

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
AND
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY

Old Dominion University (ODU) and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from the community college to ODU, resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). ODU provides special opportunities to help VCCS students experience a smooth transition to ODU. In an effort to ease the transfer process, VCCS and ODU provide the following guaranteed admission agreement.

Definitions

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/SCThome.asp>).

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to ODU.

“GAA Contact” refers to staff members designated by each Virginia community college and by ODU who work with prospective GAA students.

Academic Admission Agreement

GAA students are guaranteed admission to ODU and may expect the following:

ODU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program granting the student junior standing. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment.

2. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the ODU lower level general education component of the undergraduate curriculum.
3. ODU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation. ODU will inform the student in writing at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation.
4. Acceptance in some degree programs at ODU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into ODU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to ODU, students must complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation from a transfer-oriented degree program at a Virginia community college with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale with intent to transfer to ODU) and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to the ODU Admissions Office. In addition, GAA students must have earned a grade of “C” or higher in each community college course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.

Students who were previously enrolled at ODU and transferred back to a VCCS college to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree are not eligible for participation in the GAA. VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to ODU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement.

Benefits to Virginia Community College Students

1. Through the community college GAA Contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the ODU GAA Contact, who can direct them to ODU departmental advisors for advice and information on meeting requirements for various ODU majors.
2. GAA students will be considered VCCS and ODU students once the student has successfully completed the GAA process and prior to enrollment at ODU. ODU will provide appropriate information to these students regarding enrollment and the institution in general. ODU may invite GAA students to institutional events, both on and off campus.
3. GAA students enrolling in ODU are eligible to apply for scholarships designated by ODU especially for GAA students. GAA students who graduate with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 (inclusive of all schools attended) are automatically considered for merit-based scholarships offered annually (20 Governor’s Technology scholarships, 10 Phi Theta Kappa scholarships, and 10 merit scholarships are awarded in April of each year.) These scholarships are awarded for two years if the student maintains a 3.25 GPA each semester at ODU. Scholarships are offered in the fall term and are not available for spring and summer term applicants.

Responsibilities

GAA students will:

1. Follow all ODU application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.
2. Declare an intent to transfer to ODU under the GAA to the community college GAA Contact after a minimum of 15 credits towards the transfer-oriented associate degree is completed and before applying for graduation from the community college.

The community college will:

1. Assist prospective GAA students in declaring intent to transfer to ODU under the GAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the associate degree.

Responsibilities (cont.)

3. Make available information about ODU and the GAA to prospective GAA students enrolled in transfer-oriented associate degree programs.

ODU will:


1. Consider GAA students who enroll at ODU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students with junior standing.
2. Provide tracking data annually on the performance of GAA students at ODU, to include comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research staffs at VCCS and ODU.

Review of the Agreement

ODU officials responsible for the review of all ODU aspects of the GAA are the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee. VCCS officials responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA are the VCCS Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research and the VCCS Assistant Vice Chancellor for Educational Programs and Instructional Technology, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the Academic and Student Affairs Council.


ODU and the VCCS will review the GAA every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.

The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.



Glenn DuBois, Chancellor
Virginia Community College System

December 14, 2006
Date



Dr. Roseann Runte, President
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December 18, 2006
Date