

A Place of Academic Excellence

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

HOUGHTON COLLEGE AND ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PROFILE

Houghton College's mission is to provide an academically challenging, Christ-centered education in the liberal arts and sciences. A Christian liberal arts education provides the broad and firm foundation that graduates need to serve and to lead effectively, wherever life takes them.

Houghton, NY (main campus) – the 1,200-student residential campus in Houghton (Allegany County) focuses primarily on traditional age college students, with approximately 40 programs available.

P.A.C.E. – an adult degree completion program in management (P.A.C.E. – Program for Accelerating College Education) has its home on the Houghton College campus in West Seneca, a suburb of Buffalo, but also has teaching locations elsewhere in western New York.

The college has established a national reputation for excellence recognized by such organizations as *U.S. News and World Report*, *National Review*, *Barron's 300 Best College Buys*, and others. Houghton College is fully accredited by the Regents of the University of the State of New York and by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Through many decades, students from community colleges have chosen to transfer to Houghton to complete their baccalaureate education. Houghton College welcomes applications and is eager to assist in the transfer process.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID


The Houghton College admission process is friendly to community college students, especially to those who are applying from **Orange County Community College** where this established agreement guides and defines the process.

Each **Orange County Community College** transfer student will be considered for need-based financial aid. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed in order to receive a financial aid package. Students transferring to the main campus in Houghton, NY, will also be considered for merit-based financial aid. Academic excellence scholarships are based on a variety of factors, including grade point average in previous college work. The Houghton College Phi Theta Kappa scholarship is awarded to members of that society.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Students should feel free to contact the Transfer Coordinator in the Houghton Admission Office for assistance at 800-777-2556 or admission@houghton.edu or a P.A.C.E. transfer counselor at 888-874-7223 or pace@houghton.edu. The Financial Aid Office can be reached through 800-777-2556 or financialaid@houghton.edu.

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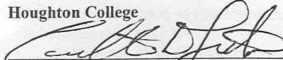

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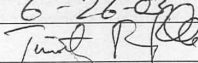
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A student from **Orange County Community College** who has been accepted at Houghton College may transfer with the guarantee that his or her courses will fulfill given Houghton College requirements. (Differences between requirements for traditional undergraduates and for P.A.C.E. students are noted below.)

1. **Those Completing A.A. and A.S. Degrees**
 - a. **Students transferring to the main campus (Houghton, NY)** - A student with an A.A. or A.S. degree will have satisfied all core requirements (Integrative Studies) for a Houghton College bachelor's degree except two courses, Biblical Literature and Introduction to Christianity. Students who transfer at least 60 hours that are applicable toward a bachelor's degree will automatically be classified as juniors.
 - b. **P.A.C.E. Students** - For students with A.A. or A.S. degrees transferring to P.A.C.E., only Biblical Literature is needed to complete Integrative Studies requirements. P.A.C.E. students must be at least 25 years old and have successfully completed at least 64 semester hours of acceptable college work.
2. The transcript of a student who has earned an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree, or accumulated credits at **Orange County Community College** but not earned a degree, will be evaluated course-by-course to determine which Houghton College integrative studies, major, and minor requirements have been met.
3. **Courses Acceptable for Transfer** - Following a transcript review by Houghton College, courses (other than technical or vocational courses) in which the grade earned is C- or higher and which do not total (except for P.A.C.E.) more than 67 semester credit hours are acceptable for transfer.
4. **Degree Requirements for students studying at the main campus (Houghton, NY)** - 124 total semester hours, at least 30 of which must be taken from Houghton College and completion of a major (half of which must be done at Houghton College) and a minor (all of which may be transferred to Houghton College). For most Houghton College academic programs, graduation in four semesters is the norm with good advisement, but for other academic programs it is less likely. However, such questions can usually be resolved with confidence before enrollment at Houghton College.
5. This agreement does not guarantee acceptance to Houghton College. Each applicant's record will be reviewed by the Houghton College Admission Committee.
6. Accepted students are subject to other conditions as stated in the Houghton College catalog.

This agreement takes effect when appropriate officials at both institutions have signed and the agreement can be revised as needed. Either party may terminate the agreement upon written notice to the other, one year in advance of an academic year. The term of the agreement is four years and can be renewed or re-negotiated at that time.

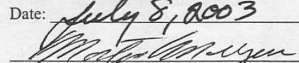
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