TRANSFER ARTICULATIONAGREEMENT

Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College have created a transfer articulation agreement between the departments of Ethnic and Gender Studies and Language and Cultural Studies at Westfield State University and the department of Language and Latinx Studies at Holyoke Community College. This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning.

OBJECTIVES:

- 1. To encourage and streamline the transfer of qualified graduates from Holyoke Community College (HCC) to Westfield State University (WSU).
- 2. To award academic credit for courses completed at HCC that meet the terms of the Associate in the Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Latinx Studies and apply them toward the requirements for the WSU Bachelor of Art in Ethnic and Gender Studies and Spanish with option to complete the Master in Public Administration.
- To provide effective and concise guidelines for students seeking to transfer to WSU. Students will have accurate and clear information regarding the transfer of their course work and credits, both completed and outstanding, as.

TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:

- 1. Students may be admitted to WSU under terms of this program-to-program articulation agreement via either the full-time undergraduate day Office of Admission or the College of Graduate and Continuing Education (CGCE). Placement in university-sponsored housing is not guaranteed as part of this agreement and CGCE students generally do not request housing. However, CGCE students may request housing, which is provided on a space- available basis, by contacting the Office of Residential Life after being admitted to CGCE.
- 2. This agreement assumes successful completion of the designated associate degree program, including all courses specified on the curriculum sheet. Students must earn a cumulative average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the time of admission to be admitted to the University. Qualified students are admitted to the Ethnic and Gender Studies and Spanish majors as long as space remains available for new transfer students in any given enrollment term.
- WSU requires that 30 credits be completed in residence to earn the bachelor's degree. Further, the
 major/concentration must be completed with a cumulative average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
 including WSU and HCC course work combined.
- 4. This articulation agreement is based upon the evaluation of current course descriptions and or other course materials presented to WSU. The minimum transferable grade for courses completed under the MassTransfer program generally is D (1.0). D grades will transfer for these students only within the 60-credit guarantee of the MassTransfer degree. Additionally, students who transfer from any Massachusetts public higher education institution may transfer D grades only as part of the completed 34-credit MassTransfer block. Credits will transfer for grades of C-or higher (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) in courses deemed transferable by WSU at the time of transfer. WSU will accept a maximum of 79 credits in transfer from all two-year colleges combined (including AP, CLEP, and military experience). To ensure the transfer of the maximum number of credits allowed, students should choose any elective course requirements for the associate degree

- program from those listed as transferable in the current WSU course equivalency guide, available online at www.westfleld.ma.edu/ceg.
- 5. Students who complete requirements for the designated associate degree program, but fail to select one or more courses specified on the attached curriculum sheet as those required by WSU for the bachelor's degree still may be admitted to WSU's programs in Ethnic and Gender Studies and Spanish, but will be required to complete all outstanding requirements for the degree program at WSU. Further, students who do not maximize the number of credits to be applied to the WSU Ethnic and Gender Studies and Spanish majors and heCommon Core of Studies while at the community college may extend the length of time it will take to complete bachelor's degree requirements.
- 6. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the date listed below, with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to students admitted from HCC's A.A. in Latinx Studies option degree program within one year of the expiration date of the agreement. Each institution agrees to provide timely notice to the other in the event of any modification to the curriculum that might affect admission and/or the transferability of course work. This agreement may be subject to change without notice if curriculum requirements change at either Institution. Students admitted to HCC's Latinx Studies option degree program prior to such notification will be admitted to WSU on the basis of this agreement

Signatures:	
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Approved on (date): December 7, 2020