

**COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND AND  
LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**

**PREFACE**

Liberty University (LU) welcomes students from College of Southern Maryland (CSM) into our community of learners. The Guaranteed Admission Transfer Agreement is designed to facilitate CSM students' ease of transfer to LU. This Agreement supersedes any other general admissions agreement signed between CSM and LU.

Under this Agreement, CSM students graduating with any CSM Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), Associates of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T), or Associates of Science in Engineering (A.S.E.) degree program will be eligible for the Guaranteed Admissions program.

Students must:

1. Submit the LU Application for Admission at least six months prior to the start of the semester he/she wishes to transfer to Liberty University.
2. Satisfy all other LU admissions requirements, which are available on the College website at [www.liberty.edu](http://www.liberty.edu) or by contacting an admissions counselor at Liberty University.
3. Graduate from CSM with a minimum cumulative grade-point average (GPA) of 2.0.
4. Recognize that grades of "C" or better will transfer.
5. On campus living is required for residential students under the age of 21. There is no residential living requirement for online students.
6. Understand that Liberty University will only accept undergraduate level transfer credits.
7. Understand that students with at least 48 transferable credits will enter with junior status.
8. Understand that if they were previously enrolled at LU, they are not eligible for this agreement.
9. Submit CSM transcripts along with transcripts from any other colleges they may have attended prior to attending CSM.
10. Understand that for some degree programs, there are additional admission criteria, and that admission to LU does not guarantee admission to a specific program, and some programs may have additional requirements to stay in the program after admission to the university.

To benefit from the Guaranteed Admissions program, students must enroll in LU within one year of graduating from CSM without attending another institution of higher education.

LU welcomes International Students to apply to the University. Additional admission materials may include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and AACRAO, WES or ECE transcript evaluations if applicable. Additional SEVIS related requirements will be communicated as needed. Please check the College website at [www.liberty.edu](http://www.liberty.edu) for details.

The Guaranteed Admission program is also available for part-time students.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR THIS AGREEMENT**

Students interested in the Guaranteed Admission program are encouraged to consult with a Transfer Coordinator at CSM and the Transfer Coordinator at LU to assist in choosing courses which will meet the requirements in the declared major. Transcripts will be evaluated on a preliminary basis by a representative from the LU Admissions Office prior to application upon request. Contact [Registrar@Liberty.edu](mailto:Registrar@Liberty.edu) for more information.

## **OBLIGATIONS OF LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

To facilitate the transfer of CSM graduates to LU in accordance with the foregoing, LU agrees to the following:

1. To attend regularly scheduled "transfer" programs at CSM.
2. To invite CSM students to information/advising meetings with LU faculty and staff on a regular basis at both CSM and LU in order to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to Liberty University.
3. Those students entering full-time study at LU are eligible to be awarded academic scholarships and/or grants as any other student entering the College within the same semester.

Scholarships are renewable on an annual basis and students must meet with a Financial Aid advisor from LU for additional information. LU offers a variety of scholarships and grant awards. These opportunities include merit-based and need-based aid and grants. Sources of these awards include LU, private donors, as well as federal and state programs.

4. To ensure that incoming students will be provided with LU financial aid information and receive full consideration for LU financial aid, in addition to appropriate scholarships and grants listed above, upon matriculation at Liberty University.
5. To ensure that CSM graduates entering LU under the terms of this Agreement go through LU's normal transfer admissions process, including meeting all applicable LU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, and any revisions thereof that apply to all LU students. Incoming matriculated students will have all the rights and privileges of other LU students.
6. To continue working with CSM on program-to-program curriculum articulation agreements that specify for CSM transfer students the CSM courses that satisfy major requirements required for degree completion at LU.

## **OBLIGATION OF THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND**

CSM agrees to publicize this agreement to prospective and current CSM students in its promotional literature, and make arrangements for LU recruiters and advisors to visit CSM.

## **JOINT OBLIGATIONS**

1. Both LU and CSM will review this Agreement on a regular basis and make any changes upon mutual agreement, as needed. Such changes will be effective when both CSM and LU sign the revised document.
2. Students are required to graduate from CSM with a minimum GPA of a 2.0. College level courses with grades of "C" or better will be brought into LU as transfer credits.
3. Transfer credits are given grades of P (for pass) and are not calculated in the Liberty GPA.

4. To collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising both from LU and CSM. LU will make available contact information for questions about Liberty University's academic requirements, Core Curriculum requirements, degree requirements, and the process of transferring to LU.
5. To jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of Guaranteed Admission transfer.
6. To exchange data and documents on a regular basis that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of the arrangement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. This data may include data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of students' learning, and decisions of curricula and other committees.
7. This Agreement may be updated (by means of addenda), upon mutual agreement by appropriate officials of the two institutions, to allow for additional curriculum articulation sheets accommodating course equivalencies for specific major(s)/minor(s)/certificate program(s). This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings, memos, writings or agreements of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. Any waiver by a party of any of its rights or of the other party's obligations must be in writing.
8. To provide, when available, direct links between the LU and CSM websites when applicable.


#### REVISIONS, RENEWAL AND TERMINATION OF THIS AGREEMENT

The LU Vice President for Academic Affairs and the appropriate officers at CSM are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

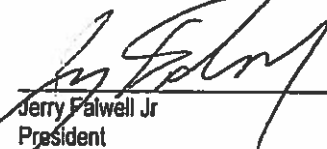
This Agreement will be in effect, as of the date of its signing, for students entering LU fall semester 2015 or after. It will be reviewed on a regular basis by the appropriate parties at each institution and will be renewed automatically until superseded by new Agreements or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this Agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the effect date of termination. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already accepted to LU under the terms of this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from CSM to Liberty University, and to expand their opportunities for academic success there, is indicated by the following signatures. The undersigned representatives of the parties, College of Southern Maryland and Liberty University, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated:


**College of Southern Maryland**


  
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 Bradley M. Gottfried, Ph.D.      10-6-15  
 President      Date


**Liberty University**

  
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 Jerry Falwell Jr      12-8-15  
 President      Date

 9.30.15  
Eileen Abel, Ph.D. Date  
Vice President of Academic Affairs

 11/4/15  
Ronald E Hawkins, Ph.D. Date  
Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost

 9-29-15  
Bill Comey, Ed.D. Date  
Vice President of Student and Instructional  
Support Services

 10/21/15  
Chris E Johnson Date  
Executive Vice President, for Enrollment Management