Montgomery County Community College and Ursinus College Transfer Articulation Agreement

INTRODUCTION

Montgomery County Community College ("MCCC") and Ursinus College ("UC") enter into this Transfer Articulation Agreement to facilitate the transfer of MCCC graduates to UC.

Guaranteed Admission

Under the Agreement, MCCC students are guaranteed admission to UC with junior status under the following conditions: 1) students complete the MCCC/UC *Transfer Admission Intent Form* and all required documentation for the UC Admission Application; 2) students graduate from MCCC with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) Degree, an Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree, an Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) Degree, an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree, an Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies (A.A.) Degree; 3) students achieve at least a 3.00 cumulative GPA at the time of MCCC graduation.

Credit Transfer

Students must complete an additional 64 credits at UC, beyond credits they transfer, to be eligible to earn an UC Bachelor's Degree. Transfer credits that best meet the requirements for courses at UC will be applied.

This Agreement does not preclude the option of students who have not yet completed an associate degree from applying to and enrolling at UC. In such cases, the Office of the Registrar at UC will determine eligible transfer credits and appropriate student standing on a course by course basis. UC will make scholarships and need-based financial aid available as it does to all prospective UC transfer students.

MCCC STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Transfer Course Credit

Students should refer to the attached Appendices to determine the most appropriate MCCC academic program that best accomplishes the complete transfer of credits and standing to UC.

UC Advising Team

Students must meet with a representative of the UC advising team to develop plans to pursue the most appropriate UC curricular and co-curricular programs.

Required UC Admission Forms

Students intending to transfer to UC must complete the *Transfer Admission Intent Form*. Students will also be required to complete the UC Admission Application prior to the intended start term, for which the application fee will be waived. This deadline is August 15th for the spring semester and January 10th for the fall semester.

Students who plan to apply for need-based financial aid must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA). This deadline is December 1st for the spring semester and August 1st for the fall semester.

Enrollment at UC

Students admitted under this Agreement are required to enroll at UC within one year of acceptance or within one year of graduation from MCCC. Should a student defer his or her acceptance beyond one year, the student must reapply to UC with the understanding that the terms and benefits of this articulation agreement may not fully apply.

Students must meet all applicable UC deadlines and requirements pertaining to registration and payment of fees. Students must abide by all UC student policies and procedures.

UC RESPONSIBILITIES

Promotion

UC will promote this Agreement to current MCCC students.

Preadmission Counseling

UC will create an advising team of admission counselors, student life advisors, and faculty members to develop the most appropriate curricular and co-curricular programs for MCCC students interested in transferring to UC. A UC representative from the advising team will meet with any MCCC student who completes the *Transfer Admission Intent Form* for individualized transfer counseling.

UC will carefully review the *Transfer Admission Intent Forms* of all MCCC students who complete them. Once approved for transfer candidacy, UC will provide one course, up to four credits, free of charge to MCCC transfer candidate students while still enrolled at MCCC in the academic year (fall or spring semester) before they intend to enroll at UC. Seats must be available in the course, and MCCC students must meet applicable prerequisite requirements. Students should submit *Transfer of Intent Forms* by the time they earn 30 credits.

UC will provide admission materials as needed and agrees to attend MCCC College and Partner Days.

Admission and Scholarships

UC will carefully review all UC Admission Applications of MCCC students.

UC will waive the admission application fee.

UC will provide admission decisions within four weeks of the completion of admission documentation requirements.

UC will provide minimum UC academic scholarships of at least \$15,000 per semester (\$30,000 per year) to all full-time students admitted under the agreement. Active PTK students receive a \$35,000 annual merit award. Students will be eligible to receive aid each semester they are enrolled full-time at Ursinus, up to a possible maximum of four semesters.

UC will administer all other forms of need-based financial aid for which students are eligible. Other forms of aid may include additional UC need-based grant funds; scholarships; federal grants, loans, and work study; state grants and loans; and other alternative grants and loans.

Transfer Course Credit

In the case of assessing individual courses and credits for transfer, UC will grant credit for MCCC courses that UC offers or could offer, and for which MCCC students have achieved a passing grade of "C" or better. Students who have fulfilled the general education requirements of MCCC and have taken two semesters of a foreign language will have satisfied all the requirements typical for Ursinus students in the first two years. During their time at Ursinus, MCCC students will fulfill only core requirements typically taken in the third and fourth years, in addition to CIE-150, a course designed specifically for transfer students. See Appendix A for equivalencies, means of satisfying the foreign language requirement, and courses specific to the Ursinus Quest curriculum.

Rights and Privileges

UC will ensure that MCCC transfer students to UC will be guaranteed all the rights and privileges of other UC students.

MCCC RESPONSIBILITIES

Promotion

MCCC will promote this Agreement to stakeholders, including prospective and current MCCC students, alumni, employees, and the community.

Preadmission Counseling

MCCC will facilitate arrangements for the UC advising team to visit MCCC and meet with potential MCCC transfers to UC.

MCCC will designate a representative to work with the UC advising team to support consultation, collaboration and on-going requirement reviews between MCCC and UC. UC must be informed of changes to MCCC program and degree requirements and reserves the right to reevaluate transfer requirement commitments as prescribed in this Agreement.

MCCC will provide appropriate academic counseling to MCCC students interested in transferring to UC.

JOINT UC AND MCCC RESPONSIBILITIES

Revision, Renewal, and Termination of the Agreement

This Transfer Articulation Agreement will be in effect as of February 10, 2022. The Agreement shall remain in effect for an initial year term beginning on February 10, 2022 and terminating two years after on February 9, 2024, at which time the Agreement will be automatically renewed upon successive one-year terms. Notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, either party may terminate this Agreement upon 60 days prior written notice to the other party. Should this Agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already attending UC under the terms of this Agreement or already admitted to UC under its terms but not yet enrolled in UC courses.

UC and MCCC are jointly responsible for identifying and communicating to one another changes in policies, programs, or requirements at their institutions that might affect the terms of this Agreement. Both parties agree to exchange information when appropriate related to the maintenance and improvement of this Agreement. Such information may consist of admission, transfer, and completion data consistent with institutional student privacy policies.

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this Transfer Articulation Agreement in order to facilitate the transfer of MCCC students to UC, and to expand their opportunities for academic success, is indicated by the following signatures:

The undersigned representatives of the parties, MCCC and UC, have executed this Transfer Articulation Agreement on the dates indicated.

For MCCC:

7/25/2022

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Appendix A

Core equivalencies between Montgomery County Community College (MCCC) and Ursinus College Quest

Will be completed at MCCC:

MCCC REQUIREMENT	COUNTS AS (UC QUEST EQUIVALENT)	
Aesthetic sensibility	Artistic & performative inquiry	
Communication - oral Communication - written	Humanistic inquiry Social scientific inquiry	
Cultural awareness & diversity	Diversity & inequality Global interconnections	
Ethical perspectives	Obligations	
Scientific reasoning		
Quantitative reasoning	Scientific inquiry Quantitative inquiry Deductive reasoning	
Technological fluency		
May be completed at UC or MCCC:		

Foreign language, two semesters	Foreign language
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Must be completed at UC:

n/a	CIE-150	4 credits
	Linked Inquiry*	minimum ! credit
	Experiential learning*^ (may be satisfied by UC-Montco Summer Fellows program)	may be non-credit-bearing; else I credit min.
	Core Capstone*	minimum 2 credits
	Foreign language (if not completed at MCCC)	8 credits**

^{*} Most students will satisfy the Linked Inquiry (LINQ), Experiential Learning (XLP), and Core Capstone (CCAP) requirements with courses that also count towards their chosen major.

^A Students who have participated in the UC-Montco Summer Fellows program have satisfied the XLP requirement.

^{**} For international students or heritage speakers, the foreign language requirement may be reduced or waived.