

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
for Online Liberal Studies & MassTransfer

Westfield State University

and

Holyoke Community College

AA, Liberal Arts & Science Option
to
BA/BS, Liberal Studies

FALL 2013

Westfield State University and Holyoke Community College have created a transfer articulation agreement between the Liberal Studies Program at Westfield State University and the Department of Arts & Science at Holyoke Community College in support of a valuable and barrier-free public academic experience.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage and streamline the transfer of qualified students 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 Liberal Arts & Science Option degree and apply them toward the requirements for the WSU Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science (BA or BS) degree in Liberal Studies.
3. 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 they apply to the BA or BS degree in Liberal Studies at WSU.

TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:

1. This articulation agreement has been designed to meet terms of the statewide MassTransfer Program, effective for students enrolling at the community college beginning fall 2009 and transferring to the state university beginning fall 2013.

Westfield State University (WSU) guarantees the acceptance of students who complete the Liberal Arts & Science Option degree program at Holyoke Community College (HCC) with an overall QPA of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher to the BA or BS degree in Liberal Studies at WSU. In order to guarantee admission to WSU for a specific term, qualified students must complete the application process on time: the priority filing deadline for spring semester enrollment is October 15; the priority filing deadline for fall enrollment is February 15. Qualified students who complete their application files after these dates will be accommodated on a space-available basis. If space is not available for the requested enrollment term, students may be guaranteed enrollment for the following term, upon timely request. On-campus housing is not guaranteed as part of this agreement, nor is it available to students who enroll through the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education (DGCE).

Under terms of this agreement, students who earn an overall QPA of 2.30-2.49 may be considered for admission to the exclusively online degree-completion program on an individual basis at the discretion of the Dean of Graduate & Continuing Education; however, students who have not earned a cumulative average of at least 2.50 do not qualify for the MassTransfer benefit of guaranteed admission.

2. Students may be admitted to WSU under terms of this program-to-program articulation agreement via either the full-time undergraduate day division (Admission office) or the Division of Graduate and Continuing Education (DGCE). However, qualified applicants to the Admission Office are admitted with Undeclared major status, pending approval of the three required academic areas of concentration for the Liberal Studies major by the Program Chair. DGCE accepts qualified applicants directly into the Liberal Studies major.

Students may not request on-campus housing through DGCE; consequently, students who wish to be considered for on-campus housing must apply through the full-time undergraduate day division. Further, full-time undergraduate day students that either commute to or live on the WSU campus and partake in campus life may be able to register for some online courses, but will not be allowed to build class schedules comprised exclusively of online courses. DGCE will enroll students on either a part-time or full-time basis for the exclusively online bachelor's degree-completion program in Liberal Studies. Students applying to DGCE will enroll under terms of this explicit agreement and complete the Liberal Studies degree entirely online, as specified in the attached curriculum sheets.

3. Under terms of this agreement, qualified online degree-completion applicants to DGCE will be admitted to the WSU Liberal Studies degree program via one of three curriculum options:
- Option 1**: Complete three prescribed areas of concentration for the major, including Sociology (18 credits), Psychology (15 credits), and Criminal Justice (12 credits), as outlined in the attached curriculum spreadsheet and approved by the WSU Liberal Studies Program Chair;
- Option 2**: Complete two prescribed areas of concentration, Sociology (18 credits) and Psychology (15 credits), with a third area (12 credits) to be chosen from Art History (no portfolio required), History, Business Management, Criminal Justice, Ethnic & Gender Studies, and World Languages (courses taught in English, including prefixes LCUL & LLIT), as outlined in the attached curriculum spreadsheet and approved by the WSU Liberal Studies Program Chair.
- Option 3*: Create a unique program combining three designated areas of concentration (18 credits, 15 credits, and 12 credits), including at least one area of concentration in liberal arts and pending approval of the WSU Liberal Studies Program Chair.

**Courses completed at HCC that are equivalent to major requirements in Sociology, Psychology, and Criminal Justice, as listed in the current HCC-to-WSU course equivalency guide, may be applied directly to completion of the Liberal Studies degree for Options 1 & 2.*

All students admitted to the WSU Liberal Studies major are required to meet with the Program Chair for formal approval of the three designated areas of concentration.

4. Students enrolling through DGCE that qualify for enrollment under terms of this agreement will be afforded the benefits of the MassTransfer Program: they will apply for admission via an online application form that does not require a fee; they will be guaranteed admission to the exclusively online bachelor's degree completion program if they complete their application files by the priority filing deadlines and have a cumulative QPA of at least 2.50; and, **they will have the Tuition Waiver Program discount built into their fee structure for full-time online attendance (12 or more credits per term).**

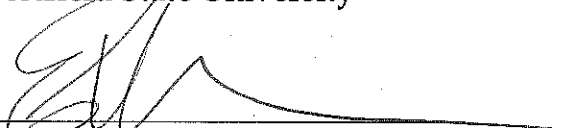
MassTransfer students enrolling through the full-time day Admission office are subject to the Tuition Waiver Program-eligibility standards and practices set by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.


5. WSU guarantees the transfer of credit as stipulated on the attached curriculum sheet in conjunction with the terms of the MassTransfer Program. This agreement assumes successful completion of the designated associate's degree program, including all courses specified on the curriculum sheet. WSU requires that 30 credits be completed in residence to earn the bachelor's degree. MassTransfer guarantees 60 transfer credits (excluding grades of D-); WSU will accept a maximum of 67 credits in transfer from all two-year colleges combined. To ensure the transfer of the maximum number of credits allowed, students should choose any elective course requirements for the associate's degree program from those listed as transferable in the current WSU course equivalency guide, available online at www.westfield.ma.edu/ceg.
6. Students who complete requirements for the designated associate's degree program, but fail to select one or more courses specified on the attached curriculum sheet as those required by WSU for the Liberal Studies degree still may be admitted to the online bachelor's degree-completion program, and still may be considered for MassTransfer benefits; however, they will be required to complete all outstanding WSU bachelor's degree requirements imposed upon native students, even if the sum exceeds a total of 60 credits. Further, students who do not maximize the number of credits to be applied to the WSU Liberal Studies major while at the community college may not be able to complete the bachelor's degree exclusively online at WSU and may further extend the length of time it will take to complete bachelor's degree requirements.

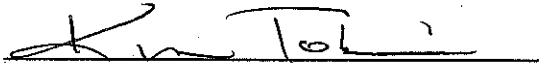
7. This articulation agreement is based upon the evaluation of current course descriptions and or other course materials presented to WSU. Courses as listed in this agreement will transfer to WSU provided a grade of C- (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) or higher has been earned in each. Terms of the MassTransfer Program will be honored for students who transfer under this agreement: D grades (1.0 on a 4.0 scale) will transfer only as part of the 60-credit guarantee of the MassTransfer Program.
8. Earning the designated associate's degree under terms of the MassTransfer Program guarantees that transfer students will be required to complete no more than 6 credits of outstanding WSU general education core requirements unless such courses fulfill major requirements. Similarly, students who complete the 34-credit MassTransfer Block with a 2.0 QPA in Block courses, but without earning the associate's degree, will be required to complete no more than 6 credits of outstanding WSU general education core requirements unless such courses fulfill major requirements. Also, D grades (1.0) earned in 34 credits of MassTransfer Block courses will transfer upon completion of all Block requirements with a 2.0 QPA, within the context of the 60-credit guarantee for associate's degree completers.
9. HCC students interested in participating in this agreement are expected to complete the suggested HCC liberal arts and sciences courses to satisfy terms of the MassTransfer Block. All associate's degree and MassTransfer Block course requirements must be completed and the associate's degree conferred prior to enrollment at WSU to qualify for MassTransfer Program benefits.
10. 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 Liberal Arts & Science 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, provided that the MassTransfer Block component of the associate's degree curriculum remains intact. Students admitted to HCC's Liberal Arts & Science Option degree program prior to such notification will be admitted to WSU on the basis of this agreement.

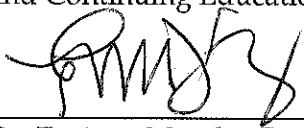
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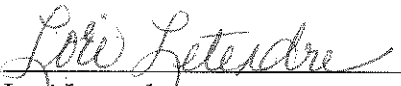

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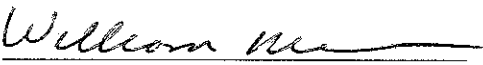

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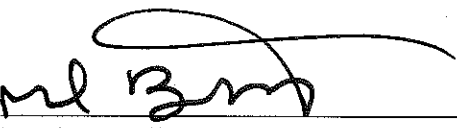

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**Liberal Studies Online Articulation Agreement for MassTransfer
with concentrations in Sociology, Psychology & Criminal Justice
between Holyoke Community College and Westfield State University**

Holyoke Community College		Westfield State University		
AA in Liberal Arts & Sciences Option		BA/BS in Liberal Studies: Sociology, Psychology, Criminal Justice		
<i>MassTransfer Block requirements*:</i>		<i>Credits:</i>	<i>WSU Course equivalencies:</i>	
ENG 101	College Comp I: Expository Writing & Research (A)	3	ENGL 0101 English Composition I	3
ENG 102	College Comp II: Writing about Literature (A)	3	ENGL 0102 English Composition II	3
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology (B)	3	PSYC 0101 Introduction to Psychology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology (B)	3	SOCI 0101 Principles of Sociology	3
	Social Science Elective (B)	3	PSYC or SOCI Major Requirement/Major Elective	3
	<i>PSY or SOC recommended</i>			
	<i>excluding PSY 142, 203, 222, 230, 242; SOC 150, 208, 250</i>			
	Humanities (C)	3	General Elective	3
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	Laboratory Science (D)	4	General Elective	4
	<i>excluding CHM 119, BIO 126 & 212</i>			
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	<i>excluding CHM 119, BIO 126 & 212</i>			
	College-level Math (D) [excluding MTH 104]	3	General Elective	3
	<i>Recommended: MTH 142 Statistics</i>			
MassTransfer Block credit total		35		
<i>Program requirements; select 7 of the following courses:</i>		21	<i>Major requirements and/or electives:</i>	21
<i>(See HCC catalog for designated Arts & Science course prefixes)</i>				
<i>Recommended PSY & SOC course selections:</i>				
PSY 202	Eco-Psychology (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 210	Social Psychology (B)		PSYC 0304 Social Psychology	
PSY 215	Child Psychology (B)		PSYC 0202 Child Development	
PSY 216	Human Development (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 217	Abnormal Psychology (B)		PSYC 0303 Abnormal Psychology	
PSY 218	Adolescent Psychology (B)		PSYC 0203 Adolescent Psychology	
PSY 220	Educational Psychology (B)		PSYC 0206 Educational Psychology	
PSY 224	Psychology of Women (B)		PSYC 0353 Special Topics in Psychology	
PSY 225	Psychology of Men (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 233	Psychology of Aging (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 240	Forensic Psychology (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 250	Psychology of Sport (B)		Psychology Major Elective	
PSY 260	Personality (B)		PSYC 0201 Theories of Personality	
PSY 265	Cognitive Psychology (B)		PSYC 0341 Cognitive Psychology	
PSY 270	Mind, Brain & Behavior (B)		PSYC 0312 Physiological Psychology	
SOC 130	Intimate Relationships, Marriage & Family (B)		SOCI 0201 The Family	
SOC 204	Sociology of Death & Dying (B)		Sociology Major Elective	
SOC 210	Social Psychology (B)		Sociology Major Elective	
SOC 213	Urban Sociology (B)		SOCI 0305 Urban Sociology	
SOC 214	Social Problems (B)		SOCI 0307 Social Problems	
SOC 215	Sociology of Sex and Gender (B)		SOCI 0315 Sociology of Gender	
SOC 220	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (B)		SOCI 0202 Race & Ethnic Relations	
SOC240	Sociology of Sport (B)		Sociology Major Elective	
Recommended General Electives				
<i>(A maximum of 2 non-Arts & Sciences courses may be applied to the AA degree)</i>				
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRJU 0101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Select 1 course from the following:				
CRJ 103	Introduction to Corrections or	3	CRJU 0202 Introduction to Corrections or	3
CRJ 207	Police Operations or		CRJU 0201 Law Enforcement & Society or	
CRJ 210	Human Relations: Diversity & Ethical Issues (B)		CRJU 0337 Criminal Justice Ethics	

				Outstanding requirements for the bachelor's degree:		
				CRJU 0101	Intro to Criminal Justice (if not taken at HCC)	3
				18-credit area	Area 1 upper-level Sociology electives	0 to 15
				15-credit area	Area 2 upper-level Psychology electives	0 to 12
				12-credit area	Area 3 upper-level Criminal Justice electives	9 to 12
					General Electives, including 0 to 6 credits gen ed's	16 to 40
TOTAL credits completed for the associate's degree			62	TOTAL credits required at WSU		58
				TOTAL credits required for the bachelor's degree		120
<i>Note: A maximum of 2 WSU introductory (100-level) courses may be applied directly to the Liberal Studies major; however, WSU CRJU 0101 is pre-requisite to all courses applied to the Liberal Studies area of concentration in Criminal Justice. This BA in Liberal Studies requires 18 WSU-approved credits in Sociology, 15 WSU-approved credits in Psychology & 12 WSU-approved credits in Criminal Justice. All WSU Liberal Studies majors must meet with the Liberal Studies Program Chair to formally approve the three required academic areas of concentration.</i>						