

Articulation Agreement

Between
Mercer County Community College
and
Penn State Abington, Abington College

Preface

Mercer County Community College (“MCCC”) and Penn State Abington, Abington College (“PSAB”) enter into this articulation agreement to provide that students who graduate from the Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program in Business Administration will be admitted into a Bachelor's degree in Business at PSAB on the condition that they: graduate from MCCC with a minimum cumulative grade point average (as calculated by Penn State) of 2.5; enroll at PSAB within one year of MCCC graduation; do not attend another institution of higher education between the time they graduate from MCCC and enroll at PSAB; complete a “Letter of Intent” form at the time of admission to MCCC, or no later than when they have completed thirty (30) college-level credits; and satisfy all other PSAB admissions requirements. Exceptions to these guidelines will be reviewed at the discretion of PSAB.

To facilitate the transfer of MCCC graduates to PSAB in accordance with the foregoing guarantee, the parties agree to the following:

Obligations of PSAB:

1. To waive the \$50 admissions application fee for students who enroll at PSAB pursuant to this agreement.
2. To award to all full-time students entering PSAB a one-time \$1500 academic scholarship if at least a 3.60 final cumulative MCCC grade point average has been earned or a one-time \$1000 academic scholarship if at least a 3.30 final cumulative MCCC grade point average has been earned. After this one-time award, students will have a chance to compete with all other upper-division PSAB students for scholarship funds.
3. To support a Program-to-Program articulation agreement that allows MCCC students transferring with the A.S. degree in Business Administration to have their “C” or better credits count toward PSAB’s degree requirements. The attached program-to-program guide shows how MCCC credits articulate with the specific PSAB major.
4. To reply by letter to all MCCC students who complete a “Letter of Intent” form inviting them to an informational meeting with a PSAB transfer counselor. Students

must confirm their intention and matriculate at PSAB by July 1 for Fall semester, and by December 1 for the Spring semester of each year.

5. To inform students of the admissions requirements for PSAB majors. Admission to competitive majors is not guaranteed by this Agreement. A list of these competitive majors is included in the PSAB Fact Sheet.
6. To insure that students will be provided with Penn State financial aid information and receive full consideration for Penn State financial aid upon matriculation at PSAB.
7. To provide MCCC with admissions information (e.g., the number of students accepted and enrolled). In addition, PSAB will monitor the academic progress of MCCC transfer students and regularly provide MCCC with data including individual grade point averages and majors. (Student consent for institutional exchange of individual information will be granted through the Letter of Intent.)
8. To ensure that when MCCC students matriculate at PSAB, they will have all of the rights, responsibilities, and privileges of other PSAB students.
9. PSAB will provide MCCC with "Letter of Intent" forms and fact sheets to distribute upon request.

Obligations of Mercer County Community College

To publicize this Agreement in its promotional literature, to make special arrangements for PSAB recruiters to visit MCCC, and to inform qualified students matriculating at MCCC of the opportunity to attend PSAB under the terms of this Agreement.

Joint Obligations:

1. Consult with each other through appropriate channels prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this Agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes in policy or curricula that affect those students. MCCC and PSAB will review this Agreement annually and, as needed, make any changes upon mutual agreement. Such changes will become effective when MCCC and PSAB sign the revised document.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information about this Agreement, the academic requirements of PSAB, the process of transferring to PSAB, and any other academic advising needed.
3. MCCC and PSAB jointly agree to develop and implement advertising and promotional efforts to communicate the benefits of this Agreement.

4. This Agreement will be renewed annually, unless MCCC or PSAB terminate this Agreement or enter into a new Agreement. Any party may terminate this Agreement by submitting written notice of termination to the other parties. Termination will be effective no earlier than 12 months after receipt by each party of such written notice. All parties understand and agree, however, that any termination of this Agreement will not affect students already accepted to PSAB but not yet enrolled in PSAB under the terms of this Agreement.
5. Each institution will designate a representative or representatives who will coordinate the specifics of this Agreement between MCCC and PSAB.
6. Exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement and promote effective cooperation between the institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grades, and reports on the results of program reviews, assessments of student learning, and decisions of curricular and other committees.
7. To provide direct links between the MCCC and PSAB websites.

Revision, Renewal and Termination of this Agreement

The PSAB Dean's Office and appropriate offices at MCCC are responsible for identifying and communicating to each other changes in the policies or requirements of their respective institutions that affect this Agreement.

The willingness of both institutions to enter this Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of students from MCCC into PSAB and to expand their opportunities for academic success is indicated by the following signatures.

In witness whereof, and intending to be legally bound hereby, the undersigned representatives of the parties, Mercer County Community College and Penn State Abington, Abington College, have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated.

MCCC and PSAB authorize this agreement to become effective on

For Mercer Community College:

Dr. Robert Rose, President

Date

Dr. Thomas N. Wilfrid, Vice-President of Academic
and Student Affairs

Date

For The Pennsylvania State University:

Dr. John J. Romano, Vice-Provost, Enrollment Management
and Administration

Date

Dr. Karen Wiley Sandler, Dean and CEO, Abington College

Date

Dr. Robert D. McCaig, Director of Enrollment Management
and Retention, Abington College

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Arts (GA) 6 credits

ART 123	3
ART 124	3 (DF)
ART 126	3 (DF)
MUS 155	3 (DF)

Humanities (GH) 6 credits

PHI 204	3
HIS (All courses)	3
ENG 213	3 (DF)
ENG 214	3 (DF)
ENG 221	3
ENG 231	3
ENG 232	3
FRE 110	3
GER 110	3
HUN 110	3
HIS 109	3 (DF)
HIS 112	3
HIS 113	3
HIS 206	3 (DF)
HIS 218	3 (DF)
HIS 221	3
ITA 110	3
JPN 110	3 (DF)
PLS 110	3
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PHI 201	3
PHI 205	3
PHI 209	3
SSC 201	3

Social and Behavioral Science (GS) 3 credits

ECO 103	3
POL 101	3
POL 102	3
POL 201	3
PSY (All courses)	3
SOC (All courses)	3
CMN 101	3

Natural Sciences (GN) 9 credits

BIO 114	3
BIO 204	3

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