

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
Montgomery College
AND
University of Maryland, College Park REGARDING TRANSFER FROM the associate of
arts in arts and sciences - international studies area of concentration at Montgomery
College to the bachelor of science in international relations at the University of Maryland,
College Park**

This Academic Program Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between Montgomery College (MC) (the “Sending Institution”) and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMD) (the “Receiving Institution”) (collectively, the “Institutions”) to facilitate the transfer of academic credits from the associate of arts (A.A.) in arts and sciences - international studies area of concentration (HEGIS: 491001; CIP: 24.0101) for the completion of the bachelor of science in international relations (HEGIS: 221002; CIP: 44.0504) (the “Program(s)").

A. Qualifying Students

This Agreement pertains to the transfer of “Qualifying Students”, *i.e.*, those students who:

1. Have successfully completed the program at the Sending Institution;
2. Are enrolled in the Sending Institution, in good standing; and
3. Are accepted for admission to the Receiving Institution

B. Responsibilities of the Institutions

The Institutions agree to implement the transfer of Qualifying Students in accordance with applicable law and the following requirements and protocols:

1. A Qualifying Student may transfer from the Sending Institution into the Receiving Institution for the completion of the Program.
2. Courses that the Receiving School will accept credits for towards completion of the Program include:

Montgomery College A.A. arts and sciences - international studies area of concentration						
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	MC Course	UMD Equivalent	Credits	MC Course	UMD Equivalent	Credits
Year 1	ENGL101: Introduction to College Writing*	Lower-level Elective	3	ENGL102 or ENGL103 (ENGF)	ENGL101 (Gen Ed: FSAW)	3
	MATH117: Statistics (MATF)+	STAT100 (Major Requirement and Gen Ed: FSMA/FSAR)	3	ECON202: Principles of Economics II (BSSD)**	ECON200 (Major Requirement and Gen Ed: DSHS)	3
	POLI101: American Government (BSSD)**	GVPT170 (Major Requirement and Gen Ed: DSHS)	3	POLI203: International Relations	GVPT200 (Major Requirement and Gen Ed: DSHS, DVUP)	3
	HIST114, HIST116, or HIST117 (HUMD)***	(Gen Ed: DSHU)	3	World Languages	See World Languages Note below.	3
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	Total Credits			15	Total Credits 15	
	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	MC Course	UMD Equivalent	Credits	MC Course	UMD Equivalent	Credits
Year 2	ANTH201 (see alternatives ± note below if ANTH201 is not taken at MC)	ANTH260 (Gen Ed: DSHS and DVUP)	3	COMM108 or COMM112 (GEIR)	COMM107 (Gen Ed: FSOC)	3
	ENGL201 (see alternatives ±± not below if ENGL201 is not taken at MC)	ENGL201 (Gen Ed: DSHU and DVUP)	3	Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD)*++	See Distributive Studies note below	4
	HIST245, HIST247, HIST250, HIST252, or HIST266 (GEIR)*+	(Gen Ed: DSHS)	3	Electives	Lower-level Elective	3
	POLI211: Comparative Politics and Government	GVPT280 (Major Requirement)	3	Electives	Lower-level Elective	3
	Natural Sciences Distribution (NSD)*++	See Distributive Studies note below	3	Electives	Lower-level Elective	2
	Total Credits			15	Total Credits 15	
Apply to graduate from MC with an associate of arts in arts and science - international studies area of concentration						
TOTAL MC credits prior to UMD transfer: 60						

General notes:

Courses that will transfer as major requirements must be completed with a minimum grade of C-. Courses that will transfer only as UMD general education or elective courses must be completed with a minimum grade of D-.

Students should attempt ENGL and MATH foundation requirements at MC within completion of the first 24 credits of college-level work or at the completion of any prerequisite or non-credit coursework.

Effective for UMD students matriculating in Fall 2022 and beyond: students may count up to 70 credits earned at a 2-year institution toward a bachelor's degree.

Specific equivalency notes:

*If ENGL101/ENGL101A or ENGL102/ENGL103 are not needed, students should select another course that will count for a UMD general education or elective course as indicated in the UMD [transfer course database](#).

**Montgomery College requires that their Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

***HIST114, HIST116, and HIST117 do not have specific UMD course equivalencies, but each count as a 3-credit UMD General Education Distributive Studies Humanities (DSHU) requirement.

**These courses count for UMD Gen Ed: DSHS. HIST245, HIST247, & HIST266 are also approved for UMD's General Education Diversity Understanding Plural Societies (DVUP) requirement.

*** **Distributed Studies Note:** MC students must select from approved MC General Education category course options; UMD equivalency may vary (consult UMD [transfer credit database](#)), but will at minimum count for a UMD elective course.

+ MATH117 recommended, but MATH150 or MATH181 are also acceptable. If lower math placement is achieved, student should work towards completion of one of these courses through elective space.

Alternatives± (ANTH201 alternatives): ANTH256, ECON103, ECON201, GEOG101, GEOG105, GEOG113, GEOG124, GEOG130, GEOG211, PSYC100, SOCY105. Consult the UMD [transfer credit database](#) for specific equivalencies. At minimum, the course will count for a UMD elective requirement.

Alternatives±± (ENGL201 alternatives): ENGL122, ENGL202, ENGL205, ENGL208, ENGL213, ENGL214, ENGL248, GHUM101, HIST255, PHIL209, or (an additional world language course may be recommended depending on course equivalencies at UMD). Consult the UMD [transfer credit database](#) for specific equivalencies. At minimum, the course will count for a UMD elective requirement.

World Languages Note: Must select from approved MC World Languages course options; UMD equivalency may vary, consult the UMD [transfer credit database](#). At minimum, the course will count as a UMD elective.

The University of Maryland [Pre-Transfer Advising](#) program assists prospective transfer students with academic planning, course selection, estimating time to UMD graduation, and major and career exploration. It is strongly recommended that students work with Pre-Transfer Advising early in their community college career to maximize the benefits of academic planning and ensure a smooth transfer process. Connect with Pre-Transfer Advising via pretransferadvising@umd.edu or pretransferadvising.umd.edu

University of Maryland B.S. in international relations				
Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
	UMD Course	Credits	UMD Course	Credits
Year 3	GVPT201	3	GVPT320	3
	GVPT IR/Comparative Course 100/200	3	GVPT/INTR Methods Course 300/400	3
	Elementary Language ++	4	Upper-level INTR Course 1	3
	Electives	6	Professional Writing (FSPW)	3
			Electives	3
	Total Credits	16	Total Credits	15
Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
	UMD Course	Credits	UMD Course	Credits
Year 4	INTR Quantitative Methods Course 300/400	3	GVPT/INTR Quantitative Methods Course 300/400	3
	Upper-level INTR Course 2	3	Upper-level INTR Course 3	3
	Quantitative Skills	3	Additional Skills Course	3
	Electives	6	Electives	5
	Total Credits	15	Total Credits	14
Total UMD credits				60

++ This plan assumes students are not beginning foreign language coursework for the B.S. in International Relations requirement until they matriculate to UMD. Students who take foreign language courses at Montgomery College should consult the UMD [transfer credit database](#) or a Government and Politics Department (GVPT) Academic Advisor to determine course equivalency, as their coursework may not transfer as a direct equivalent to language coursework at UMD. This plan also assumes students are pursuing a foreign language in which one 4-credit course at UMD covers the entire elementary level of that language. Some languages at UMD require multiple courses between 4-6 credits to complete the entire elementary level. The one required intermediate level course may then be completed through one course ranging from 4-6 credits. Students may use elective coursework in their senior year if they wish to take a more credit-intensive language. GVPT does not determine language placement.

Please note: When a requirement category can be satisfied by a number of different courses, the category name (e.g., DSHU: Humanities) is referenced in lieu of listing an example course as the latter could be misinterpreted to mean the listed course is required. When a specific course is required, it is explicitly listed along with notation of other requirement applicability. For example, MC students in the International Studies concentration must take a Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD) course and they must take POLI101 American Government for the program, POLI101 is an approved BSSD course so in this instance we reference POLI101 (BSSD) and not just BSSD.

- Students must have completed the A.A. degree in order to have fulfilled the General Education requirements (other than Professional Writing) at UMD. Students who do not complete the A.A. will be responsible for UMD General Education requirements.
- No more than 70 credits earned at a 2-year institution shall be transferable to a bachelor's degree.
- The Receiving Institution shall designate, and shall provide to the Sending Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the Receiving Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students. The Sending Institution shall designate, and

shall provide to the Receiving Institution, the contact information for a staff person at the Sending Institution who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students.

	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of staff person responsible for oversight	Jennifer Haydel	Patrick Wohlfarth
Title of staff person	Acting Dean for Humanities	Undergraduate Director & Professor, Dept. of Government & Politics
Email address	jennifer.haydel@montgomerycollege.edu	patrickw@umd.edu
Telephone Number	240-567-7756	301-405-4156

Should the staff person or position change, the institution will promptly provide new contact information to the partner institution and inform the Maryland Higher Education Commission of the change.

Additional contact information:

	Sending Institution	Receiving Institution
Name of person	Sarah Campbell	Katherine Russell
Title of person	Interim Vice President of Liberal Arts and Education	Associate Dean, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Email address	sarah.campbell@montgomerycollege.edu	krussell@umd.edu or bsos-ugdean@umd.edu
Telephone Number	240-567-4166	301-405-1692

6. If the Qualifying Student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits), the Institutions shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).

7. Each Institution shall adhere to all applicable transfer requirements set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Code of Maryland Regulations.

8. Each Institution shall advise students regarding transfer opportunities under this Agreement, and shall advise students of financial aid opportunities and implications associated with the transfer.

9. Should either Institution make changes to program requirements, the institution will inform the partner institution immediately. The articulation agreement should be updated to reflect the changes and forwarded to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

C. Term and Termination

1. This agreement shall be effective on the date that it is signed by the appropriate and authorized representatives of each Institution.
2. One semester, or six months' notice, must be provided in writing should either party wish to terminate the agreement. Termination of the agreement will not impact students currently in the pathway and the institutions will work together to provide information for students currently using the pathway.
3. Both Institutions agree to meet once every 5 year(s) to review the terms of this agreement.

D. Amendment

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the Institutions with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both Institutions.

E. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Maryland.

F. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

G. Notice of Agreement

1. The Institutions agree to provide a copy of this Agreement, with any amendments, to the Maryland Higher Education Commission.
2. The Institutions agree to provide copies of this Agreement to all relevant individuals and departments of the Institutions, including but not limited to students, academic department chairs participating in the transfer, offices of the president, registrar's offices, and financial aid offices.

H. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

There are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement.

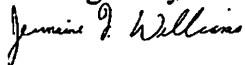
I. Representations and Warranties of the Parties

Both Institutions represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the term of this Agreement:

1. The Institutions are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each Institution has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Montgomery College



Jermaine F. Williams, Ed.D.

President

04/08/2025

Date

University of Maryland, College Park



Jennifer King Rice, Ph.D.

Senior Vice President and Provost

4.9.2025

Date