

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 Environmental Planning and Policy**
(Name of USM Academic Program/Degree)

From: **Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies with a Focus in 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 Studies, 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 Science in Environmental Science: Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Completion of an AALS degree completes the USM General Education (core) requirements except for a capstone, which is offered in the major. 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

SMCC courses noted in italics are recommended. If not taken as part of the AALS Focus in Science degree, options in Appendix C cannot be guaranteed.

SMCC Courses AALS Science Transfer track			USM Equivalency in BA Enviro Policy & Planning * See Block Transfer note below		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	ENG 100	College Writing	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 140	Reading Literature	3
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Groups	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
MATH 145	College Algebra & Trig	4	MAT108	College Algebra	4
PHYS 150	College Physics & Lab recommended	4	PHY 111/114	Elements of Physics & Lab	4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective		3	Varies	General elective or equivalent credit	3
Psychology or Sociology Elective		3	Varies	General elective or equivalent credit	3
Economic or Political Science Elective	<i>ECON 120 Microeconomics</i>	3	Microeconomics = prerequisite for Natural Resource Economics and Environmental Economics; one of which is required for BA EPP		
Total credits		24	Total credits accepted		24

Major Requirements			Major Requirements		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
Art or Music Elective		3	Varies	General Elective credit	3
ENGL 110	Oral Communication	3	THE 170	Public Speaking	3
BIOL 124	Biology I & Lab	4	BIO 105/106	Biological Principles I	4
BIOL 128	Biology II & Lab	4	BIO 107	Biological Principles II	4
CHEM 120	General Chemistry & Lab	4	CHY 113/114	Principles of Chemistry I/Lab	4
CHEM 125	General Chemistry II & Lab	4	CHY 115/116	Prin Chem II & Lab	4
History Elective		3		Equivalent or General Elective credit	3
Humanities Elective		3		Equivalent or General Elective credit	3
MATH 230	Statistics	3	MAT 120	Statistics (meets Tools requirement in the major)	3
PHYS 155	College Physics & Lab	4	PHY 112/116	Elements of Physics II & Lab	4
Science Elective & Lab OR MATH 190	<i>ENVR 110 Environmental Science</i>	4	ESP 101/102	Fundamentals of Environmental Science	4
Total Credits		63	Total Credits accepted		63

*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. Core requirements are noted here to represent their institution-specific equivalency only.

APPENDIX C Remaining USM Degree Requirements

for SMCC AALS Science Focus graduates to complete the USM BA in Environmental Policy and Planning

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 150 Environmental Sci. Field Immersion	3	ESP 125/126 Intro to Environmental Ecology/Lab	4
ESP 200 Environmental Planning	3	ESP 197 Research Skills Lab	1
ESP 250 Soils and Land Use	4	ESP 203 Environmental Communication	3
ESP 375 Environmental Risk Assessment & Management	3	ESP 207 Atmosphere	3
		ESP Elective 200+	3
Semester Credits	13	Semester Credits	14

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 305 Community Planning	3	ESP 220 Introduction to Environmental Policy	3
ESP 326 NAME or 327 Environmental Economics	3	ESP 401 Environmental Impact Assessment/Lab	4
ESP 340 Environmental Regulations	3	ESP 421 Natural Resource Policy	3
ESP 400 Internship	3	ESP Elective 200+	3
ESP 417 Site Planning and Assessment	3	Elective	3
Semester Credits	15	Semester Credits	16
Total USM credits: 58			
Total SMCC and USM credits: 121			