

Master Articulation Agreement
between
Shenandoah University
and
Northern Virginia Community College

I. Purpose

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their educational goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose can be achieved through the coordination between Northern Virginia Community College and Shenandoah University of transfer policies, enhanced advising and acceptance of approved credits to satisfy requirements at the partner institution.

II. General Provisions

This articulation agreement between Shenandoah University (SU) and Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) will facilitate transfer of students from NVCC to SU. These provisions are intended as a guide; however, the respective catalogs in force at any particular time remain the basic documents governing transfer policies.

The following stipulations also apply:

A. Students who have earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree that represents a university-parallel curriculum from NVCC are considered to have satisfied the Core Curriculum requirements of the Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business and Health Professions. Because this agreement relates to program articulation, it is assumed that completion of the appropriate NVCC degree confirms that all of the courses presented in fulfillment of requirements for the degree have been completed with passing grades.

Transfer students should be aware that even though the Core Curriculum requirements of the major at SU may have been met, major program requirements must still be fulfilled. In some cases these hours may extend beyond the minimum 120 credits for the SU degree.

All students graduating from SU are required to complete three semester hours in philosophy or religion and two semester hours in physical education activities. These requirements may be satisfied at NVCC.

B. NVCC students who have not completed a degree at NVCC but still desire to transfer to SU will have their transcripts evaluated on a course-by-course basis. For the acceptance in transfer, each course grade must be C or better. Developmental courses will not be considered for transfer. Occupational courses (e.g., horticulture, clerical studies, engineering technology, etc.) proposed for transfer credit will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

C. While the intent of this agreement is that students will not be required to repeat courses, students may be required to take additional prerequisites in unusual circumstances such as the following:

1. where the scope of a prerequisite course does not satisfy professional certification.
2. in certain disciplines (e.g., sciences) which were taken several years ago.

D. SU graduation requirements in effect at the date of the student's program placement at NVCC will be used in certifying the student for graduation from SU provided that the student matriculates at SU within three years of that date.

III. Acceptance of NVCC Degrees

A. SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

The following NVCC degree programs will be considered to have satisfied requirements for the Arts & Sciences Core Curriculum at SU:

1. Associate in Arts Degrees

- Fine Arts
- Liberal Arts*
- Liberal Arts - Art History Specialization
- Liberal Arts - International Studies Specialization
- Liberal Arts - Music Specialization**
- Liberal Arts - Philosophy Specialization
- Liberal Arts - Psychology Specialization
- Liberal Arts - Religion Specialization
- Liberal Arts - Speech Communication Specialization
- Music **

*HIS 101-102 (six semester hours) should be completed. If qualification for teaching licensure is a goal, HIS 121-121 (six semester hours) should be completed instead.

** While the Music degree satisfies core A&S requirements, transfer to the Shenandoah Conservatory is governed by separate policies as noted below.

2. Associate in Science Degrees

- Business Administration
- Computer Science
- Engineering
- Electrical Engineering Specialization
- General Studies
- General Studies - Psychology Specialization
- Science
- Science - Mathematics Specialization

Graduates with degrees others than A.A. or A.S. may apply for admission to Arts and Sciences majors and may satisfy significant portions of the Core Curriculum.

NVCC students wishing direct transfer into the junior year in the School of Arts and Sciences should complete an appropriate associate degree at NVCC, incorporating into it the A&S Core Curriculum as outlined in the current SU catalog. In addition, they should consider the following:

1. They are advised to choose electives at NVCC in the discipline (major) they wish to pursue at Shenandoah.

2. They must incorporate a foreign language into their program to satisfy the SU Arts and Sciences Core Curriculum. A minimum of six semester hours in the same language will meet this requirement. Students intending to major in certain SU programs should be aware that additional foreign language study will be required as part of the major.

3. Upper division credit at SU (300 level & above) will not be given to NVCC courses at the 100 or 200 level. However, students with superior knowledge may challenge course requirements through the "credit by examination" policy as stated in the current SU catalog.

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The Business Administration Associate in Science Degree at NVCC satisfies significant portions of the core curriculum of the Business School and, depending on what electives are taken, qualifies the student for immediate junior status. By taking the appropriate set of electives, the NVCC degree will be the basis of admission into a "2 Plus 2" program in the Byrd School of Business.

C. CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC

NVCC students seeking admission to the Conservatory of Music will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

D. HEALTH PROFESSIONS, SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

Transfer of NVCC students to programs in the Departments of Health Professions and School of Pharmacy will be governed by separate articulated transfer programs. Such program and course guides are attached to this agreement when appropriate.

IV. Notification of Changes.

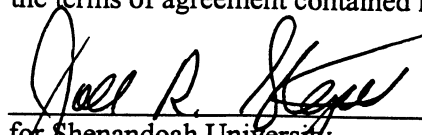
As part of this agreement, it is necessary that SU and NVCC develop a procedure to inform each other, in a timely manner, of any changes in curricula, policies or procedures that might affect this agreement or its implementation. This coordination is particularly important in basic science courses which serve as prerequisites for professional courses where SU assumes responsibility for overall quality of instruction under accreditation standards.

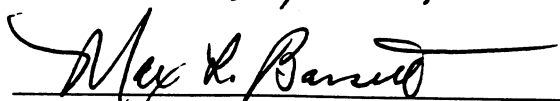
In addition institutional representatives will meet annually to review this agreement and discuss any problems of articulation that may arise. The institutions are also encouraged to develop program-to-program agreements that detail preferred courses for specific majors.

V. Amendments and Term of Effect.

This agreement may be amended as needed for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. The course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.

This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of agreement contained herein will remain in effect for a maximum of four years.


for Shenandoah University
Vice President of Academic Programs
Date: Oct 27, 1997


for Northern Virginia Community College
Dean of Academic and Student Services
Date: 10/27/97