met when this course is successfully completed by the AACC student (this course also fulfills the 3-credit science general education requirement

Chemistry I and II (8 cr)	CHE 111 CHE 112	Requirement will be met when both of these courses are successfully completed by the AACC student (one of these also fulfills the lab science general education requirement)
Organic Chemistry I and II	CHE 213	Requirement will be met when both of these courses
(8 cr)	CHE 214	are successfully completed by the AACC student
Physics I and II	PHY 211	Requirement will be met when both of these courses
(8 cr)	PHY 212	are successfully completed by the AACC student

University of Baltimore Lower Division General Education requirements

University of Baltimore	AACC	Explanation/Notes
Lower Division General	Equivalent	
Education Requirements		
ENGLISH COMPOSITION	ENG 111	Requirement will be met when one of these courses is
(3 cr)	ENG 115	successfully completed by the AACC student
MATHEMATICS (3 cr)	MAT 131, MAT 151 or higher level math	Requirement will be met when one of these courses is successfully completed by the AACC student
LITERATURE	ENG 112	Requirement will be met when one of these courses is
(3 cr)	ENG 116	successfully completed by the AACC student
ORAL COMMUNICATION (3 cr)	COM 111 COM 116	Requirement will be met when one of these courses is successfully completed by the AACC student
HISTORY OR PHILOSOPHY (3 cr)	* 4	Requirement will be met at UB by taking an upper level history or philosophy course as a general elective.
FINE ARTS (3 cr)		Requirement will be met at UB by taking IDIS 304, Arts and Ideas, which also fulfills an upper division core course requirement
SOCIAL SCIENCE (6 cr)	SOC 111	3-credits of requirement will be met when this course is successfully completed by the AACC student. Remaining 3 credits are met at UB by taking a social science course from a different discipline as a general elective.
BIOLOGICAL/ PHYSICAL SCIENCE (7 - 8 cr; one course must have a lab component)	BIO 101 CHE 111	Requirement will be met when both of these courses are successfully completed by the AACC student.
INTERDISCIPLINARY AND EMERGING ISSUES		
Computer Literacy (3 cr)	CSI 112	Requirement for the Computer Literacy competency
(required by UB)	CSI 113	will be met if this course is successfully completed.
Lower Level Gen Ed (3 cr)	Health and Wellness	In accordance with MHEC policy this course is applied to lower level general education at UB.

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Upper Division General Education Requirements

B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track Major Requirements

All AACC transfer students with an A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track are assumed to transfer with a minimum of 65 credits from AACC and will be required to take a minimum of 58 credits of upper division coursework at UB.

The Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at UB requires students to successfully complete the following course work:

University of Baltimore		AACC Program Equivalent and/or Clarification	
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
	Upper Division General Education Core		um (9 credits)
IDIS 300	Ideas in Writing	3	None
IDIS 302	Ethical Issues in Business & Society	3	None
IDIS 304	Arts and Ideas	3	Meets lower division fine arts general ed requirement
Fo	rensic Studies, Forensic Science Track F	Requireme	ents (52 credits)
	Forensic Studies Core Requir	ements (1	5)
CRJU 301	Social Justice in the Urban Community	3	
FSCS 301	Forensic Science	(3)	Waiver & substitution* - CJS 250
FSCS 302	Forensic Documentation	3	
FSCS 307	Crime Scene Investigation	3	
FSCS 312	Moot Court and Trail Advocacy for Forensics	3	
	Forensic Science Concentre	ation (22)	
FSCS 400	Laboratory Safety and Quality Assurance	3	
FSCS 407	Instrumental Analysis	4	
FSCS 487	Field Internship in Forensic Science	3	
FSCS 401	Trace Evidence I	4	
FSCS 403	Trace Evidence II	4	
FSCS 405	Microscopy	4	
FSCS 403 FSCS 405		4	ves (6)

	General Electives (9)	
HIST or PHIL	Any 300- or 400- level history or philosophy course	3	Meets lower division history/philosophy general ed requirement
Social Science	A 300- or 400- level social science course in any discipline except sociology	3	Meets second lower division social science general ed requirement

^{*}Waiver and substitution of a required course means that the student has fulfilled this requirement without any additional coursework. For courses to qualify for waiver at UB the AACC student must have earned a C or better grade.

Overview and Summary

For students following this agreement, the steps are as follows:

Step 1: Complete the A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC.

AACC Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track students interested in transferring to UB should meet with the Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track Program coordinator at AACC for assistance in developing an educational plan for transfer immediately upon enrollment in the A.A.S. Program in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC. Although under this agreement 63-68 credits are required for the A.A.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track at AACC, only 62 credits will transfer to UB.

Step 2: Apply for admission to University of Baltimore, indicating the B.S. in Forensic Studies (FSCS), Forensic Science Track as the intended major. Applications for admission can be obtained by contacting: UB Admissions at 410.837.4777 or admissions@ubalt.edu. Supply all required application materials. Note that for this program special admissions requirements and deadlines apply (see p.2 of this agreement).

Step 3: Apply for scholarships for which you are eligible. Scholarship deadlines are November 1 for spring admission and March 1 for fall admission. Visit www.ubalt.edu/admissions/scholarships.

Step 4: Contact the Program Director for the B.S. in Forensic Studies, Forensic Science Track for an advisement appointment once you have been admitted to UB. A total of 120 credit hours must be successfully completed before University of Baltimore can grant the degree. Sixty-two (62) of these credits will be transferred from AACC and sixty (58) will be completed at UB.