



**Articulation Agreement
Between
College of Southern
Maryland
and
Webster University**



Introduction

This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Webster University, hereinafter referred to as WU, and College of Southern Maryland, hereinafter referred to as CSM, are educational institutions with a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree.

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate transfer student matriculation from CSM associate degree programs to WU online baccalaureate degree completion programs.

Webster University is pleased to guarantee admission to College of Southern Maryland students according to the terms of this agreement. CSM students who do not meet the terms of this agreement may still apply and be considered for regular transfer admission, although admission is not guaranteed.

Terms & Conditions of Transfer

Students are required to meet admission requirements of WU as identified below. This agreement shall be governed by the academic policies and procedures of WU and CSM. The evaluation and transfer of earned college credit will be in compliance with WU's guidelines and policies. Specific courses that will count toward the individual majors must be approved by the appropriate department.

WU will accept students who have earned Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Applied Science degrees from CSM and would like to transfer directly to WU from CSM to pursue a bachelor's degree. Please note that certain degree programs at Webster (art, dance, music, theatre, and nursing) have additional requirements for admission, and that the guaranteed admission is for entrance into the University, not acceptance into one of these majors.

Admission Requirements

CSM students must complete the following admission requirements to be guaranteed admission to WU:

1. Complete the online application for undergraduate admission (available at webster.edu/apply).
2. Submit an official transcript from College of Southern Maryland, as well as from any other post-secondary institutions previously attended.
3. Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of a 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) on all previous academic work.
4. Submit a 300-500 word essay on the topic of your choice. This can be an autobiographical essay, professional resume, or a short paper written for a college class.

5. Applicants to the online undergraduate degree completion programs must have successfully completed an associate's degree or at least 64 hours of college-level work prior to beginning studies at the University.
6. Online students shall apply for admission to the University at the beginning of the term or semester prior to which they wish to enroll.
7. International transfer students must follow all admission requirements as outlined in the Webster University catalog.

Exclusions to the Guaranteed Admission Agreement

Webster reserves the right to deny admission or the benefits of this agreement to students who have been suspended or dismissed from any college or university or to those who have been convicted of a felony. Webster may also deny admission or the benefits of this agreement to any applicant who presents other factors in the personal or academic background that the University deems inappropriate, as deemed by the Transfer Admissions Committee.

Admission is not guaranteed for entrance into any specific academic program at WU. Certain degree programs within the Leigh Gerding College of Fine Arts (art, dance, theatre, music) and College of Arts & Sciences (nursing) require additional admission requirements.

Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. Students successfully completing the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) at CSM will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements of WU as defined in the WU college catalog, as published at the time of the Student's enrollment at WU. The general education requirements at WU are referred to as the Global Citizenship Program. All students are required to complete the Global Keystone Seminar at WU. Students who have not successfully completed the A.A. or A.S. at CSM will have all courses evaluated on a course by course basis for applicability to the Global Citizenship Program at WU.
2. Coursework considered for transfer should be completed with a grade of C- or better. Courses completed with a grade of D have severe transfer restrictions and generally are not applicable toward graduation requirements at WU. Grades for transferred courses do not enter into the computation of GPA at WU.
3. Any credit earned from standardized tests (CLEP, AP, IB, Dantes, etc.) are considered in transfer to WU according to University policy, as outlined in the college catalog in effect at the time of the Student's enrollment. Students are required to submit an official transcript from the testing agency for evaluation.
4. WU provides full transfer of coursework successfully completed as part of an associate degree awarded by a regionally accredited institution. While students with associate degrees typically transfer 60-64 credit hours, WU will transfer in all coursework that is part of the completed associate degree. Transfer of additional lower-division credit beyond the associate degree is restricted. All transfer credit is capped at 98 credit hours.

5. Specific courses that will count toward the individual majors must be approved by the appropriate department. CSM students may utilize the WU online transfer equivalency database for a list of CSM courses that have been approved for WU equivalency by the departments.
6. Webster has a minimum residency requirement that 30 of the student's last 36 credits must be taken at Webster University. All students must have a minimum of 128 credit hours to graduate.

Responsibilities of Each Institution

Webster University and College of Southern Maryland will:

- Maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as equal partners.
- Put the needs of the students first by serving students in the best manner possible.
- Work to promote academic success of all students by maintaining quality academic programs and institutional accreditation.
- Provide accurate and timely information to students interested in transfer to WU.
- Publicize this transfer agreement through web and printed materials and conversations with students. No publication or reference to the program shall be printed or distributed without the consent of both institutions.

Webster University will:

- Waive the \$35 application fee for students entering from CSM under this agreement.
- Provide CSM staff with WU materials regarding programs, admission, and enrollment.
- Conduct information sessions/workshops for CSM students regarding admissions, financial aid, and registration.
- Host CSM students on campus for personalized appointments and campus tours, as appropriate.

College of Southern Maryland will:

- Provide information about Webster to interested students, faculty, and staff.
- Provide an opportunity for Webster to present to and engage with CSM students at transfer events, college fairs, and other CSM campus activities.
- Notify WU of significant curricular changes that will impact any transfer equivalency materials.

Educational Opportunities

Webster University offers online undergraduate degree completion programs in Data Analytics (BS), Management (BA), Media Communications (BA) and Religion & Global Society (BA).

In the National Capital Region, Webster University offers graduate programs in Business Administration (MBA), Business & Organizational Security Management (MA), Cybersecurity (MS), Human Resources Management (MA), Information Technology Management (MA), International Relations (MA), Management & Leadership (MA), Procurement & Acquisitions Management (MA), Public Relations (MA), and Government Contracting (certificate).

Webster University, founded in 1915 with its home campus based in St. Louis, Missouri, USA, is the only Tier 1, private, nonprofit university with campus locations around the world including metropolitan, military, online and corporate, as well as American-style traditional campuses in North America, Europe, Africa, and Asia.

Webster students have an opportunity to study at any of the Webster University campuses around the world. Students may also choose to study under one of Webster's online degree offerings.


Terms of Agreement


This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2014-2015 and remains in effect until discontinued with written notice by either or both institutions. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to regular review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements.

College of Southern Maryland

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