

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

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**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 of Applied Science in Horticulture**  
(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 Appendix A, B & 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](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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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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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 AAS in Horticulture, 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 BA in Environmental Planning and Policy:** Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order 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

*Subjects represented in italics are recommended. If subjects in italics in Appendix B are **not** taken at SMCC, the sequence represented in Appendix C cannot be observed.*

SMCC AAS Horticulture Courses			USM BA in Environmental Planning and Policy Equivalency		
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 (Cultural Interpretation Core Requirement)	3
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Groups	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
Math Elective	<i>MATH 140 College Algebra OR MATH 145 College Algebra &amp; Trigonometry</i>	3	MAT 108	College Algebra	3
BIOL 115	Botany & Lab	4	BIO 1XX	Biology Elective (Science Exploration Core Requirement)	4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective; <i>any course that fulfills USM Creative Expression Core Requirement, <a href="#">see list</a></i>		3	Varies	General Elective or Direct Equivalent	3
Social Science Electives: <i>ECON 120 Microeconomics and any course which fulfills USM International Core Requirement, <a href="#">see list</a></i>		6	ECO 102 and Varies	Introduction to Microeconomics (satisfies Socio-Cultural Core Requirement) and General Elective or Direct Equivalent	6
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>Total credits accepted</b>		<b>23</b>

Major Requirements			Major Requirements		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
HORT 100	Introduction to Horticulture & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 110	Woody Plant Materials	2	GEL 1XX	General Elective	2
HORT 120	Pruning	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
HORT 130	Soils and Soils Fertility	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 140	Integrated Pest Management & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 150	Arboriculture & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 175	Placement Training	4	GEL 1XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 400 Internship	4
HORT 180	Freshman Seminar	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
HORT 200	Herbaceous Plant Materials	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective; taken with HORT 210, HORT 200 replaces Tools Course requirement	2
HORT 210	Landscape Surveying & Mapping	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective; taken with HORT 200, HORT 210 replaces Tools Course requirement	2
HORT 220	Landscape Management	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 200	3
HORT 230	Nursery & Garden Center Operations	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective	3

HORT 240	Turfgrass Management	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective	2
HORT 250	Greenhouse Management & Lab	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective	3
HORT 280	Senior Seminar	1	GEL 2XX	General Elective	1
HORT 290	Landscape Design	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 417 Site Planning and Assessment	3
ACCT 105 OR BUSN 130	Financial Accounting or Entrepreneurship I	3	ACC 110 OR BUS 1XX	Financial Accounting Information for Decision Making OR Business Elective	3
<b>Total Major Credits</b>		<b>42</b>			
<b>Total SMCC Credits</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>Total Credits Accepted</b>		<b>65</b>

# APPENDIX C Remaining USM Degree Requirements

For SMCC AAS in Horticulture graduates entering USM BA in Environmental Planning and Policy program

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 101/102 Fundamentals of Environmental Science/Lab	4	ESP 125/126 Introduction to Environmental Ecology	4
ESP 220 Introduction to Environmental Policy~	3	ESP 197 Research Skills Lab	1
CHY 113 Principles of Chemistry I	3	ESP 203 Environmental Communication	3
ESP 340 Environmental Regulations	3	MAT 120 Statistics (satisfies Quantitative Core Requirement)	3
Ethical Inquiry Core Requirement	3	ESP 207 Atmosphere: Science, Climate, and Change****	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>14</b>

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 150 Field Immersion	3	ESP 401 Environmental Impact Assessment and Lab	4
ESP 280 Research and Analytical Methods	4	ESP 327 Natural Resource Economics*	3
ESP 375 Environmental and Risk Assessment and Management**	3	ESP 421 Natural Resource Policy*	3
ESP 305 Community Planning Workshop***	3	Diversity Core Requirement	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total USM credits: 56</b>			
<b>Total SMCC and USM credits: 121</b>			