

Transfer Articulation Agreement for Baccalaureate Degree
between
Southern Maine Community College
and
University of Southern Maine

Statement of Purpose

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and the University of Southern Maine (USM) have entered into this transfer articulation agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from a two-year community college to a university. It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility to USM and the Baccalaureate Degree Program indicated.

Terms and Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: **Bachelor of Arts in Political Science: Political Science Track**
(Name of USM Academic Program/Degree)

From: **Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies with a Focus in Political Science**
(Name of SMCC Academic Program/Degree)

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from Southern Maine Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as USM students. All applicants accepted to USM's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B, and C.

- * Appendix A Contains Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution
- * Appendix B Contains Side By Side Course Equivalency Tables for the academic program listed above
- * Appendix C Contains a four semester map of remaining courses to be taken at USM

(Important Note: The information contained in Appendices A, B, & C is accurate for Catalog Year 2015-2016 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For up to date information please check

https://peportal.maine.edu/psp/PAPRD89/EMPLOYEE/EMPL/h/?tab=PAPP_GUEST for transfer equivalencies and <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.

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APPENDIX A

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

Admissions requirements: Successful completion of the Associate in Arts in Liberal with a Focus in Political Science, submission of completed admission application, transcripts, and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to USM, a student must earn a grade of C- or better.
For a list of application instructions and checklist: <http://usm.maine.edu/admit/application-instructions>

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Political Science Track: Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate.
USM Residency Requirement: At minimum, thirty (30) of the last forty-five (45) credits of a student's baccalaureate course load must be completed at USM.

APPENDIX B

***NOTE: Effective spring 2015, USM Core transfer policy for the Associate of Arts Degree:**

With the exception of the capstone, and any other particular USM Core courses specifically required by the student's major, USM Core requirements are waived for students with a **completed** Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies/Liberal Arts from a regionally accredited community or other college. This policy does not apply to any other associate degrees. This policy is effective beginning spring 2015 and is not retroactive. **Student records are automatically reviewed for eligibility.**

SMCC AALS Political Science Focus Required Courses			USM BA Political Science Equivalency *Refer to block transfer note		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	ENG 100	College Writing	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 140	Introduction to Literature	3
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Groups	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
Mathematics Elective		3	Equivalent varies by course		3
Science Elective with Lab		4	Equivalent varies by course		4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective		3	Equivalent varies by course		3
ECON 125	Macroeconomics	3	ECON 101	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total credits		23	Total credits accepted		23

SMCC Major Requirements			USM Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
Art or Music Elective		3	Varies	General elective or equivalent	3
English Comm Elective		3	Varies	General elective or equivalent	3
HIST 125	World History Since 1500	3	HTY 1XX	History elective	3
HIST 130	US History to 1877	3	HTY 121	US History to 1800	3
HIST 135	US History Since 1877	3	HTY 123	US History since 1900	3
Humanities Elective		3	Varies	General elective or equivalent	3
POLS 105	Introduction to American Government	3	POS 101	Introduction to American Government	3
POLS 110	Introduction to International Relations	3	POS 104	Introduction to International Relations	3
POLS 205	Comparative Politics	3	POS 205	Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLS 250	Introduction to Political Theory	3	POS 290	Introduction to Political Theory	3
Free Electives (3)	Various	9	Varies**	General/major elective credit	9
Major credits		39			
Total Credits		62			62

**All POLS prefix courses except POLS 100 *Contemporary World Problems* to be transferred as POS 1XX.

APPENDIX C Remaining USM Degree Requirements

For students transferring from the AALS Political Science Focus degree at SMCC to the USM BA in Political Science program

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
POS 203 Intro to Pol Sci Research	3	POS 300/400 level elective	3
POS 300/400 level elective	3	POS 300/400 level elective	3
Any level POS elective	3	USM Elective	3
USM elective	3	USM elective	3
USM elective	3	USM elective	3
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
POS Capstone	3	POS 300/400 level elective	3
Any level POS elective	3	Any level POS elective	3
Any level POS elective	3	USM elective	3
USM elective	3	USM elective	3
USM elective	3	USM elective	3
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	15
Total credits: 122			