# GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science 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 Admission Requirements for the School of Engineering and Applied Science

The University of Virginia agrees to guarantee fall admission to the School of Engineering and Applied Science for a VCCS student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Completes an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Engineering or Science in the VCCS within the two-year period preceding matriculation 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. Students who complete the associate degree in Engineering may reduce the number of required courses taken at the University as compared with students who complete the associate degree in Science or General Studies.
- 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 School of Engineering and Applied Science as specified in Section II.
- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in VCCS coursework of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale by time of
  application and by time of matriculation. 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 the following courses must be a B or better: English 111, and all Calculus, Physics, and Chemistry courses.
- 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: Course Requirements for Admission to the School of Engineering and Applied Science

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful VCCS transfer applicant must present VCCS courses that satisfy the School of Engineering and Applied Science requirements described below.

English Composition: STS 101 (ENG 111 and 112). Any student who is a non-US citizen, whose first language is not English, and who has been in the U.S. less than six years will have to complete successfully an English proficiency test at the University to receive credit for these courses.

• Natural Science and Mathematics (30 credits): Calculus I, II, and III, Differential Equations, Chemistry + Lab (1 semester), Calculus-based Physics + Lab (2 semesters), Computer Programming (1 semester, Java preferred).

## Section III: School of Engineering and Applied Science Degree Requirements

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter the School of Engineering and Applied Science as a third-year student. In order to earn a degree from the School of Engineering and Applied Science, a student must earn a total of 128 credits, of which a minimum of 64 must be at the University. The School of Engineering and Applied Science will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum number of semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

### 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 (prorated based on an individual's expected duration of enrollment), 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 <a href="http://www.virginia.edu/housing/">http://www.virginia.edu/housing/</a>. 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 will be evaluated every two years. 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 VCQS will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and web sites.

John J. Casteen, III, President

University of Virginia

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Date: 3/18/08

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All uses of "transferable" in the Agreement mean transferable to the University's School of Engineering and Applied Science.