

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**University of Virginia College of Arts and Sciences**  
**and**  
**Virginia Community College System**

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia (“University”) is pleased to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System (“VCCS”) students according to the terms of this Guaranteed Admission Agreement (“Agreement”). VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. Effective as of the date of signature by both parties, this Agreement supersedes and replaces in its entirety the prior agreement between the parties executed March 18, 2008.

**Section I: General Requirements for Undergraduate Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences**

The University agrees to guarantee fall admission to the **College of Arts and Sciences** for a VCCS student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Applies and matriculates to the University within the two-year period following completion of an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Arts and Science degree in the VCCS. A student also may complete a General Studies associate degree that is approved as a transfer degree under the State Policy on College Transfer.<sup>1</sup> Coursework required under this Agreement must be completed by the end of the spring term in which application is made to the University.
- Completes a minimum of 24 credits of postsecondary coursework – not taken via dual enrollment – after completion of a secondary-level curriculum and is one year removed from completion of a secondary-level curriculum. Students who do not meet these criteria may apply to the University for regular first-year admission and will be considered on an equal basis with other applicants for admission as first-year students. Students earning an associate’s degree prior to or concurrent with completion of a secondary-level curriculum are not eligible for admission under this Agreement.
- Earns a minimum of at least 54 transferable credits,<sup>2</sup> 45 or more of which are from the VCCS. This minimum may include dual enrollment credit, but not AP or IB credit. The University will evaluate AP and IB credit for an admitted student and award credit based on policies in place at the time the student enrolls.<sup>3</sup>
- Satisfies all competency and area requirements of the College of Arts and Sciences as specified in Section II.

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<sup>1</sup> See [www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf](http://www.schev.edu/Students/GeneralStudiesWebText.pdf) for general studies associate degrees recognized under the State Policy on College Transfer.

<sup>2</sup> All uses of “transferable” in the Agreement mean transferable to the University’s College of Arts and Sciences. See [www.web.virginia.edu/ArtsSci/credit/credit\\_analyzer.asp](http://www.web.virginia.edu/ArtsSci/credit/credit_analyzer.asp) for a description of transferable credits.

<sup>3</sup> A complete inventory of the advanced examinations for which the University grants advanced standing or advanced placement may be found in the *Undergraduate Record*. See <http://records.ureg.virginia.edu> (Admission).

- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in VCCS coursework of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale. If a student repeats a course, the University will include both the original and repeated course grades in the grade point average calculation.
- Earns a grade of C or better in every postsecondary course taken, with the exception that the grade in ENG 111 (College Composition I) and ENG 112 (College Composition II) must be a B or better, provided the courses were not taken as dual enrollment courses. If the courses were dual enrollment, then the student must take ENG 210 (Advanced Composition) and receive a grade of B or better.
  - Students earning a grade lower than a C in any postsecondary course or a grade of C or lower in ENG 111 (College Composition I) or ENG 112 (College Composition II) are not eligible for admission under this Agreement, even if such course is repeated and results in a higher grade. Students who do not meet these criteria may apply to the University for competitive transfer admission and will be considered on an equal basis with other transfer applicants for admission.
- Submits a completed application for fall transfer admission, by the March 1 application deadline. (Applicants with financial need may be eligible for an application fee waiver. An interested student should submit a written request that includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by March 1.) A completed transfer application includes:
  - The Common Application with the University supplement;
  - The application fee;
  - SAT/ACT scores or TOEFL scores, as applicable;<sup>4</sup>
  - High school transcript (from each institution attended); and
  - College transcript (from each institution attended).

## Section II: Specific Course Requirements for Admission to the College of Arts and Sciences

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful VCCS transfer applicant must present postsecondary courses that satisfy the College of Arts and Sciences' competency and area requirements described below.

- English Composition (6 credits): ENG 111 (College Composition I) and ENG 112 (College Composition II) with a grade of B or better, provided the courses were not taken as dual enrollment courses. If the courses were dual enrollment, then the student must take ENG 210 (Advanced Composition) and receive a grade of B or better.
- Foreign Language: Any foreign language through the 202 level provided the 202-level course was not taken as dual enrollment. A student can satisfy this requirement by submitting qualifying scores in SAT, AP, or IB foreign language subject tests.<sup>5</sup> Alternatively, this requirement is waived for students who complete a secondary curriculum in which the language of instruction was other than English.

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<sup>4</sup> TOEFL scores may replace SAT/ACT scores if English is the applicant's second language and the applicant has been studying in the United States for less than two years.

<sup>5</sup> See <http://artsandsciences.virginia.edu/undergrad/requirements/index.html> for detailed information.

- Social Sciences (6 credits): Two transferable courses each worth three credits or more in any two of the following areas: anthropology, economics, government, linguistics, psychology, or sociology. The two courses must be in two different areas.
- Humanities (6 credits): Two transferable courses each worth three credits or more in any two of the following areas: a) literature (classics, comparative literature, English, foreign literature); b) fine arts (art, drama, music); or c) moral, philosophical, or religious thought (political theory, philosophy, religion). The two courses must be in two different areas.
- Historical Studies (3 credits): One transferable history (HIS) course.
- Non-Western Perspective (3 credits): One transferable course that deals substantially with a culture other than Western (i.e., Africa, Asia, the Middle East, or a minority subculture of the West).
- Natural Science and Mathematics (12 credits): Transferable courses in at least two of the following areas: astronomy, biology, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics, or physics. Mathematics courses may include statistics. MTH 151 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts I) and MTH 164 (Precalculus II) will count towards degree credit at the University, but will not satisfy this area requirement. MTH 152 (Mathematics for Liberal Arts II) will count towards degree credit at the University and will satisfy this area requirement. MTH 163 (Precalculus I) will not count towards degree credit at the University and will not satisfy this area requirement.

### **Section III: College of Arts and Sciences Requirements**

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter the College of Arts and Sciences as a third-year student. In order to earn a degree from the College of Arts and Sciences, a student must complete the following steps.

- Enroll as a full-time student carrying an average of 15 credits each semester. (A student completing fewer than 15 credits will need to enroll in the University's Summer Session or carry more credits in a subsequent semester.)
- Declare a major by the end of the first semester at the University. Although postsecondary courses taken prior to enrollment at the University may be used to fulfill competency and area requirements, they typically will not satisfy major requirements.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of 60 must be at the University.
- Complete coursework, all major requirements, and graduation requirements in no more than four full-time semesters. Summer sessions are not included in the four full-time semester limit.

### **Section IV: Financial Aid, Housing, and Other Services**

All financial aid for undergraduate students at the University is administered through Student Financial Services. To apply, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the CSS / Financial Aid PROFILE, and a University financial aid form. Subject to any modifications to the AccessUVA program made subsequent to the date of this Agreement, VCCS students admitted under

this Agreement are eligible to apply for the AccessUVA financial aid program (see [www.virginia.edu/financialaid/access.php](http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid/access.php)). To apply for AccessUVA, students should follow the steps described at [www.virginia.edu/financialaid](http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid).

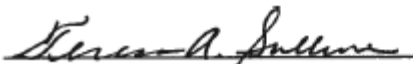
VCCS students transferring under this Agreement who apply for University housing will receive consideration equal to all other transfer students and existing upper class students not currently residing in University housing. To apply for University housing, students should follow steps described at [www.virginia.edu/housing](http://www.virginia.edu/housing).

#### Section V: General Terms

The terms of this Agreement may be evaluated at the discretion of either party at any time during the Agreement term. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice one year in advance. The University reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a crime, or who fails to complete and satisfy the published admission requirements of the University. Neither party will unlawfully discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, or family medical or genetic information in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The University and the VCCS will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and Web sites. This Agreement clarifies the responsibilities of the parties as to each other as provided herein and is not intended nor shall it be interpreted as creating any contractual or other rights in any third party or person who is not a signatory to this Agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the University and VCCS have caused this Agreement to be signed by their authorized representatives below:

FOR THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA:

  
Teresa A. Sullivan, President  
University of Virginia

Date: 11/26/13

FOR THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM

  
Glenn DuBols, Chancellor  
Virginia Community College System

Date: 11/21/13