

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
FOR  
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION  
AND REAL ESTATE**

**Between  
College of Southern Maryland  
and  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) and the College of Southern Maryland resolve to adopt a Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA). Virginia Tech provides this special opportunity to help College of Southern Maryland students experience a smooth transition.

In an effort to facilitate the transfer process, the College of Southern Maryland and Virginia Tech provide the following guaranteed admission agreement.

**Definitions**

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to the College of Southern Maryland Associate of Science and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees.

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a transfer-oriented associate degree program at the College of Southern Maryland with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **3.0** or higher on a four-point scale and who intends to transfer to Virginia Tech. All repeated grades are considered in calculation of the grade point average.

“GAA Contact” refers to staff members designated by the College of Southern Maryland and by Virginia Tech who work with prospective GAA students.

**Academic Admission Agreement**

GAA students are guaranteed admission to Virginia Tech for either Summer or Fall term and may expect the following:

1. Virginia Tech will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 60 credits. No distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

2. Virginia Tech cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the credit minimum required for graduation. Virginia Tech will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.
3. Dual Enrollment Students with a Degree:
  - High school students with dual enrollment credits are considered freshmen with transfer credit, not transfer students. Dual enrolled high school students should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.
  - If admitted, no distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

Dual Enrollment Student with a Degree Concurrent with High School Graduation:

- Students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation (sometimes referenced as dual enrollment or Early College) are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement.
- Students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are considered freshman with transfer credit, not transfer students. Such students must apply as freshman and should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.
- If admitted, no distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Virginia Tech will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 60 credits.

### Eligibility

To be guaranteed admission to Virginia Tech for Summer or Fall term, students must:

1. Complete the requirements to become GAA students (graduation from a transfer-oriented degree program at College of Southern Maryland with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of **3.0** or higher on a four-point scale) and submit an official transcript showing completion of the associate degree to Virginia Tech's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.
2. Have earned a grade of "C" or higher in each College of Southern Maryland course applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree program.

Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended or to those convicted of certain crimes as determined by the university. Per university policy, all applicants and currently enrolled students must report arrest, conviction, and protective orders. Disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission.

## Articulation Status

Articulation status will be granted to any College of Southern Maryland student who has completed the associate degree which includes the following:

Subject /hour requirement	College of Southern Maryland course numbers	VT Course Numbers Building Construction Specific	VT Course Numbers Real Estate Specific
Writing & Discourse 6 hrs	ENG 1010,1020	ENGL 1105 + 1106 <sup>1</sup>	ENGL 1105 + 1106 <sup>1</sup>
Ideas, Cultural Traditions & Values 6 hrs	Choose from: ART 1010,1020,MUS 1020,ENG2010,2020,2030,2200,2210,2250, HST 1010,1020	CLE Area 2 CLE Area 2	CLE Area 2 CLE Area 2
Society & Human Behavior 3 hrs	GRY 1050	GEOG 1014	GEOG 1014
Scientific Reasoning & Discovery 6 – 8 hrs	GEO 1010,1010L, PHY 1210,1210L (for BC) 6 credits of any transferable physical sciences (for RE)	GEOS 1004 + 1104 PHYS 2XXX <sup>2</sup>	6 credits of any transferable physical sciences (for RE)
Quantitative & Symbolic Reasoning 6 – 12 hrs	MTH 1200,1210,2220 (for BC) 6 credits of any transferable math (for RE)	MATH 1225 + 1226 + 2114	6 credits of any transferable math
		Total 27- 34 semester hours of General Education courses	
Other Recommended 9 hrs	ACC 2010&2020, COM 1010,ENG 2050	ACIS 2115,COMM 2004,ENGL 2XXX <sup>3</sup>	ACIS 2115,COMM 2004, ENGL 2XXX <sup>3</sup>

### FOOTNOTE:

<sup>1</sup>Both Building Construction and Real Estate require COMM 1015 and COMM 1016 which is not offered at the community college. English 1105 and ENGL 1106 is acceptable as an equivalent for the COMM sequence.

<sup>2</sup>After acceptance, student will need to take Thermal Physics study module offered through the PHYS department for PHYS 2305 credit. This module is available during Winter Session only.

<sup>3</sup>Building Construction and Real Estate will accept ENG 2050 as an appropriate substitute for ENGL 3774.

### NOTES:

1. If construction courses are not taken at College of Southern Maryland then student would need a summer I start at Virginia Tech in order to enroll in the Intro Building Construction classes needed before fall semester. If construction courses are taken at CSM then students would need a summer II start. Please contact Building Construction advisor at Virginia Tech prior to application.
2. If Principles of Real Estate is not taken at College of Southern Maryland then student should take equivalent before Fall start at Virginia Tech. Please contact Real Estate advisor at Virginia Tech for suggestions and details.

If a student has not completed an associate degree, credit earned does not come under the protection of this agreement. Acceptance of course credits for transfer will be evaluated by the University Registrar on the basis of applicability of the courses to the chosen baccalaureate program.

All courses completed at the College of Southern Maryland and offered for transfer credit to Virginia Tech must be passed with a grade of C or better.

Remedial, developmental, and/or vocational courses will not be counted for academic credit in transfer and not be counted in the grade point average established for transfer.

## **Benefits to College of Southern Maryland Students**

1. Virginia Tech waives its application fee for students with demonstrated financial need. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to Virginia Tech's Office of Undergraduate Admissions by February 15 of the Summer or Fall term of application.
2. Through the College of Southern Maryland GAA contact, students can obtain the name and contact information for the Virginia Tech GAA contact, who can direct them to Virginia Tech advisors for the majors of Building Construction and Real Estate for advice and information on meeting the requirements.
3. GAA students who enroll at Virginia Tech will be considered 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 out of state students with junior standing.

## **Responsibilities**

GAA students must follow all Virginia Tech application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.

The College of Southern Maryland will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree.
2. Notify students of transfer opportunities to Virginia Tech under this GAA by posting links to the agreement on the College of Southern Maryland's transfer website.

Virginia Tech will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at Virginia Tech on the same basis as native students for admission to the majors of Building Construction and Real Estate.
2. Provide tracking data on the performance of GAA students at Virginia Tech, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, Virginia Tech courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from Virginia Tech, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements and the timing of the report will be determined by the institutional research (IR) staffs at the College of Southern Maryland and Virginia Tech and provided by July 1 of each year. FERPA disclosure statements are required from each IR staff for documentation of receipt and maintenance of data.

## **Notice**

Any notice under this Agreement shall be deemed given when delivered in person or received in the mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

If to Virginia Tech:  
Mildred R. Johnson  
Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Director of Undergraduate Admissions  
Undergraduate Admissions (0202)  
925 Prices Fork Road  
Blacksburg, VA 24061

If to College of Southern Maryland:  
Dr. William Comey  
Vice President for the Division of Student and Instructional Support Services  
P.O. Box 910  
La Plata, MD 20646

Or to such other person, at such addresses, as either party may designate for itself and so notify the other in writing.

### **Review of Agreement**

The College of Southern Maryland will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the GAA at the College of Southern Maryland. Virginia Tech will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the GAA at Virginia Tech. Representing Virginia Tech will be the Vice Provost for Enrollment and Degree Management and the University Registrar/Chief Transfer Officer. Representing the College of Southern Maryland will be the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and Director of Undergraduate Admissions, Mildred R. Johnson. Representing the College of Southern Maryland will be the Vice President for the Division of Student and Instructional Support Services and the Vice President for the Division of Academic Affairs

Virginia Tech and the College of Southern Maryland will review the GAA every three 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 GAA.

The GAA will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

Agreed to this 3 day of December, 2015.

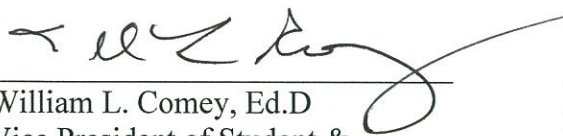
Signed:



Bradley M. Gottfried, Ph.D.  
President  
College of Southern Maryland



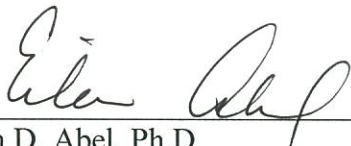
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