

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT No. 6

This Articulation Agreement No. 6 (“**ART**”) is entered into, as of July 1, 2020 (“**Effective Date**”), between American Public University System, Inc. (“**APUS**”) and College of Southern Maryland (“**Institution**”) (individually a “**Party**” and collectively the “**Parties**”) to facilitate and define the terms of the transfer of Institution students who graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication at Institution to the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication at APUS. This ART is incorporated by reference into the Education Partnership Agreement entered into, as of November 1, 2019, between the Parties (“**EPA**”) (collectively with any other articulation agreements entered into between the Parties, the “**Agreement**”).

Institution and APUS agree to offer articulated programs through which students from Institution, pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, may transfer eligible credits earned for the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication at Institution toward the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication at APUS. In consideration of the promises and covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Students in and graduates of the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication at Institution that apply to APUS and satisfy all APUS admission requirements may be admitted to APUS (“**APUS Students**”). APUS Students will receive transfer credit for those specific Institution courses (each a “**Course**”) as set forth in the Course Crosswalk transfer table, attached hereto as Appendix A.
2. The number of credits transferred may not exceed 90 credit hours, which contribute to the fulfillment of credit hours required for Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication completion at APUS.
3. An Institution student must earn a grade of “C” (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in each Institution course for which the student desires transfer credits from APUS.
4. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by APUS toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores) is based on annually published national scores with recommended credits. Credit awarded for prior learning assessments (“**PLA**”) is not recognized by APUS without verification through the APUS PLA process.
5. As the Parties may mutually agree, students at Institution may begin taking courses in the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication program at APUS while they are completing their Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication degree at Institution.
6. APUS will consider for financial assistance those students who complete the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication at Institution in accordance with then-applicable regulatory requirements and APUS policies.
7. The Parties will review Appendix A at least annually and either Party may notify the other Party at any time of necessary changes thereto. The Parties will work together to modify Appendix A accordingly, which modified table shall be incorporated herein and applied by the Parties.
8. This ART is effective as of the Effective Date identified above and will continue for three (3) years thereafter (the “**Term**”), and it shall renew automatically unless terminated earlier pursuant to this Section 8. Either Party may terminate this ART upon providing sixty (60) days written notice. Termination of this ART will not affect any APUS Student then currently enrolled in the Associate of Arts degree in General Studies: Communication program at Institution that is taking courses at APUS or has been accepted into the Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication program at APUS. Notwithstanding anything herein to contrary, this ART shall terminate upon termination or expiration of the EPA.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Parties have caused this ART to be signed by their authorized representatives on the date and year first written above.

  
Vernon Smith (Jul 14, 2020 09:30 EDT)

**Dr. Vernon C. Smith**  
Senior Vice President and Provost  
American Public University System, Inc.

  
Eileen Abel (Jul 14, 2020 14:24 EDT)

**Dr. Eileen Abel**  
Vice President of Academic Affairs  
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Jul 14, 2020

**Appendix A**

**Course Crosswalk Transfer Table  
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College of Southern Maryland (CSM) AA General Studies: Communication 2020/2021		American Public University System (APUS) B.A. Communication July 2020	
Course # and Title	Credits	Course # and Title	Credits
		<b>General Education Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>30 of 30</b>
		<b>Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (COMM)</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Fulfilled by Gen Ed Block†</i>	†	COMM120: Information and Digital Literacy (Required)	3
ENG 1010 Composition and Rhetoric (ENGL110)	3	ENGL110: Making Writing Relevant (Required)	3
ENG 1020 Composition & Literature (ENGL200)	3	ENGL220: Technical Writing -OR- ENGL225: Business Writing	3
		<b>Arts and Humanities (ARHU)</b>	<b>6</b>
CSM English Literature Option*	3	APUS General Education ARHU Course Choice	3
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		<b>Civics, Political &amp; Social Sciences (SSPS)</b>	<b>6</b>
CSM Social/Behavioral Sciences Option (ECN, GRY, POL, PSY, SOC)*	3	COMM211: Social Media and Society	3
CSM Social/Behavioral Sciences Option (ECN, GRY, POL, PSY, SOC)*	3	APUS General Education SSPS Course Choice	3
		<b>History (HIST)</b>	<b>3</b>
CSM History Option*	3	APUS General Education HIST Course Choice	3
		<b>Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (MAAR)</b>	<b>3</b>
MTH 1010 Quantitative Literacy and Reasoning	3	APUS General Education MAAR Course Choice	3
		<b>Natural Sciences (NASC)</b>	<b>3</b>
SCE 1010 Scientific Method	3	APUS General Education NASC Course Choice	3
		<b>Elective Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>15 of 27</b>
CSM Humanities Option*	3	Credit used to fulfill General Education requirements†	3
FYS 1010 First Year Seminar	3	Credit applies to APUS Elective Requirements**	15
CSM Biological/Physical Sciences*	4		
CSM History Option*	3		
CSM Elective Option	5		
		<b>Major Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>15 of 42</b>
COM 2500 Introduction to Communication Theory (COMM101)	3	COMM101: Introduction to Communication	3
COM 1650 Introduction to Public Speaking (COMM200)	3	COMM200: Public Speaking	3
		COMM220: Small Group Communication	0 of 3
COM 1350 Intercultural Communication (COMM240)	3	COMM240: Intercultural Communication	3
COM 1020 Introduction to Mass Communication (COMM250)	3	COMM250: Mass Communication	3
		COMM255: Digital Tools and Media in Communication	0 of 3
		COMM280: Ethics in Communication	0 of 3
COM 1250 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication (COMM285)	3	COMM285: Interpersonal Communications	3
		COMM300: Communication Research Skills	0 of 3
		COMM304: Communication Theory	0 of 3
		COMM400: Persuasive Communication	0 of 3
		COMM401: Conflict and Communication	0 of 3
		MKTG201: Fundamentals of Marketing	0 of 3
		MKTG304: Public Relations	0 of 3
		<b>Digital Communication and Media Design Concentration Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>0 of 18</b>
		COMM356: Digital Communication and Media Design Principles	0 of 3
		COMM365: Communication Analytics	0 of 3
		COMM375: Web and Mobile Communication	0 of 3
		COMM385: Visual Communication	0 of 3
		COMM415: Building a Digital Presence	0 of 3
		COMM456: Digital Communication and Media Design Career Management and Future Technologies	0 of 3
		<b>Strategic Communication Concentration Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>0 of 18</b>
		COMM351: Strategic Communication	0 of 3
		COMM360: Inclusive Communication	0 of 3
		COMM370: Situational Communication	0 of 3
		COMM380: Communication of Listening	0 of 3
		COMM410: Leadership Communication	0 of 3
		COMM450: Strategic Communication Career Management and Ethics	0 of 3
		<b>Final Program Requirement Fulfilled</b>	<b>0 of 3</b>
		COMM498: Capstone (to be taken as the last course before graduation) ***	0 of 3
<b>Total Credit Applied Towards APUS Degree</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Total Program Requirements Fulfilled</b>	<b>60 of 120</b>
*Credit variances in academic placement and credit award can occur based on student course selections and APUS' program requirements.		Note: In order to transfer courses to APUS, the student must earn a grade of "C" or better. **Any transferable course not counted toward General Education or Major requirements may be taken. Please note remedial/developmental and vocational credit is not transferrable. ***Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment. Not eligible for transfer credit.	

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