

**Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs**

**between**

**Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement to facilitate the transfer of students enrolled in the Associate's Degree in Paralegal Studies at Bristol Community College into the Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Political Science at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth's designated representative will be the Senior Coordinator for New Student Transfer and Bristol Community College's representative will be the Assistant Director of Transfer Services.

**Objectives:**

1. To attract qualified students to Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation, including curricular reviews, on-site visits, and joint academic advising for students attending Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

**Stipulations:**

1. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth guarantees acceptance of Bristol Community College students who complete the Associate's Degree with an overall GPA of 2.5, as outlined in this document. All criteria of MassTransfer will apply.
2. Transfer students designated above will not be required to take more than 68 additional credits to receive a baccalaureate degree.
3. It is understood that students transferring from two year colleges must complete a minimum of 45 credits of work to meet the residency requirement at UMass Dartmouth. At least 30 credits of advanced specialized courses must be completed.

**Mutual Responsibilities:**

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives.
2. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, advising, and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from the two-year institution to the four-year institution.

**Review/Revision:**

1. Both institutions will periodically review this agreement. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will require a review of this articulation agreement. Revisions will be implemented with one- year notice prior to termination of the agreement.

**Articulation Agreement**

**Institution: Bristol Community College**

**Date: Spring 2019**

**Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**

**Summary of Benefits:**

- Guaranteed acceptance with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5
- Guaranteed transfer of credits of all courses with a C- or better.
- Guaranteed benefits of MassTransfer
- Students transfer with Junior status with regard to financial aid and registration

<b>BCC Program: Paralegal Studies</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>UMass-Dartmouth Program: Political Science</b>	<b>CR</b>
ENG 101 Composition I: College Writing	3	ENL 101 – Critical Reading & Writing I	3
ENL 102 Composition II: Writing about Lit	3	ENL 102 – Critical Reading & Writing II	3
MTH 119 – Fund Statistics	3	MTH 147 – Fund of Statistics	3
CSS 101 – College Success Seminar	1	CAS 101 – Intro to Arts & Sciences	1
PLS 105 – Law Office Management	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
PLS 100 – Intro to Paralegal Studies and Legal Ethics	3	SSE 800 – Social Science Elective	3
PLS 101 – Civil Litigation and Procedure	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
GVT 111 – US Government	3	PSC 101 – Intro to American Govt	3
HST 114 – US History from 1877	3	HST 116 – US History II	3
PLS 120 – Basic Legal Research	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
PLS 121 – Family Law & Procedure	3	SSE 800 – Social Science Elective	3
SOC 212 – Social Problems	3	SOA 102 – Social Problems	3
PLS 230 – Criminal Law and Procedure	3	CJS 800 – Crime and Justice Studies Elective	3
PLS 232 – Advanced Legal Research & Writing	3	PSC 249 – Intermediate Writing in Political Science	3
PLS 102 – Torts	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
Science Elective	3/4	The Natural World Requirement	3/4
PLS Elective	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
COM 101 – Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	ENL 270 – Speech Communication	3
PLS 240 – Real Estate Law	3	PSC 820 – PoliSci 200 level Elective	3
PLS 241 – Will, Estates, and Torts	3	FRE 800 – Free Elective	3
PLS 243 – Paralegal Internship	3	PSC 305 - Internship	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>61/62</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>61/62</b>

Courses to be taken at UMass Dartmouth:

Four Foundation Political Science courses:

PSC 151 – Intro to Comparative Politics

PSC 161 – Intro to International Relations

PSC 171 – Intro to Political Theory

PSC 349 – Political Science Research Methods

15 credits of specialized course instruction (6 PSC courses)

- A minimum of 2 of these courses must be completed at the PSC 400-level (PSC 498 suggested)
- Upper division courses (PSC 300+) must be taken in 2 of the 4 main subfields: American Politics/Policy; Comparative Politics; International Relations; Political Theory
- 1 non-Western courses in any department

Foreign Language Requirement – Proficiency at the 202+ level (maximum of 4 courses)

- Depending on student placement and/or proficiency number of courses required could vary

2 Literature courses

2 Natural Science courses

2 Humanities courses – must be 300 level

2 Elective courses at the 300 level

Total 63 credits