

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION  
BETWEEN  
OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY  
AND  
THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with the *Virginia State Policy on Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and Old Dominion University (ODU) recognize the need and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. This is true whether students begin their pursuit of the baccalaureate degree through a college transfer associate degree program or a corresponding applied associate degree program in a technical or professional field.

Recognizing that many students engage in education as a life-long learning process, the VCCS and ODU enter into this agreement to provide a transfer track to a baccalaureate degree for all community college students, regardless of their initial curriculum choice. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the regular admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between ODU and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to September 28, 2009. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

**Section I  
Definitions**

“GAA student” refers to a student who graduates from a Virginia community college with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Arts & Sciences degree, or an articulated Associate of Applied Arts or Associate of Applied Science with specific General Education Courses and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a four-point scale.

“Transfer-oriented associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Arts and Sciences degrees. This includes VCCS General Studies associate degrees that have been approved by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) as transfer degrees according to the State Committee on Transfer guidelines (see website at <http://www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf>).

“Articulated applied associate degrees” refers to VCCS Associate of Applied Science and Associate of Applied Arts degrees that have been specifically developed with corresponding baccalaureate technical and professional degrees offered by ODU. A list of articulated individual program agreements can be found at <https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/articulation-agreements>

“Transferable credits” refers to credits taken at a VCCS institution that are applicable to a baccalaureate degree program. A grade of “C” or better must be earned to transfer the credits to ODU.

“Letter of Intent to Transfer” refers to an online form outlining the intent of a VCCS qualified student to transfer to ODU. The form can be found at <https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/letter-of-intent/letter-of-intent-form>

“General Education Courses” refers to courses included in the Associate of Applied Science or Arts program agreements with each VCCS institution and includes 35 credit hours selected from coursework in Table 1.

## **Section II**

### **Guidelines for Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)**

Upon receipt by ODU of completed application materials, GAA students are guaranteed admission to ODU and may expect the following:

1. ODU guarantees admission only to those GAA students who completed a transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree and meet all eligibility requirements of the articulation agreement for admission into the corresponding baccalaureate degree program. Acceptance in some degree programs at ODU is competitive; thus guaranteed admission into ODU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. GAA students will be considered on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs.
2. Students must be prepared to certify that the information given on their applications is true, complete, and correct to the best of their knowledge. Students, once admitted, agree to support the rules, regulations and Honor Code of Old Dominion University as set forth in the Undergraduate Catalog. Furthermore, students understand that by providing any false information, the University may deny their admission or dismiss them from their studies.
3. ODU will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented (*see Section III, Option 1*) or articulated applied associate degree program (*see Section III, Option 2*) and grant junior standing for students with 60 or more transferable credits. Students must have completed a minimum of 45 credits at a VCCS institution. GAA students may transfer up to 90 transferable credits from the community college toward the baccalaureate degree.
4. GAA students with a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher may apply for admission to the ODU Honors College. Upon acceptance, transfer students may petition to have previous honors credits from a VCCS institution partially fulfill the requirements for graduation from the ODU Honors College.
5. Admission under an articulation agreement is contingent upon receipt of a final official transcript documenting degree completion with a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average.
6. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses that are earned through military coursework completed under a Service-members’ Opportunity Colleges (SOC) agreement, or transferred from a regionally accredited college or university. Credit for knowledge and skills gained through prior learning assessment or other non-collegiate instruction, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, Cambridge Advanced (A/AS Level) programs, CLEP, or DANTES testing programs, will be accepted according to ODU policies in effect at the time of application for admission to ODU.

7. No distinction will be made by ODU regarding college courses applicable to the transfer associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Completion of the transferable associate degree or articulated applied associate degree through dual enrollment will not preclude the student from eligibility under this agreement.

Students entering ODU with a degree and/or credits earned through dual enrollment:

- must submit a Letter of Intent to Transfer to ODU under the Guaranteed Admission Agreement upon completion of a minimum of 15 credit hours at or through a VCCS institution
- must meet the on-line application filing dates as a freshman applicant at ODU, based upon the year of high school graduation
- must submit all requirements for freshman admission as well as college transcripts
- will be offered the option to receive on-campus housing and compete for available student scholarships
- must attend the orientation program designed for freshmen students

Students' academic coursework earned through the VCCS will be posted to the ODU transcript upon admission, in the same manner as other transfer students who have signed the Letter of Intent to transfer. Under this agreement, students will satisfy all lower division general education requirements provided the students have met all the criteria and course requirements outlined in the individual major/program agreements under the VCCS-ODU Guaranteed Admission Agreement. In some instances, students may be required to complete additional departmental or prerequisite courses for the selected major. Students who sign the Letter of Intent to Transfer but are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement will be evaluated on both freshman requirements and transfer credentials.

### ***Eligibility***

To be eligible for participation in the GAA, students must:

1. Submit a Letter of Intent to Transfer (<https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/letter-of-intent/letter-of-intent-form>) after completion of at least 15 transferable credits and a minimum 2.50 cumulative grade point average, but before 90 days prior to graduation from a VCCS institution.
2. Graduate with a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA (as computed under VCCS policy) in a transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree program from a Virginia community college.
3. Enroll at ODU within one year of completing the transfer-oriented or articulated applied associate degree with the Transfer General Education Courses outlined in the program agreement.

Students who were previously enrolled at ODU and transferred back to the VCCS to complete the transfer-oriented associate degree or an articulated applied associate degree are eligible for participation in the GAA.

### ***Graduation from ODU***

1. GAA students must follow the approved curriculum outlines of all transfer-oriented and articulated applied degree program agreements as agreed to by the VCCS and ODU and posted to ODU's Transfer Advising website.
2. GAA students will be required to meet graduation requirements as stated in the ODU Undergraduate Catalog in effect at the date of submission of the Letter of Intent to Transfer to ODU (unless changes to the curriculum are required to meet state and/or national accreditation guidelines).
3. Consistent with requirements for native students, GAA students who do not complete the bachelor's degree within six years of the date of submission of the Letter of Intent to Transfer must choose to graduate under the requirements listed in any subsequent ODU Undergraduate Catalog in effect within the six year period preceding the date of graduation from ODU.

VCCS students who do not meet the GAA eligibility requirements listed above are eligible to apply for admission to ODU but will not be guaranteed admission under this agreement. Coursework completed through the VCCS will be evaluated on an individual basis in accordance with the State Policy on Transfer.

### **Section III Approved VCCS Degrees for GAA**

#### ***Option 1: Transfer-Oriented Degrees***

1. Completion of the transfer-oriented degree program will guarantee completion of the ODU lower-level general education component of the undergraduate curriculum but may not fulfill specific departmental requirements or prerequisites needed for the major. Therefore, GAA students may need to take additional lower-level courses after transferring to ODU.
2. ODU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation.

#### ***Option 2: Articulated Applied Associate Degrees***

1. A minimum of 50 credits in articulated technical and related major courses and up to a maximum of 35 Transfer General Education Credits will be applied to the corresponding baccalaureate technical and professional degree program at ODU. However, ODU cannot guarantee that students will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit minimum required for graduation.
2. Completion of the articulated applied associate degree and the specific General Education Courses outlined in the program agreement will guarantee completion of the lower level general education component of the undergraduate curriculum but may not fulfill all specific department requirements or prerequisites needed for the major.

**Table 1: Guidelines for the Acceptance of General Studies Associate Degrees\* and Associate of Applied Science Degrees from VCCS to Meet Lower-Division General Education Requirements**

<b>ODU Skills and Ways of Knowing</b>	<b>VCCS Equivalent</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>English Composition</b>	ENG 111 and 112, 113, 115, 131, or 210	6 credits
<b>Mathematical Skills</b>	MTH 122, 152, 154, 155, 157, 158, 161, 162, 163, 164, 166, 167, 168, 182, 240, 241, 242, or 245	3 credits
<b>Human Behavior Way of Knowing</b>	ADJ 107, ADJ 201, BUS 116, ECO 120, ECO 150, ECO 201, ECO 202, EDU 207, GEO 200, GEO 210, HUM 210, HUM 215, HUM 220, PLS 120, PLS 130, PLS 135, PLS 140, PLS 211, PLS 212, PLS 241, PLS 242, PLS 281, PSY 200, PSY 201, PSY 230, PSY 231, PSY 232, PSY 235, PSY 238, SOC 200, SOC 201, SOC 202, SOC 210, SOC 211, SOC 212, SOC 220, SOC 236, SOC 255, SSC 100, SSC 201, SSC 202, SSC 205, or SSC 210	3 credits
<b>Nature of Science Way of Knowing</b>	BIO 101, BIO 102, BIO 106, BIO 107, BIO 114, BIO 120, BIO 145, BIO 270, BIO 278, CHM 101, CHM 102, CHM 111, CHM 112, CHM 121, CHM 122, ENV 121, ENV 122, GOL 105, GOL 106, GOL 110, GOL 111, GOL 112, GOL 205, GOL 207, GOL 225, NAS 101, NAS 102, NAS 110, NAS 111, NAS 112, NAS 120, NAS 125, NAS 130, NAS 131, NAS 132, PHY 100, PHY 101, PHY 102, PHY 111, PHYS 112, PHY 130, PHY 132, PHY 141, PHY 150, PHY 201, PHY 202, PHY 221, PHY 222, PHY 231, PHY 232, PHY 241, PHY 242, SCT 111, or SCT 112; (BIO 150 or BIO 205 AND BIO 141 & 142 or BIO 231 & 232 meet 4 credits)	8 credits
<b>Literature Way of Knowing**</b>	ENG 125, 225, 236, 237, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 258, 267, 268, or 275	15 credits**
<b>Human Creativity Way of Knowing**</b>	ART 100, ART 101, ART 102, ART 103, ART 104, ART 105, ART 106, ART 111, ART 112, ART 113, ART 114, ART 133, ART 150, ART 201, ART 202, CST 130, CST 141, CST 142, CST 151, CST 152, CST 231, CST 232, CST 250, HUM 100, HUM 201, HUM 202, HUM 260, MUS 121, MUS 122, or MUS 125	
<b>Philosophy and Ethics Way of Knowing**</b>	PHI 100, PHI 101, PHI 102, PHI 111, PHI 112, PHI 115, PHI 200, PHI 211, PHI 212, PHI 220, PHI 225, PHI 226, PHI 227, PHI 228, PHI 260, PHI 265	
<b>Interpreting the Past Way of Knowing**</b>	HIS 101, 102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 172, 221, 222, 203, 204, 231, 232, 253, or 254	
<b>Human Behavior Way of Knowing**</b>	ADJ 107, ADJ 201, BUS 116, ECO 120, ECO 150, ECO 201, ECO 202, EDU 207, GEO 200, GEO 210, HUM 210, HUM 215, HUM 220, PLS 120, PLS 130, PLS 135, PLS 140, PLS 211, PLS 212, PLS 241, PLS 242, PLS 281, PSY 200, PSY 201, PSY 230, PSY 231, PSY 232, PSY 235, PSY 238, SOC 200, SOC 201, SOC 202, SOC 210, SOC 211, SOC 212, SOC 220, SOC 236, SOC 255, SSC 100, SSC 201, SSC 202, SSC 205, or SSC 210	
<b>Language and Culture**</b>	ARA 101&102, ASL 101, ASL 102, CHI 101&102, FRE 101, FRE 102, GER 101, GER 102, GRE 101, GRE 102, HIN 101, HIN 102, ITA 101, ITA 102, JPN 101&102, KOR 101, KOR 102, LAT 101, LAT 102, RUS 101, RUS 102, SPA 101 or 105&106, SPA 102 or 107&108, VTN 101, or VTN 102	
<b>Oral Communication Skills**</b>	AST 205, CST 100, CST 105, CST 110, CST 111, CST 112, CST 126, CST 131, or CST 132	

\*This table applies to recipients of General Studies associate degrees offered by VCCS that are not recognized as a transfer degrees by the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia:

<https://www.schev.edu/docs/default-source/about-section/committees-and-groups/state-council-on-transfer/recognized-general-studies-transfer-associate-degrees.pdf>

\*\*A liberal arts package of five courses (15 credits) consisting of some combination of courses in the following areas:

- Literature, Human Creativity, Philosophy and Ethics, Interpreting the Past, and Language and Culture – minimum of three courses
- Human Behavior
- Oral Communication – maximum of one course

University policy states that “associate degrees awarded outside the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) are examined individually to determine whether they are university parallel programs (consistent with the requirements of degree from the VCCS) and eligible for the lower-division general education waivers.”

The complete transfer course database is available on the Transfer Guide website found at <https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/vccs-transfer-guide>

## **Section IV Benefits to Virginia Community College Students**

1. To learn more, Virginia community college students should contact their academic advisor or counselor at their VCCS institution. Students will then be referred to the ODU Transfer Advising Contact (<https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/advising>) or Transfer Admission Contact (<https://www.odu.edu/admission/undergraduate/transfer>) for advice and information on meeting requirements for various ODU majors.
2. GAA students will receive continuous communication regarding programs and activities.
3. GAA students who have met all requirements for admission under the GAA will be eligible to participate in selected ODU events prior to enrollment at ODU. Information concerning these events will be provided to eligible VCCS students.
4. Upon receipt of the Letter of Intent to Transfer (<https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/letter-of-intent/letter-of-intent-form>), GAA students following Associate of Applied Science degrees articulated to ODU baccalaureate degrees will have access to the approved articulation agreements outlining specific requirements for the articulated applied associate degree and the remaining requirements to be taken at ODU to earn the baccalaureate degree.

### ***Responsibilities***

GAA students will:

1. Complete the preadmission process to include (a) submission of the online Letter of Intent to Transfer (<https://www.odu.edu/newtransfer/letter-of-intent/letter-of-intent-form>) to ODU after earning a minimum of 15 transferable credits and 90 days prior to completion of the transferable associate degree or articulated applied associate degree with the Transfer General Education Courses; and (b) earn a 2.5 cumulative grade point average toward the transfer-oriented degree or articulated applied associate degree.
2. Follow all ODU application processes and special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements.  
<http://www.odu.edu/admission/undergraduate/transfer>

The community college will:

1. Advise students regarding courses needed to complete the transfer-oriented degree or articulated applied associate degree with the Transfer General Education Courses.
2. Make available information about ODU, the GAA, and the Letter of Intent to Transfer process to prospective transfer students enrolled in eligible associate degree programs.

ODU will:

1. Consider GAA students who enroll at ODU on the same basis as native students for admission to competitive programs, registration, financial aid, new student scholarships, parking, and any other opportunities open to native students.
2. Invite students to apply for admission upon receipt of the Letter of Intent to Transfer and provide access to information regarding courses needed to complete the baccalaureate degree.
3. Send continuous communication regarding degree plans and requirements, programs and activities through Hobson's Connect.
4. Provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at ODU, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, ODU courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from ODU, and comparisons with native students. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and ODU and provided by July 1 of each year.

## **Section V Administration of Agreement**

The ODU official responsible for all ODU aspects of the GAA and Letter of Intent to Transfer is the Vice President for Student Engagement and Enrollment Services or his/her designee. The ODU official responsible for the negotiation and approval of program articulation agreements is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Vice Chancellor for Academic Services and Research or his/her designee, in consultation with the Articulation Subcommittee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

ODU and the VCCS will review this agreement every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not adversely affect students already enrolled under the provisions of the existing GAA.

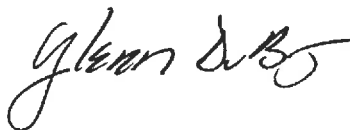
The GAA will remain in effect until modified or terminated. Modifications may be made by mutual agreement between the VCCS Chancellor and President of ODU. Termination may be made by either party upon written notice. Such notice should be given one year in advance of the date of termination; students who entered under the GAA may take advantage of its terms for two years after termination becomes effective.

The VCCS and ODU will promptly communicate any curriculum changes or admissions requirements that affect this agreement through the institutions' Offices of Academic Affairs or Chief Transfer Officers.

The effective date of this agreement is the date it is signed by the President of ODU and the Chancellor of the VCCS.



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