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**ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND  
AND  
FROSTBURG STATE UNIVERSITY REGARDING TRANSFER ASSOCIATE OF ARTS  
IN GENERAL STUDIES: COMMUNICATION TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

This Academic Program Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between College of Southern Maryland (the “Sending Institution”) and Frostburg State University (the “Receiving Institution”) (collectively, the “Institutions”) to facilitate the transfer of academic credits from Associate of Arts in General Studies: Communication for the completion of Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies (the “Program(s)”).

**A. Qualifying Students**

This Agreement pertains to the transfer of “Qualifying Students”, *i.e.*, those students who:

1. Have successfully completed the program at the Sending Institution;
2. Are enrolled in the Sending Institution, in good standing; and
3. Are accepted for admission to the Receiving Institution.

**B. Responsibilities of the Institutions**

The Institutions agree to implement the transfer of Qualifying Students in accordance with applicable law and the following requirements and protocols:

1. A Qualifying Student may transfer into from the Transferring Institution into the Receiving Institution for the completion of the Program.
2. Courses that the Receiving School will accept credits for towards completion of the Program include:

Sending Institution Course			Receiving Institution Comparable Course			
Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Course Number	Course Name	Credits	Applied to*
ENG-1010	Composition and Rhetoric	3	ENGL-101	Freshman Composition	3	General Education (Core)
FYS-1010	First Year Seminar	3	Lower Level Elective		3	Bachelor of Science Elective

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MTH-1010	Quantitative Literacy and Reasoning	3	MATH 104	Intro. To Mathematical Problem-Solving	3	General Education (Math)
SCE-1010	Scientific Method and the Modern World	3	IDIS 160	Science, Technology, and Society	3	General Education (Natural Science)
COM-1250	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3	CMST-300	Communication and Relationships	3	Major Requirement Elective & General Education
COM-1650	Introduction to Public Speaking	3	CMST-122	Introduction to Public Communication	3	General Education (FU Colloquia) & Major Requirement
ENG-1020	Composition and Literature	3	ENGL-150	Introduction to Literature	3	General Education (Humanities)
Social/Behavioral Sciences		3	The Social Sciences		3	General Education (Social Sciences)
Humanities		3	Humanities		3	General Education (Humanities)
Biological/Physical Sciences with lab		4	Biological/Physical Sciences with Lab		4	General Education (Natural Sciences)

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COM-1020	Introduction to Mass Communication	3	MCOM-105	Digital Media and Media Literacy	3	Strategic Social Media Track & Gen. Ed (Social Sciences)
COM-1350	Intercultural Communication	3	CMST-350	Intercultural Communication	3	Major Requirement and General Education (Identity)
English Literature		3	Depends on the Course		3	General Education (Humanities) or Bachelor of Science Elective
History		3	Depends on the Course		3	General Education (Humanities) or Bachelor of Science Elective
Elective		3	Depends on the Course		3	Depends on the Course
COM-2500	Introduction to Communication Theory	3	MCOM-346	Communication Theory	3	Bachelor of Science Elective
English Literature		3	Depends on the Course		3	General Education (Humanities) or Bachelor of

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				Science Elective
History	3	Depends on the Course	3	General Education (Humanities) or Bachelor of Science Elective
Social/Behavioral Sciences	3	The Social Sciences	3	General Education (Social Sciences)
Elective	3	Depends on the Course	3	Depends on the Course

\*Receiving Institution must indicate if course is applied to General Education, Program/Major requirements, or General Elective.

3. Students interested in the Strategic Social Media Track can complete BAD-2610: Principles of Marketing at the Sending Institution to transfer it as MKTG-261: Principles of Marketing at the Receiving Institution.
4. Students who graduate from the Sending Institution with an Associate of Arts in General Studies: Communication will fulfill the “Required Additional Program” requirement at the Receiving Institution.
5. Only courses in which students earn a grade of “C” or better may count toward satisfaction of major or minor requirements.
6. The Sending Institution will share a list of graduates each semester with the Sending Institution. A representative from the Receiving Institution will serve as the point of contact for this and will be required to complete a FERPA release form.
7. The Receiving Institution shall designate, and shall provide to the Sending Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the Receiving Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students. The Sending Institution shall designate, and shall provide to the Receiving Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the Sending Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students.

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	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of staff person responsible for oversight	Denise Gilmer-Knudson	Annie Danzi
Title of staff person	Chair	Department Chair
Email address	<a href="mailto:Dgilmer-knudson@csmd.edu">Dgilmer-knudson@csmd.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:amdanzi@frostburg.edu">amdanzi@frostburg.edu</a>
Telephone Number	443.550.6144	301-687-3013

Should the staff person or position change, the institution will promptly provide new contact information to the partner institution and inform the Maryland Higher Education Commission of the change.

Additional contact information:

	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of person	Jacqui Rogers	Natalie Wagoner
Title of person	Coordinator of Transfer and Articulation	Associate Director of Admissions
Email address	<a href="mailto:jgrogers@csmd.edu">jgrogers@csmd.edu</a>	<a href="mailto:nmwagoner@frostburg.edu">nmwagoner@frostburg.edu</a>
Telephone Number	301.934.7571	301-687-4201

8. If the Qualifying Student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits), the Institutions shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs’ regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).
9. Each Institution shall adhere to all applicable transfer requirements set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations.
10. Each Institution shall advise students regarding transfer opportunities under this Agreement, and shall advise students of financial aid opportunities and implications associated with the transfer.
11. Should either Institution make changes to program requirements, the institution will inform the partner institution immediately. The articulation agreement should be updated to reflect the changes and forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

**C. Term and Termination**

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1. This agreement shall be effective on the date that it is signed by the appropriate and authorized representatives of each Institution.
2. Either Institution may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon delivering 60 days written notice to the other Institution and the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
3. Both Institutions agree to meet once every 3 years to review the terms of this agreement.

#### **D. Amendment**

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Institutions with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both Institutions.

#### **E. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Maryland.

#### **F. Counterparts**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

#### **G. Notice of Agreement**

1. The Institutions agree to provide a copy of this Agreement, with any amendments, to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
2. The Institutions agree to provide copies of this Agreement to all relevant individuals and departments of the Institutions, including but not limited to students, academic department chairs participating in the transfer, offices of the president, registrar's offices, and financial aid offices.

#### **H. No Third-Party Beneficiaries**

There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

#### **I. Representations and Warranties of the Parties**

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Both Institutions represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the term of this Agreement:

1. The Institutions are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each Institution has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

College of Southern Maryland

By: Maureen Murphy  
Maureen Murphy  
President  
Jul 12, 2021  
Date

Frostburg State University

By: Ronald Nowaczyk  
Ronald Nowaczyk  
President  
Jul 19, 2021  
Date

College of Southern Maryland

By: Rodney Redmond  
Rodney Redmond (Jul 9, 2021 14:10 EDT)  
Rodney Redmond  
Provost & Vice President of Learning  
Jul 9, 2021  
Date

Frostburg State University

By: Michael Mathias  
Michael Mathias  
Interim Provost  
Jul 12, 2021  
Date

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College of Southern Maryland


By: David M. Robinson  
David M. Robinson (Jul 12, 2021 11:51 EDT)

David Robinson  
Dean, School of Arts and Humanities

Jul 12, 2021

Date

Frostburg State University

By: 

Thomas Kim Hixson  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts and  
Sciences

Jul 9, 2021

Date