

# TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



Southern Maine Community College  
and  
University of Southern Maine



## Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) to University of Southern Maine (USM). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility to University of Southern Maine and the degree program indicated.

## Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

**To: Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**

**From: Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies, Focus Social Work**

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 University of Southern Maine students. All applicants accepted to University of Southern Maine'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 University of Southern Maine

Information contained in Appendices A, B, and C is accurate for University of Southern Maine Catalog Year 2024-2025 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For current information please check the [UMS Transfer Guide](#) or [MaineStreet](#) for equivalencies, and go to <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.

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## APPENDIX A

### Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution

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 **SMCC Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies, Focus Social Work**, submission of a completed admission application (if necessary), transcripts and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to University of Southern Maine, 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 Social Work

Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 to graduate.

#### Residency Requirement

For all baccalaureate degrees at the University, a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 9 credit hours in the major field at the 200-level or above, must be completed at the University of Southern Maine.

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## Appendix B

### Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

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

SMCC AA in Liberal Studies, Focus Social Work General Education Requirements			University of Southern Maine Equivalencies		
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	Student Success	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
MATH 155	Statistics	3	MAT 120	Introduction to Statistics	3
	Science Elective	4		Direct equivalent or elective credit	4
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
POLS 105	Introduction to American Government	3	POS 100	Introduction to American Government	3
BHHS 145	Human Diversity	3	COR 1XX	Core Elective	3
	Art or Music Elective	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	Humanities Elective	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	English Communications Elective	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	Ethical Reasoning Elective: PHIL 105 Ethical Dilemmas	3	PHI 1XX	Philosophy Elective	3
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>Total credits accepted</b>		<b>35</b>

SMCC AALS Focus Social Work Major Requirements			USM Bachelor of Arts in Social Work Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ECON 125	Macroeconomics	3	ECO 101	Introduction to Macroeconomics	3
PSYC 220	Lifespan Development	3	PSY 220	Psychology of the Lifespan**	3
SOCI 100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SWRK 201	Introduction to Social Work	3	SWO 201	Introduction to Social Work	3
SWRK 250	Introduction to Social Welfare	3	SWO 250	Introduction to Social Welfare	3
	Liberal Studies Elective: <i>200-level SOCI or POLS course</i> **	3	SOC or POL	Sociology or Political Science Elective	3
	History Elective	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	Fine Arts or Humanities Elective	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
	Free Elective: <i>SWRK 215 Self-Care, Wellness, and Burnout</i> **	3		Direct equivalent or elective credit	3
<b>Total Major Credits</b>		<b>27</b>			
<b>Total SMCC Credits</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>Total Credits accepted</b>		<b>62</b>

**\*\*These three courses will be transferred as social science electives required in the USM Social Work major.**

## Appendix C

### Remaining University of Southern Maine Degree Requirements

For students who have **completed** the SMCC Associate in Arts in Liberal Studies, Focus on Social Work transferring to University of Southern Maine Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
SWO 270 Human Behavior in the Social Environment I	3	SWO 393 Methods of Social Work Practice I	3
SWO 333 Social Work Research I	3	SWO 334 Social Work Research II	3
SWO 350 Social Welfare Policy	3	SWO 370 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II	3
SWO 365 Foundations of Justice in Social Work	3	General Elective	3
SWO 300+ Elective	3	General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

Year Four Fall		Year Four Winter		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit	Course	Credit
SWO 402 Methods of Social Work Practice II	3	General Elective	3	SWO 403 Methods of Social Work Practice III	3
SWO 411 Field Work I	6	General Elective	1	SWO 412 Field Work II	6
General Elective	3			General Elective	3
<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Semester Credits</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total University of Southern Maine credits: 58</b>					
<b>Total SMCC and University of Southern Maine credits: 120</b>					

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

The Chief Academic Officer designee of the collaborating institutions shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

## Signatures to this Agreement

This agreement becomes effective the first of January 2025 and will be reviewed for renewal on or before January 2028.

_____ Kristen Miller President, SMCC	_____ Date	_____ Jacqueline Edmondson President, USM	_____ Date
		_____ Adam-Max Tuchinsky Provost and VPAA, USM	_____ Date
_____ Matthew Goodman Acting VP/Academic Dean, SMCC	_____ Date	_____ Joanne Williams Dean, CMHS, USM	_____ Date
_____ N. Thomas Richardson Department Chair, SMCC	_____ Date	_____ Jeanette Andonian Associate Dean, SSW, USM	_____ Date