



DIRECT TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

GERMANNA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

UNIVERSITY OF MARY WASHINGTON

The University of Mary Washington (UMW) and Germanna Community College (GCC), recognizing the need to facilitate the transfer of students from GCC to UMW's Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program, hereby resolve to adopt a BLS Direct Transfer Articulation Agreement (BLS-DTAA). This agreement is designed for GCC students interested in transferring to UMW's Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program, and does not apply to any other degree program at UMW.

UMW is highly supportive of the goal of enrolling GCC transfer students in the BLS program, and provides several means for gaining admission in addition to the this agreement. GCC students who do not meet all the terms of this agreement may nonetheless be competitive applicants, and are encouraged to apply through the regular transfer admissions process. In addition, UMW has a system-wide guaranteed admission agreement (GAA) in effect with all Virginia Community Colleges and with Richard Bland College. The terms for those agreements differ from this one, and those GAA agreements are also designed for students who wish to transfer to UMW's Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree programs.

This agreement is open only to those students who meet the general admissions criteria UMW has established for admission to the BLS degree program. The BLS degree is designed for adults who want to major in a traditional arts and science discipline and who have at least one of the following characteristics: graduated from high school six or more years ago, is a veteran or active-duty member of the U.S. armed services, is married, has legal dependents other than a spouse, or is financially self-supporting.

Academic Admission Agreement

GCC students who are eligible BLS students and earn (1) an Associate of Arts (AA), (2) Associate of Science (AS), (3) Associate of Arts and Sciences (AA&S), (4) Associate in Applied Science (AAS), or (5) a General Studies associate degree with at least a 2.75 grade point average are guaranteed admission to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies (BLS) program at UMW and may expect the following:

1. UMW will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the associate degree program, not to exceed 63 credits. No distinction will be made by UMW

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regarding college courses applicable to the associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

2. Completion of the associate degree program will guarantee completion of the lower-level UMW general education component of the BLS curriculum. GCC students must complete the “writing intensive” and “speaking intensive” requirements specified for the BLS degree program at UMW, unless transferable courses were taken as a part of the associate degree.
3. UMW cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation with a BLS degree. UMW will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the 120 minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.
4. Acceptance in some major programs at UMW is competitive; thus this admission agreement into UMW does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program.

Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to UMW, students must be eligible BLS students, must meet all requirements as outlined in the “Academic Agreement Section” of this document (above), and must submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to UMW Admissions Office. In addition, GCC 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 UMW and transferred to GCC to complete the associate degree are not eligible for participation in this agreement. GCC students who do not meet the eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to UMW but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement. UMW reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been suspended or dismissed from any institution of higher education, or to those convicted of a felony.

Benefits to Germanna Community College Students

1. UMW waives its application fee.
2. Through the GCC contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the UMW point of contact, the BLS Director, who can direct them to UMW academic departments for advice and information on meeting requirements for various majors. GCC students accepted through this agreement will have a dedicated BLS degree advisor upon admission.
3. While UMW does not have any named scholarships designated especially for GCC students, GCC students are considered for all scholarships and other assistance for which they are eligible. GCC students must complete the FAFSA form by the application

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deadline established by UMW, Office of Financial Aid, for need-based aid. GCC students are not required to complete UMW Institutional Scholarship Information Form their first year in order to be to be considered for institutional scholarships.

Responsibilities

GCC students will follow all UMW application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements. The application for admission must be filed no later than March 1 for fall transfer admission, and November 1 for spring transfer admission. At the time of filing the application, the student must declare the intent to invoke the BLS-DTAA as the means for seeking admission to UMW by completing the "BLS-DTAA Letter of Intent" (available from the UMW Office of Admissions.

The community college will:

1. Assist prospective GCC students interested in transferring to UMW's BLS program under the terms of the BLS-DTAA.
2. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the relevant associate degree.
3. Make available information about UMW and this agreement to prospective GCC students enrolled in associate degree programs.
4. Make information available to UMW about prospective GCC students who have declared intent to transfer to UMW's BLS program through the terms of the BLS-DTAA.

UMW will:

1. Consider GACC students who enroll in UMW's BLS program 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 GCC students at UMW, 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 GCC and UMW.

Review of the Agreement

GCC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of this agreement at GCC. UMW will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of this agreement at UMW. Representing UMW will be the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, or designee. Representing GCC will be the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Student Services.

UMW and GCC will review this agreement every five 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 agreement.

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This BLS-DTAA agreement 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 agreement may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination

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