



Frederick Community College

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Frederick Community College
Associate of Applied Science in Police Science

Mount St. Mary's University
Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Criminal Justice

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This agreement becomes effective Fall 2010.
This agreement will be reviewed annually.

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Frederick Community College, Associate of Applied Science in Police Science and
Mount St. Mary's University, Bachelor's of Arts in Criminal Justice

Frederick Community College (FCC) and Mount St. Mary's University (MSMU) agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Police Science Degree and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Criminal Justice. They further agree that students from FCC, through this articulation policy, will be allowed to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. at FCC to MSMU, leading to the award of the B.A. in Criminal Justice at MSMU. This agreement applies only to students eligible for our adult accelerated program in Criminal Justice offered at the Center for Professional and Continuing Studies. The following general principles guide the operation of this Agreement:

1. The program is designed for graduates of the A.A.S. in Police Science at FCC. A maximum of 75 credit hours from FCC will be allowed toward fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion.
2. All courses meeting general education requirements at FCC will transfer to MSMU as general education. Additional MSMU general education courses will be needed to fulfill the required core for the B.A. in Criminal Justice. Those requirements are outlined in the attached articulation worksheet.
3. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer.
4. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by MSMU toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, and other nationally recognized standardized examination scores in addition to portfolio assessment and departmental exams developed by FCC) is 30.
5. Once the A.A.S. is completed and the student has been admitted to MSMU, the student may commence the B.A. in Criminal Justice by completing a "Declaration of Major" form and registering for introductory criminal justice courses.
6. FCC students who have completed the A.A.S. in Police Science will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at MSMU.
7. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. FCC and MSMU agree to publicize this program. They further agree to monitor the performance of this agreement and to revise it as necessary. The agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice to the other. Termination of the agreement will not affect any students

currently enrolled at FCC in the Police Science major at the time of termination, and they shall be able to transfer credits pursuant to this agreement.

PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT

This agreement is entered into to serve the instructional needs of FCC students and graduates. The general purpose of this agreement is to make clear the terms of this articulation agreement.

There are three specific goals under this agreement. First, it is the intent that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from FCC's Police Science major to the B.A. in Criminal Justice at MSMU as efficiently as possible. FCC graduates will understand how MSMU transfers the credits they earn at FCC, as well as the changes in requirements that may permit more flexible scheduling once the student has been admitted to and enrolled at MSMU. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to continue their higher education beyond the A.A.S. degree from FCC.

Second, this agreement is a publication of a clear set of understandings and expectations for both institutions and programs. Making our expectations clear to students and between institutions not only contributes to the first goal, but also allows institutions to work collaboratively to meet the needs of FCC graduates. Like any policy agreement, this articulation agreement will need to be updated, revised and refined as instructional programs are revised.

Third, FCC encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway in Police Science for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in the Criminal Justice profession. This articulation agreement facilitates students' successful achievement of credentials in the field.

The following sections describe the specifics of the agreement.

A.A.S. Police Science – B.A. Criminal Justice

The Police Science degree at FCC is considered a career program. Therefore, Police Science students who transfer to MSMU will have their coursework evaluated on a course-by-course basis to determine which of MSMU general education requirements and discipline requirements have been met. By taking full advantage of the FCC-MSMU course agreements outlined below, the transfer student will matriculate at junior standing. Further, this agreement allows the student who has obtained an A.A.S. Degree in Police Science from FCC and who has enrolled in the B.A. Degree in Criminal Justice at MSMU to apply up to 60 transfer credits to required components of the major.

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between the A.A.S. in Police Science at FCC and the B.A. in Criminal Justice at MSMU.

Mount St. Mary's University General Education Requirements

University GER Requirements	Credit Hours	FCC Equivalent	Credit Hours	Explanation/Notes
Mount Seminar*	3			
College Writing		EN101 English Comp	3	Fulfills FCC requirement English
Arts & Humanities	3	CMSP103 Speech Fundamentals	3	Fulfills FCC requirement Arts/Humanities/Comm
History	6			
Social Science		SO101 Introduction to Sociology	3	Fulfills FCC requirement in major
			3	**Recommended
Natural Science w/lab		Recommend BI100, 101, 103, 201, 203; CH100, 101; PC107; PY201	4	Fulfills FCC requirement Science
Mathematics		MA206 Elementary Statistics or higher	3	Fulfills FCC requirement Mathematics
Philosophy		PH101 Intro to Phil	3	Fulfills free FCC elective
PHIL301 Moral Philosophy*	3			
PHIL310 Civic and Professional Issues*	3			
Theology*	6			
Non-Western Culture*	3			
		PE154 Fitness for Living	3	Fulfills FCC requirement ID & Emerging Issues
Total	27		25	

*Denotes courses normally taken through MSMU

**HS102 Human Relations recommended to fulfill both gen ed Social Science requirement and Cultural Competence requirement

Mount St. Mary's University Requirements for the Major

All FCC transfer students with an A.A.S. in Police Science will be required to take a minimum of 24 credits of upper division coursework at MSMU.

In addition to the general education requirements indicated in the preceding section of this articulation agreement, the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminal Justice at MSMU requires students to successfully complete the following course work:

Mount St. Mary's University			Frederick Community College		
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
CJUST110	Introduction to Criminal Justice		CJ101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJUST105	Law Enforcement		CJ204	Police Operational Services	3
CJUST200	Introduction to Criminal Justice		CJ110	Criminal Law	3
CJUST205	Criminal Evidence & Procedure		CJ220	Criminal Evidence & Procedure	3
CJUST300*	Crime and Justice	3			
CJUST305*	Tech/Report Writing	3			
CJUST310*	Media Relations/Oral	3			

	Communications				
CJUST315*	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3			
CJUST400*	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3			
CJUST410*	Statistics and Information Technology	3			
Elective			CJ106	Police Comm Relations	3
Elective			SO201	Criminology	3
Elective			CJ212	Criminalistics	4
Elective			CJ221	Police Defense Tactics	5
Elective			CJ222	Police Arsenal & Procedures	5
Elective			CJ223	Emergency Vehicle Operation	3
Elective			CJ224	Awareness Training for Weapons of Mass Destruction	3
Electives*	6 credits must be upper level	15			
Total		33			35

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FCC courses with an earned grade of C or above transfer to MSMU. Any completed course with an earned grade of C- or below will not transfer.

We have a recommended sequence for criminal justice courses, but allow for some flexibility. CJUST 300 Crime and Justice in America should be taken first if possible. CJUST 400 Criminal Justice Research Methods must be completed before CJUST 410 Statistics and Information Technology can be taken.

FCC Police Science students transferring to the Criminal Justice Program at MSMU should be aware that the Criminal Justice curriculum is built upon a series of established course sequences. For students to progress through the program, they must have the appropriate pre-requisites, co-requisites, and must also achieve sufficient GPA levels. Specifically, to graduate from MSMU students must have a 2.0 GPA overall and a 2.0 GPA in their major.

Overview and Summary

For students following this agreement, the steps are as follows:

Step 1: Complete the A.A.S. in Police Science at FCC.

Contact: Peggy Waxter, Police Science Program Manager

Step 2: Apply for admission to Mount St. Mary's University, indicating Criminal Justice as the intended major. Applications for admission can be obtained by contacting:

Janene Horne, Student Services Coordinator
301-682-4815