

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

HARPUR COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES
BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY
AND
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

INTRODUCTION

Based upon mutual respect for the integrity of parallel programs and in an effort to better serve students intending to pursue programs of study in the arts, humanities, social sciences, mathematics or natural sciences within Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, Bergen Community College and Binghamton University hereby enter into this transfer agreement.

Students at Bergen Community College who complete an Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree and then wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree at Binghamton University shall be admitted based upon the criteria contained in this agreement.

Prospective transfer students should consult the Binghamton University Bulletin for specific information about courses and admissions requirements. (See <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu> and <http://www2.binghamton.edu/admissions/students/transfer-students.html>)

OBJECTIVES

- To facilitate the transition of graduates from an associate degree program at Bergen Community College to a baccalaureate degree program in Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University.
- To attract qualified students to both Bergen Community College and Binghamton University.
- To provide information to ensure appropriate advisement for students from faculty and staff at both Bergen Community College and Binghamton University.
- To encourage academic coordination between the faculty and advisors at the two institutions, including curricular reviews.
- To assess and exchange information on the specific outcomes of this articulation agreement with the goal of continual improvement.

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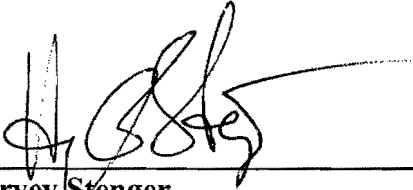
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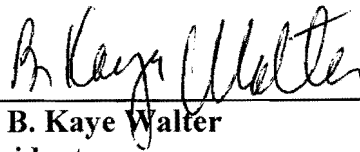
BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University and Bergen Community College have entered into an agreement as described in this document detailing Harpur College requirements, General Education requirements and detailed information contained in appendices for timely completion of specific majors. This agreement will remain in effect until it is recertified or until it is terminated.

The undersigned agree to all the stipulations outlined in the attached documents.



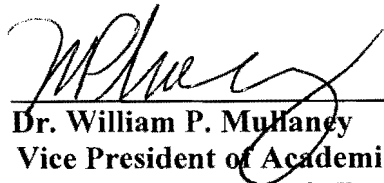
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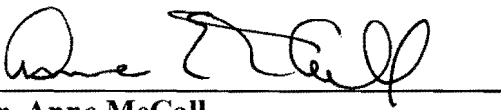
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Date: November, 2014

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

1. There are three groups of requirements that all students must complete in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor of Science (BS) from Harpur College of Arts and Science at Binghamton University. These requirements fall under the following categories: Harpur College, General Education (GenEd), and academic major.
2. This document describes the prerequisites and requirements for the BA and/or BS degree in Harpur College and the guidelines for the transfer of credits and courses from Bergen Community College. It also provides information about approved Binghamton University transfer course equivalencies for a specific major that should be taken within the first two years of study at Bergen Community College. Students must have earned, or be on target to earn, an associate degree from Bergen Community College in one of the articulated Harpur College majors. Students will provide Binghamton with an official final Bergen Community College transcript indicating completion of the degree.
3. For questions regarding General Education (Gen Ed) and Harpur College requirements, a student should consult with Harpur College Academic Advising. Please see <http://harpur-advising.binghamton.edu/transfer/index.html>. For academic major requirements, a student should consult with the specific department and review the University Bulletin. Please see <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/>.
4. All students who participate in this agreement and enroll at Binghamton University are expected to adhere to all general administrative and academic policies and procedures. The Binghamton University Bulletin and Student Handbook specify University policies and procedures. Additional Harpur College policies may be found on the Harpur Advising website or the Harpur College website. Academic departments and programs may have other more detailed information specific to their area. All students are held to the degree requirements in the University Bulletin for their academic year of matriculation.
5. Each institution hereby agrees to discuss and notify the other in the event of substantive changes in a course, program or policy at its institution that would have an impact on this agreement, including the courses and provisions herein. Bergen Community College shall notify Binghamton University through transart@binghamton.edu when course syllabi and/or course content are significantly altered, or if new courses should be reviewed for equivalencies. Changes to the degree programs at Binghamton University will be reflected in the Bulletin, and due notification shall be made to Bergen Community College. All such notification shall be made as early as reasonable.
6. Evaluation of this agreement will occur bi-annually and renegotiation of the agreement will occur every five years. At the request of either party, a review of the contents and/or implementation of the agreement will be conducted by the institutions. Binghamton University and/or Bergen Community College will give not less than one calendar year's written notice for a termination of the articulation agreement.

HARPUR COLLEGE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The following Harpur College requirements must be completed by all students in all Harpur College academic majors in order to receive a BA or BS degree from Binghamton University:

- Achieve a minimum of 126 total credits with at least 94 credits in arts and sciences courses.
- Maintain a minimum cumulative Binghamton GPA of a 2.0.
- Meet the residency requirement of 44 liberal arts and sciences credits.
- Complete the Harpur College writing requirements and upper level course requirements.
- Complete the General Education requirements.
- Complete academic major requirements.

UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS AND HARPUR COLLEGE TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS

1. Under the provisions of this document, all Bergen Community College students who have graduated or who will graduate prior to enrollment at Binghamton with an AA or an AS degree must have a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average for acceptance to Binghamton University. Students below the 3.0 minimum GPA may be considered for conditional acceptance when:
 - All relevant transfer admissions criteria are met.
 - Space is available in the entering class.
 - A completed application is received by March 15 for fall admission and November 15 for spring admission.
2. Application Forms and requirements for application and admission are available at: <http://www.binghamton.edu/admissions/apply/transfer/index.html>, including additional requirements for international applicants and Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) applicants.
3. Up to a maximum of 82 transfer credits may be applied toward a Harpur College of Arts and Sciences degree. A student must have a minimum of 24 credits to be a sophomore, 56 to be a junior and 88 to be classified as a senior. Students who complete an associate's degree in one of the articulated Harpur College majors and followed the recommended guidelines as stated in the course selection advising guide will enter Binghamton University at junior status after having satisfactorily completed at least 56 credits at Bergen Community College.
4. Three courses in English expository writing, composition, rhetoric, or literature or courses designated as writing intensive may transfer toward the fulfillment of the Harpur College Writing requirement. Students must complete at least one Composition and one Harpur Writing Emphasis course at Binghamton University.
5. Courses are evaluated for SUNY Gen Ed and Harpur College equivalency by Harpur Academic Advising. Courses may satisfy more than one category. Whether transfer credits may be applied to academic major requirements is determined by each department within Harpur College and may vary from major to major. Certain requirements must be completed at Binghamton University.
6. Harpur College will grant full transfer credit for college courses in the arts and sciences and up to 32 credits for non-liberal arts college courses that are theoretical in nature, provided that a grade of C- or higher is earned. Some courses counting toward a specific major may require a grade higher than C- to fulfill major requirements. Any specific grade requirements for courses counting toward a major would be noted in the appendix for that major if applicable. Courses that are developmental, remedial or applied

skill-oriented do not transfer. Credit from external examination, including credits earned through Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Regents College Exam Program, and DANTES may transfer. Only a maximum of 32 external examination credits may apply toward the baccalaureate degree.

7. A minimum of four credits will be awarded for a score of 3 or better on AP examinations. IB courses will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis with a minimum award of four credits for a score of 4 or better on each higher level examination. In addition, select IB and AP exams with certain scores may fulfill GenEd or academic major requirements. Please see <http://www2.binghamton.edu/harpur/advising/transfer/index.html>
8. Grades from Bergen Community College do appear on a student's Binghamton transcript, but they are not included in the Binghamton GPA.
9. Semester-length courses will transfer with full credit as awarded at the original college. For example, a three-credit course at a previous college can fulfill a four-credit course requirement at Binghamton, but only three credits will be added to the number of credits that transfer.
10. While students without an intended major may apply to transfer as "undeclared," in order to complete a degree in a timely manner, students should declare an academic major by the junior year.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND TRANSFER EQUIVALENCIES

1. The State University of New York System requires all baccalaureate degree candidates, as a condition of graduation, to complete a General Education program of no fewer than 30 semester credit hours specifically designed to achieve the student learning outcomes in ten knowledge and skill areas and two competencies. The ten knowledge and skill areas are listed below:

BINGHAMTON GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORIES equivalent to SUNY- WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORIES	
Binghamton Gen Ed	SUNY Gen Ed
Aesthetics	Arts
Composition and Oral Communication	Basic Communication
Foreign Language*	Foreign Language
Global Interdependencies	Other World Civilizations
Not Applicable	Western Civilizations
Humanities	Humanities
Laboratory Science	Natural Science
Mathematics	Mathematics
Pluralism in the U.S.	American History
Social Science	Social Science
Physical Activity and Wellness	Not Applicable

**Binghamton's Foreign Language requirement differs from the SUNY Foreign Language requirement. Please see <http://gened.binghamton.edu> for additional information.*

2. Many of the General Education requirements at Bergen Community College should transfer into like categories for SUNY and Binghamton General Education requirements. Although this is not a

guarantee that all General Education requirement credits taken at Bergen will be accepted as General Education credit at Binghamton, Binghamton will make every effort to accept as many credits as possible for General Education purposes where criteria would be met. Courses may also be accepted as elective credit if they do not meet General Education requirements at Binghamton.

3. The Foreign Language requirement for transfer students in the College of Community and Public Affairs, Harpur College, and the School of Management is fulfilled by a second-semester college-level course in foreign language. Transfer students in those schools who fulfilled the SUNY-wide Foreign Language requirement may need additional coursework to fulfill the Binghamton University Foreign Language requirement. The Foreign Language requirement for transfer students in the Decker School of Nursing and the Watson School Computer Science program is fulfilled by one college course in foreign language at any level. The Foreign Language requirement is waived for students in the Watson School engineering programs. This requirement may also be fulfilled in high school by demonstrating a level of proficiency equivalent to passing the corresponding Regents foreign language examination with a score of 85 or higher. Please note that these are the requirements in effect for students matriculating at Binghamton University in 2013 through 2015; the Foreign Language requirement may change for future years. Please see <http://gened.binghamton.edu> for the most updated information.
4. Students are advised to complete as many Gen Ed requirements as possible at Bergen Community College. Gen Ed requirements not completed there may be completed at Binghamton University.
5. Courses from schools taken after matriculation at Binghamton will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis for compliance with Binghamton University's General Education requirements.

ACADEMIC MAJOR TRANSFER PLANNING APPENDICES

1. While students are encouraged to prepare for transfer by completing General Education requirements and three courses for the Harpur College writing requirement, the Transfer Planning Appendices are included to assist students in selecting courses to complete their AA or AS degree at Bergen Community College that will also transfer to fulfill academic major requirements at Binghamton. The Planning Documents illustrate only one of many ways the major can be completed at Binghamton. Once students are admitted to Binghamton, departmental major advisors may have students take courses in a different sequence in their junior/senior years.
2. If there is not a Transfer Articulation Agreement in place for a specific major, the Binghamton University Bulletin lists required courses for each academic major. Please see <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/>.
3. Students interested in the sciences should begin preparing at Bergen Community College for the intended science major at Binghamton University, completing as many of the prerequisite or introductory biology, physics, chemistry and/or mathematics courses required by the Binghamton major as possible. Please consult the appropriate Transfer Planning Appendix, or if an agreement does not exist for an intended major, please consult the University Bulletin for major course requirements. Please see <http://bulletin.binghamton.edu/>.