

# GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT

## University of Virginia and Virginia Community College System

The University of Virginia (“the University”) is pleased to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System (“VCCS”) students according to the terms of this Agreement. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

### Section I: General Requirements for Undergraduate Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences

The University of Virginia agrees to guarantee fall admission to the College of Arts and Sciences for a VCCS student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Completes an Associate in Arts, Associate in Science, or Associate in Arts and Science degree in the VCCS within the two-year period preceding application to the University. A student also may complete an Associate Degree in General Studies program that is approved as a transfer degree by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.
- Earns a minimum of at least 54 transferable credit hours<sup>1</sup>, 45 or more of which are from the VCCS. This minimum may include dual enrollment credit, but not AP or IB credit. The University will evaluate AP and IB credit for an admitted student and award credit based on policies in place at the time the student enrolls.
- Satisfies all competency and area requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences as specified in Section II.
- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in VCCS coursework of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale. If a student repeats a course, the University will include the original and repeated course grades in the grade point average calculation.
- Earns a grade of C or better in every VCCS course taken, with the exception that the grade in English 111 and English 112 must be a B or better.
- Submits a completed application for fall transfer admission, including the application fee and all supplemental materials, by the March 1 application deadline. Applicants with financial need may be eligible for an application fee waiver. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the Admission Office by March 1.

### Section II: Specific Course Requirements for Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful VCCS transfer applicant must present VCCS courses that satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences competency and area requirements described below.

- English Composition: English 111 and 112 provided the courses are not taken as dual enrollment courses. If the courses were dual enrollment, then the student must take English 210 and receive a grade of B or better.
- Foreign Language: Any foreign language through the 202 level provided that the courses taken are not dual enrollment. A student can satisfy this requirement by submitting qualifying scores in SAT, AP or IB foreign language subject tests.<sup>2</sup>
- Social Sciences (6 credits): Two transferable courses in any of the following: anthropology, economics, government, linguistics, psychology, or sociology.
- Humanities (6 credits): One transferable course in two of the following three groups: a) literature (classics, comparative literature, English, foreign literature); b) fine arts (art, drama, music); and c) moral, philosophical, or religious thought (political theory, philosophy, religion).
- Historical Studies (3 credits): One transferable course offered by the history department.
- Non-Western Perspective (3 credits): One transferable course from any department that deals substantially with a

culture other than Western, e.g., Africa, Asia, the Middle East or a minority subculture of the West.

- Natural Science and Mathematics (12 credits): Transferable courses in at least two of the disciplines: mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, environmental science, or astronomy. Mathematics courses may include statistics. Pre-calculus will count towards degree credit at the University, but will not satisfy this area requirement.

### **Section III: College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter the College of Arts and Sciences as a third-year student. In order to earn a degree from the College of Arts and Sciences, a student must complete the following steps.

- Enroll as a full-time student carrying an average of 15 credit hours each semester. (A student completing less than 15 hours will need to enroll in the University's Summer Session or carry more hours in a subsequent semester.)
- Declare a major by the end of the first semester at the University. Although VCCS courses may be used to fulfill competency, area and elective requirements, they typically will not satisfy major requirements.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of sixty must be at the University.
- Complete coursework, all major requirements, and graduation requirements in no more than four full-time semesters. Summer sessions are not included in the four full-time semester limit.

### **Section IV: Financial Aid, Housing and Other Services**

VCCS students are eligible to apply for the AccessUVA financial aid program, which assists students and families through four key components:

1. Meets 100 percent of demonstrated need for all admitted undergraduate students;
2. Replaces need-based loans with grants in the financial aid packages of low-income students, as defined by AccessUVA (currently, those whose family income is equivalent to 200 percent of the federal poverty line or less);
3. Caps the amount of need-based loans offered to any student at approximately 25 percent of the University's in-state cost of attendance over four years, and meets all need above that amount with grants; and
4. Offers counseling to admitted students and their families, assisting them in the financial aid application process and presenting them with financing options outside of need-based financial aid.

To apply for AccessUVA, students should follow the steps described at <http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid/>.

In addition, VCCS students transferring under this agreement who apply for University housing will receive consideration equal to all other transfer students and upper-class native students not currently residing in University housing. To apply for University housing, students should follow steps described at <http://www.virginia.edu/housing/>. In addition, the University will work with VCCS students to facilitate course registration and access to other services.

### **Section V: Effective Date, General Terms and Signatures**

The terms of this Agreement are effective March 31, 2006, and will be evaluated annually. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice two years in advance. The University of Virginia reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a felony. The University and the VCCS will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and web sites.

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John T. Casteen, III, President  
University of Virginia

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Glenn DuBois, Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System

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<sup>1</sup> All uses of "transferable" in the Agreement mean transferable to the University's College of Arts and Sciences. See [http://www.web.virginia.edu/ArtsSci/credit/credit\\_analyzer.asp](http://www.web.virginia.edu/ArtsSci/credit/credit_analyzer.asp) for a description of transferable credits.

<sup>2</sup> See <http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/requirements/index.html> for detailed information.