

COLLABORATIVE ADMISSION AGREEMENT

Holyoke Community College (MA) and Smith College (MA)

Transfer students from Holyoke Community College are encouraged to apply to Smith College, a private, competitive, liberal arts college for women located in western Massachusetts. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, this Collaborative Admission Agreement details guidelines for admission and credit.

The Collaborative Admission Agreement serves as an advising tool by detailing some general information about transferring.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE Students likely to be admitted normally have earned a GPA of 3.3 or better. A student's previous GPA does not transfer with her; she will start a new Smith GPA once enrolled.

CREDIT Smith has no core curriculum and, with the exception of one writing course, there are no specific courses to be taken toward the degree. Consequently, the transfer of credit is much simpler for entering transfers. A maximum of 64 credits (the equivalent of 2 full years' worth) is transferable. Grades of C and above are acceptable. For transfer credit criteria visit www.smith.edu/registrar. A minimum of 64 credits must be completed in academic residence at Smith College in Northampton; two of these semesters must be completed during the junior or senior year. 128 credits with a 2.0 GPA are required to complete the Smith degree. Students must complete a major and, in addition, earn at least 64 credits outside of the major department. Credits transferred may fulfill major and non-major credit. Credit toward the major is granted at the discretion of the department; major requirements are listed in the catalog. Students wishing to enter Smith as juniors should consult the catalog to make certain that they have taken the proper prerequisites for upper-division major courses.

Note: Students should meet with their Advisor at HCC or with the Transfer Office to confirm course transfer

TRADITIONAL ADMISSION Smith enrolls over 100 traditional transfer students each year. Students who wish to apply for aid for September enrollment are encouraged to apply by the preferred filing date of February 1, although the final application deadline is June 1.

THE ADA COMSTOCK SCHOLARS PROGRAM Women who are at least 24 years old or are veterans or have a dependent other than a spouse must apply to the college through this program. Most successful candidates have, on average, 50 transferable credits. The program offers assistance with re-entry, childcare and housing options in addition to academic advising.

Interested students are encouraged to contact the Office of Admission at Smith College, admission@smith.edu

FINANCIAL AID Smith College awards financial aid on the basis of documented need. In fact, since 1984 the College has been able to meet the documented need of all admitted transfers and will make every effort to continue this level of support. In addition, Smith awards three Phi Theta Kappa scholarships to International transfer students entering in January. There is limited aid available for International transfers entering in

September, and their applications for admission, as well as aid, must be filed by February 1.

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING FOR TRADITIONAL TRANSFERS A space in one of Smith's 36 residence halls is guaranteed for each entering traditional transfer. Students may request nonresident status because of very unusual circumstances, but the option of living off-campus is not normally granted for traditional transfers due to the residential nature of the institution.

This agreement was established in April 2002 and will be reviewed periodically. Coordinators for this agreement are: Mark Broadbent, Coordinator of Transfer Affairs & Articulation, at Holyoke Community College (mbroadbent@hcc.edu) and Deanna Dixon, Dean of Admissions (ddixon@smith.edu).



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