

Articulation Agreement

Bay Path University
and
Holyoke Community College

I. PURPOSE

Bay Path University (BPU) and Holyoke Community College, in the spirit of academic cooperation, in order to facilitate the transfer of graduates of Holyoke Community College to BPU (including on-ground and online), hereby do enter into an academic articulation agreement. Successful implementation of the Agreement is dependent upon communication of its contents to all involved participants and the assumption of responsibility by both institutions for such communications.

The purpose of this Articulation agreement is to acknowledge that, following completion of an Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, or Associate of Science degree at Holyoke Community College, students may transfer all the credits from the degree to a Bay Path University Bachelor of Arts in General Studies online, or per the equivalency tables, to an undergraduate degree program that coincides with their associate's degree as long as the following criteria are met.

II. TRANSFER PATHWAY(S)

- a. BPU welcomes students who wish to transfer from Holyoke Community College. To be eligible for application to enroll, the student must submit proof of having been awarded an Associate degree from Holyoke Community College in the form of an official transcript from Holyoke Community College.
- b. As BPU is regionally accredited, all academic course work in which a student has earned a **grade of "C-" or higher** is fully transferable based on the attached course equivalents. A **minimum of 60 credits** will be accepted in transfer toward the bachelor degree programs listed below. Students transferring with more than 60 credits are granted junior status.
- c. Based on the course equivalency tables that will be attached and updated over time, **BPU guarantees transferability of all credits outlined in the following Holyoke Community College associate's degree to their corresponding majors in the following BPU degrees:**

BS in Business (all majors)

BS in Cybersecurity (all majors)

BS in Criminal Justice (all majors)

B.S. in Health Services Administration (all majors)

BA in Liberal Studies/Education Studies (non-licensure)

BA in Leadership and Organizational Studies

BA in Psychology (all majors)

BS in Legal Studies

BA in Liberal Studies (all majors)

Other degrees may be added as mutually agreed by the academic program chairs or directors and transfer counselors.

- d. Additionally, and upon a student's admissions to the university, BPU guarantees transferability of a minimum of 60 credits outlined in any Holyoke Community College

Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degrees to the BPU Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies.

- e. Students transferring from Holyoke Community College may enroll at BPU as full or part time students.

III. TERMS

- a. This Agreement is effective as of the date of the fully executed document, and shall continue until terminated by either party. Both parties must approve amendments to the Agreement in writing. Either party may terminate the Agreement without cause upon 90 days written notice by either party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, either party may terminate the Agreement immediately in the event that participation under the Agreement may give rise to a violation of any requirement of federal or state law or regulation or the requirements of any accrediting agency having jurisdiction.
- b. The official, signed document and signed copies will be distributed to appropriate parties, and listed on each college's website.
- c. ~~Admission criteria, academic requirements, and other admission requirements will be subject~~ to the applicable Catalog at the time of the students' admission to Bay Path University. **BPU agrees to waive the application fee.**
- d. This Articulation Agreement is based on the current curriculum of both educational institutions. Each institution is responsible for notifying the other of any substantive changes to the curriculum. This agreement shall be reviewed by both institutions every four years.
- e. The parties grant to each other a non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use each other's trademarks and service marks in furtherance of the articulation coordination detailed herein or in a manner solely for the purpose of identifying and communicating the existence of the relationship to Holyoke Community College's students and alumni. Use of trademarks, service marks and logos will comply with use policies of the originating institution. The parties shall discontinue the use of the licensed marks and return any and all files and material containing the licensed marks supplied by the owner at termination or expiration of the Agreement. Neither party grants to the other any interest in the other party's trademarks. Should either originating institution request, in writing, that a particular use of the originating institution's trademarks and/or service marks be discontinued, the non-originating institution shall cease and desist such use of the trademarks and/or service marks.
- f. Holyoke Community College agrees to regularly communicate to students via email and direct mail (costs to be incurred by BPU) and to host BPU representatives on campus for recruitment activities during the academic school year.
- g. The parties hereto will have the relationship of independent contractors for all purposes. Each will have complete control over its own performance and the details for accomplishing its own obligations under this Agreement. In no event will the agents, representatives or employees of one party be deemed to be agents, representatives or employees of the other.
- h. This Agreement may be executed by a duly authorized representative of each party, either by electronic or facsimile transmission, each of which will be considered an original.
- i. Bay Path University agrees to provide HCC upon request an update of student enrollment and academic progress, to include general data on how many students have transferred to Bay

Path University, number of semesters completed and are making satisfactory progress through their program.

- j. This agreement does not preclude either college from entering into a similar agreement with other institutions of higher education.

IV. CONTACTS FOR COORDINATION:

All notices and other communications required hereunder by either party to the other shall be in writing, delivered personally, by electronic mail, and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally or received when using overnight courier or three business days after being deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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Or to such other persons or places as either party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other.

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