

**TRANSFER AGREEMENT WITH GUARANTEED ADMISSION  
BETWEEN THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA ON  
BEHALF OF ITS COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES  
AND THE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

In accordance with Virginia's *State Policy on College Transfer*, the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) and University of Virginia's College of Arts & Sciences (UVA A&S) recognize the need for and importance of facilitating the transfer of students from one institution to the other as they pursue their educational goals. The VCCS and The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia, on behalf of its College of Arts & Sciences, enter into this agreement to provide VCCS students an opportunity for guaranteed admission. This agreement offers guaranteed undergraduate admission to VCCS students only to UVA's College of Arts & Sciences; VCCS students interested in undergraduate admission to another school of UVA should consult the university's Office of Undergraduate Admission. VCCS students who do not meet the requirements described herein are encouraged to apply and may be considered for admission under the competitive admission procedures of the University.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between UVA A&S and the VCCS or its individual institutions signed prior to December 1, 2022. It does not nullify individual program-to-program agreements articulated since this date.

**Section 1: Definition of Guaranteed Admission Agreement (GAA)**

An agreement between a two-year institution or the VCCS (system office) on behalf of community colleges and a four-year institution according to which a student is guaranteed admission to the four-year institution by earning a transfer degree or a specified applied degree and satisfying specified academic benchmarks and criteria. Students transferring under a general admission GAA are not necessarily entitled to be admitted to a specific program. GAAs should be state-level agreements.

**Section 2: Requirements for Admission**

**A. Applicable Associate Degrees: (AA, AS, AA&S)**

Transfer-oriented associate degrees in Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS), and Associate of Arts & Sciences (AA&S) as identified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV) qualify for this GAA. Of the General Studies degrees, only those AS and AA&S that are recognized by SCHEV as transfer degrees qualify for this GAA. Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree are ineligible for guaranteed transfer admission.

**B. Minimum GPA requirement:**

To be eligible for guaranteed admission under the terms of this agreement, an applicant must achieve a cumulative grade point average in VCCS coursework of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale, as indicated on the VCCS transcript. Applicants may repeat courses at a VCCS college in accordance with the VCCS course repeat policy. Courses transferred into the two-year college are not included in the GPA computation.

**C. Limitations due to academic or disciplinary record:**

UVA reserves the right to deny admission or enrollment to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended, or to deny enrollment to those who have been convicted of a felony or have pending charges. School disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission and enrollment.

**D. Course requirements:**

To be eligible for guaranteed admission, students must earn a grade of C or better in all attempts of each VCCS course taken.

Following admission, all students admitted through this agreement may be required to complete additional coursework in the areas of writing, world languages, and quantification, computation, and data analysis. The below courses are not required for guaranteed admission but may be required following transfer. For more information: <https://gened.as.virginia.edu/literacies>.

#### Rhetoric for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: First and Second Writing

- First Writing Requirement (FWR):
  - Students can satisfy the FWR by completing ENG 111 and ENG 112 , with a grade of B or better, after graduation from high school. Alternatively, ENG 210 may also be used to satisfy the FWR if it completed with a grade of B or better and taken after graduation from high school. In cases when a student completes these courses with a grade of C or better, but either does not meet the minimum grade requirement or does not meet the combination of courses described in this section for fulfilling the FWR, credits towards graduation will be awarded.
  - Students transferring to UVA who have not fulfilled the FWR may, after admission to UVA, submit a writing portfolio for review by the English Department. The review will determine whether the portfolio fulfills the FWR. For information about writing portfolio submission, see <https://writingrhetoric.as.virginia.edu/requirements>.
  - Students who have not fulfilled the FWR will be required to take an institutional writing course following matriculation to UVA.
- Second Writing Requirement (SWR): One course from any College of Arts and Sciences department designated as a SWR course with a final grade of C- or better will satisfy this requirement. External credit will not satisfy this requirement.

#### World Language

- For students admitted through this agreement who have prior World Language experience, the World Language requirement can be satisfied in one of three ways:
  - By completing, with a grade of C or better, a 202-level VCCS language course following graduation from high school; OR
  - By completing with a grade of D- or better one 2020-level course from a UVA World Language department or through a UVA-sponsored direct credit study abroad program; OR
  - By placing beyond the 2020-level on a UVA Language Placement Diagnostic after enrollment or by earning specified scores on AP or IB exams before enrollment (see the University Record for qualifying AP and IB scores: [http://records.ureg.virginia.edu/content.php?catoid=52&navoid=4102#Advanced Placement Program](http://records.ureg.virginia.edu/content.php?catoid=52&navoid=4102#Advanced_Placement_Program)).
- Students admitted through this agreement without prior World Language experience will successfully complete 14 credits or four semesters of a World Language in the proper sequence, typically finishing at the 2020 level at UVA or through a UVA direct credit study abroad program.

Quantification, Computation, and Data Analysis (QCD)

- Students admitted through this agreement are required to satisfy the QCD requirement. This requirement can be satisfied by taking two three- or four-credit courses designated as QCD courses from any College of Arts and Sciences department. Transfer, dual enrollment, AP, or IB credit in mathematics, statistics, or another relevant quantitative College of Arts and Sciences discipline may also satisfy this requirement. For a list of transferable VCCS courses, see <https://ascs8.eservices.virginia.edu/AsEquivs/Home/EquivsShow?schoolId=1001975>.

The above courses are not required for guaranteed admission but may be required following transfer. By satisfying the Literacies requirements listed above – Rhetoric for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, World Language, and QCD – students shall satisfy all upper-division general education requirements of the UVA undergraduate Arts & Sciences degree.

**E. Minimum credits to be completed at associate degree institution:**

To be eligible for guaranteed admission under the terms of this agreement, a student must earn a minimum of 45 or more transferrable postsecondary credits – coursework not taken via dual enrollment – from the VCCS after completion of a secondary-level curriculum. A minimum of 24 transferrable credits must be completed at the degree-granting institution. AP or IB test credit will not count toward the minimum credits completed at the associate degree institution.

**F. Maximum credits applicable for transfer:**

Students transferring under the terms of this agreement may apply a maximum of 60.00 transfer and/or test credits toward the UVA Arts & Sciences degree.

**G. Testing requirements:**

No standardized tests are required for admittance under this GAA.

**H. Admission application and enrollment:**

Admission via the GAA is to the fall term. To be eligible for guaranteed admission under the terms of this agreement, applicants must be at least one year removed from completion of a secondary-level curriculum and must transfer within two years after completion of the Associate Degree.

Successful applicants will submit a completed application for fall transfer admission by the March 1 application deadline. A complete transfer application includes:

- Common Application with University supplement;
- Application fee (Applicants should follow the instructions provided within the Common Application Transfer Application for indicating eligibility for a fee waiver);
- Foreign nationals whose first language is not English are required to submit evidence of English language proficiency. This can be done through successful completion of English 111 + 112, or 210, with a grade of B or higher, or submission of a qualifying English proficiency examination. Information on accepted examinations and their submission can be viewed at: [admission.virginia.edu/i-am/international](http://admission.virginia.edu/i-am/international); Official High school transcript (from each institution attended); and
- Official College transcript (from each institution attended).

**I. Transcript submission:**

Prospective transfer students will need to submit official transcripts directly from all previously attended high schools and colleges to UVA's Office of Undergraduate Admission before the March 1 deadline.

**J. Registration of Intent to use the agreement:**

A student may register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal, but registration is not required.

### **Section 3: Application of Associate Degree to General Education Requirement**

Completion of an approved transfer associate degree satisfies all lower-division General Education requirements for UVA A&S. All students admitted through this agreement may be required to complete the upper-division Literacies general education courses at UVA (see section 2(D) of this agreement for additional information).

### **Section 4: Application of this Agreement to Students Earning an Associate Degree Concurrent with High School**

Students earning an associate degree prior to or concurrent with completion of a high school (or high school equivalency) curriculum are not eligible for guaranteed admission under this Agreement. These students 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.

### **Section 5: Applications of this Agreement to Students Earning Credit for Prior Learning**

A complete inventory of the advanced examinations for which the University grants advanced standing or advanced placement may be found in the Undergraduate Record, <http://records.ureg.virginia.edu>. Military and workforce credit will not be accepted towards fulfillment of the terms of this agreement nor towards completion of the UVA degree.

### **Section 6: Associate Degree Completion Criteria and Catalog Determination**

UVA will honor the general education requirements of the UVA Catalog in effect at the time of the student's first post-high school enrollment into an appropriate associate degree at the two-year institution. Students who maintain continuous enrollment at the two-year institution have a maximum of four years from their first enrollment at the institution for this catalog designation.

A student who satisfies the requirements specified in this Agreement will enter the College of Arts and Sciences as a third-year student.

### **Section 7: Transfer Guide – Student Document**

The attached General Transfer Guide represents all requirements for admittance under this GAA and the benefits that result. The General Transfer Guide will be applied as the student-facing document for this agreement. Major-specific transfer guides may be developed and featured at the Transfer Virginia portal (<https://www.transfervirginia.org/>). Students should check the Transfer Guidance section of those transfer guides to understand whether admission into the university also guarantees admission into their major or program of choice.

### **Section 8: Administration of Agreement**

The UVA official responsible for all UVA aspects of the GAA is the Executive Vice President and Provost or his/her designee. The VCCS official responsible for all VCCS aspects of the GAA is the Senior Vice Chancellor or his/her designee, in consultation with the Guaranteed Admission Review Committee of the VCCS Academic and Student Affairs Council.

This agreement will remain in effect until modified or terminated. This Agreement may be modified only by mutual agreement by the VCCS Chancellor and Executive Vice President and Provost of UVA, or their designees. Termination may be made by either party upon one (1) year prior written notice. Students

who register their intent to use this agreement through the Transfer Virginia portal under the GAA prior to the date of termination are eligible for admission for two years after termination becomes effective. The effective date of this Agreement is the date last signed by the President of UVA, or their designee, and the VCCS Chancellor. The signed Agreement will be maintained in the Transfer Virginia Portal.

#### **VCCS Responsibilities**

- Submit a PDF of the official signed Agreement to the Portal Coordinator.
- Use portal data to track which four-year institutions students are targeting for the GAA and provide support to students.

#### **University Responsibilities**

- Use data to track students who register their intent to use the GAA. Use this data to maintain ability to honor agreement in respect to enrollment capacities.
- 4-year institutions use portal data to track students who register their intent to use this agreement and engage with students to best prepare students for transfer.

#### **Section 9: Review Clause**

UVA A&S and the VCCS will review this agreement, the student tracking data, and the curriculum every six years to adjust as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and value and for the improvement of the transfer process. Changes will not be applied retroactively to students already enrolled or registered under the provisions of the existing GAA. If no changes are necessary, the documented review below will extend this agreement for an additional three years.

#### **Section 10: Nondiscrimination**

Neither party will 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, gender identity or expression, military status, or family medical or genetic information in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

#### **Signatures**

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**Ian B. Baucom**  
Executive Vice President and Provost  
University of Virginia

November 4, 2024

**Date**



**David Doré**  
Chancellor

Virginia Community College System

9/24/2024

**Date**

**Review Documentation**

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