

Memorandum of Understanding between

University of Maryland, College Park and the College of Southern Maryland

Preamble:

This agreement affirms a 5-year period for the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program (MTAP) between the University of Maryland, College Park, (UMD) and the College of Southern Maryland (CSMD). MTAP seeks to foster increased access and greater academic success for students transferring from CSMD to UMD.

Efforts:

The University of Maryland, College Park and the College of Southern Maryland will continue the Maryland Transfer Advantage Program through spring 2029 within the following guidelines:

- UMD and CSMD will independently recruit and make offers of admission. UMD and CSMD will coordinate information on MTAP applicants.
- UMD will decide on MTAP program admission and will communicate program admission to the applicants once all application material is received.
- UMD will send a list of MTAP participants to the CSMD Counselor for Transfer Services after each selection period.
- MTAP-admitted students will be guaranteed UMD admission contingent on students meeting the following requirements:
 - Completion of an Associate degree with a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA from all previously attended institutions;
 - OR completion of 30 credits of coursework with a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, including at least 5 general education courses, coursework that fulfills the UMD Academic Writing (English Composition) requirement, and a college level mathematics course;
 - Completion of at least 15 credits at the College of Southern Maryland;
 - Submission of the UMD transfer admission application by the posted priority deadline;
 - Enrollment at the University of Maryland, College Park or a University of Maryland, College Park, program at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) within one year of completion of the Associate degree with a minimum 3.0 GPA from all previously attended institutions or completion of 30 credits with a minimum 3.0 GPA, including at least 5 general education courses, coursework that fulfills the UMD Academic Writing (English Composition) requirement, and a college level mathematics course
 - Not matriculated at any other institution of higher education after MTAP acceptance;

- Participation in the MTAP program for a minimum of one semester prior to transfer semester;
- Adherence to all admission policies in addition to the academic stipulations already listed.
- CSMD will make available to the UMD Office of Undergraduate Admissions current student address and student academic record information for MTAP students at CSMD
- MTAP students will have the option to attend the University of Maryland, College Park, or a University of Maryland, College Park, program at the Universities at Shady Grove. However, students intending to transfer to a University of Maryland, College Park program at the Universities at Shady Grove should be encouraged to apply to the Terp Transfer Program in lieu of MTAP.
- UMD will maintain MTAP program students as a priority category. After 15 credits completed at CSMD. MTAP admitted program students will have access to UMD advising and a 25% course-tuition-scholarship for one UMD course per winter/summer term (four credits per term for a maximum of three terms). Students must receive a grade of C-or better in UMD coursework in order to continue to be eligible for this benefit.
- Either party may terminate all or parts of this agreement with a minimum of a six-month written notice to both UMD and CSMD Presidents. Currently enrolled MTAP students would be allowed to complete the program and transfer.

General oversight of this agreement is the responsibility of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost at the College of Southern Maryland and the Senior Vice President and Provost at the University of Maryland, College Park.



Jennifer King Rice, Senior Vice President, Academic Affairs, and Provost

May 10, 2024

Date

Yolanda Wilson

[Yolanda Wilson \(Apr 16, 2024 14:37 EDT\)](#)

Yolanda Wilson, President

Apr 16, 2024

Date

4.8.24