

**College of Southern Maryland
and Georgetown University
Articulation Agreement Regarding
The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Program**

This agreement has been entered into by the College of Southern Maryland (“CSM”) and Georgetown University (“Georgetown”) for the benefit of current students and prospective students at both institutions. This agreement is designed to set recommended criteria for the admission of students who meet the standards described below.

I. Admission Policies

At any time, a student may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program (“Liberal Studies Program” or “BALS”) at Georgetown University.

When reviewing applications for admission, the Liberal Studies Program will consider the quality of a student's academic record, as well as a student's personal qualities and other indicators of general promise and seriousness of purpose. If a student from CSM graduates with an associate's degree, with at least 60 credits, and with a GPA of 3.0 or above, they are guaranteed admissions into Georgetown’s Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies Program. Notwithstanding the foregoing, automatic admission to the BALS Program under this Agreement is contingent upon the student's meeting a high standard of personal conduct. As such, Georgetown reserves the right to deny or rescind admission under this Agreement to any student or prospective student for circumstances such as serious student conduct, honor code, or criminal violations, academic deficiencies, or other reasons that Georgetown, in its sole discretion, determines render the student unfit for the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

II. Program Articulation

The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program honors up to 64 transfer credits for completed courses with a minimum C grade from regionally accredited institutions. Transfer credit evaluations are conducted on a case-by-case basis by the BALS program. Factors considered when reviewing transfer credit include, but are not limited to, accreditation, timeliness of content (e.g., computer science and technology courses not older than 10 years, etc.), and overall academic relevance within the program. In addition, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement (score of 4-5), International Baccalaureate credit, and all Joint Services Transcripts will be considered for transfer. For graduation from Georgetown's

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program, a student must complete 120 credits, of which 18 credits are from the core curriculum, 48 credits are from a single concentration, and 54 credits from elective courses.

III. Other Joint Efforts

Both institutions agree to work on joint promotional efforts for this program. However, CSM shall not use Georgetown's name or its logos, trademarks, symbols or pictures in any way without Georgetown's prior approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld. Each institution maintains the exclusive rights to use of its name, likeness, copyrighted materials, and trademarks.

IV. Tuition and Financial Aid

Once admitted to the BALS program, transfer students may be eligible for financial aid (pending standard review and approval by the Office of Student Financial Services) and are subject to the same tuition charges as other BALS students in the School of Continuing Studies. Tuition is posted with annual updates on the School of Continuing Studies Tuition page at:

<https://scs.georgetown.edu/admissions/tuition/>

V. Academic, Enrollment, and Student Conduct Policies

Students are responsible for knowing the academic, enrollment, and student conduct policies and procedures outlined in the Undergraduate Bulletin, the SCS Academic Rules and Regulations, and through the Office of Student Conduct. All students are also expected to read and abide by the Honor System at Georgetown University.

a. The Undergraduate Bulletin is updated annually and available online at:

<https://bulletin.georgetown.edu/>

b. The SCS Academic Rules and Regulations is updated annually and available online at:

<https://scs.georgetown.edu/resources-current-students/student-handbooks/>

c. The Code of Student Conduct is updated annually and available online at:

<https://studentconduct.georgetown.edu/>

d. The Honor System is updated annually and available online at:

<https://honorcouncil.georgetown.edu/>

VI. Legal Provisions

Use of Names and Marks. Neither Party shall use the name, logos, trademarks, service marks, trade names, seals, symbols, or decorative designs of the other Party for any purposes without the prior written permission of the other Party.

Term and Termination. This agreement is effective as of the last date signed below (“Effective Date”) and is valid for a term of 5 years from the Effective Date (“Term”). The agreement may be terminated or amended, by written notice, for succeeding academic years by either Party on or before June 30 of that year. In the event that the agreement is terminated, Georgetown agrees to honor admissions and transfer-credit decisions already made. This agreement will be reviewed, in its entirety, every five years. At that time, either party may suggest changes, allow the agreement to terminate at the end of the Term, or opt to renew it.

Non-discrimination. The Parties to this Agreement shall comply with all applicable laws regarding the affirmative action and equal opportunity in fulfilling the Agreement and shall not discriminate against any person or group of persons on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, personal appearance, sexual orientation, familial status, family responsibilities, political affiliation, genetic information, gender identity or expression, source of income, disability, veteran status, or any other basis protected by law.

Licensure/Non-profit Status. The parties shall not do anything that would jeopardize Georgetown's licensure, accreditation, federal, state or local tax exemptions (including, without limitation, Georgetown's non-profit status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of the United States) or eligibility for financial assistance from the United States government. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Agreement, if, in its sole discretion, Georgetown believes that its participation in this articulation agreement may jeopardize any of the aforementioned licenses, accreditations or eligibilities, Georgetown shall have the right to terminate this Agreement immediately.

Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, exclusive of choice of law statutes. Any dispute arising out of this Agreement shall be resolved exclusively by the courts located in the District of Columbia, U.S.A.

Compliance with FERPA. The parties will comply with all provisions of the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in all disclosures of FERPA-protected information between them. For example, the parties may be able to share personally identifiable information from a student's record for purposes related to a student's enrollment or transfer per 34 C.F.R §§ 99.31 (a)(2) and 99.34. In addition, per 34 C.F.R §§ 99.31 (a)(2) and 99.34.C.F.R § 99.31 (a)(6)(i), the parties may share with each other personally identifiable information from students' educational records without consent for the sole purpose of conducting studies to develop, validate or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction. Also consistent with FERPA, the parties shall use reasonable methods to ensure they provide only those education records that are necessary in the administration of this agreement. Under this agreement, the use of this data shared is for no purpose other than this initiative. Nothing in this agreement may be construed to allow parties to maintain, use, disclose, or share student record information in a manner not allowed under Federal law or regulation.

Relationship of Parties. No further business relationship between the Parties shall be inferred beyond the terms of the Agreement and neither party shall hold itself out contrary to these terms by advertising or otherwise, nor shall either party be bound by any representation, act or omission whatsoever of the other. The relationship of the parties under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractors; this Agreement shall not be construed to create a relationship of partners, agents, employees, servants or agents.

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