

Articulation Agreement (General Education) between College of Notre Dame of Maryland and Cottey College

I. PURPOSE

The College of Notre Dame of Maryland, Inc. (Notre Dame) and Cottey College enter into this Articulation Agreement (Agreement) so that students enrolled in eligible transfer Associate degree programs (A.A and A.S.) will have a clear understanding of how their credits will transfer to Notre Dame to the full-time Women's College.

This Agreement facilitates the transfer of prospective graduates or graduates of Cottey College to Notre Dame and provides valuable advising tools for the student's first two years of study at the community college. Students need to receive their Associate degree prior to enrolling at Notre Dame to be eligible for consideration under this agreement. This Agreement outlines the transfer of courses applicable to the general education requirements.

II. ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Notre Dame will:

- 1. Accept the general education requirements that Cottey College students complete for their A.A. or A.S. degree as outlined in the General Education Articulation document included with this agreement as Attachment #1 and as stated in the Notre Dame Transfer Policy.
- 2. Accept transfer-appropriate courses with a grade of "C" or better, up to a maximum of 68 credits in transfer.
- 3. Continue working with Cottey College on detailed articulation agreements that provide guidelines on additional program to program transfer (e.g. Business, Education, etc).
- 4. Provide concurrent advisement opportunities for Cottey College students.
- 5. Award scholarships to qualified transfer students as outlined in the Notre Dame *Learn for Life* and Financial Aid brochures.
- 6. Provide assistance throughout the financial aid process and distribute information on external scholarships targeted to transfer students.

B. Cottey College will:

- 1. Provide opportunities for Notre Dame Admission's personnel to meet with qualified students.
- 2. Publicize activities and programs available at Notre Dame.
- 3. Publicize this articulation agreement and notify prospective qualified students of this opportunity.

- C. Jointly Cottey College and Notre Dame will:
 - 1. Designate appropriate officials to review this Agreement annually to make any changes that are mutually agreed to by the parties as needed. This would include the continuing development of program to program articulation guidelines.

III. ADMISSIONS

- A. Students desiring to enter the bachelor's degree program(s) must apply to Notre Dame and meet the requirements for admission to these programs as indicated on the College's website and/or the current College catalog.
- B. Students must be admitted as a degree seeking student to be eligible for participation under this articulation agreement.
- C. Notre Dame will be responsible for handling admission of students, and the decision of the Notre Dame Admission's staff will be final.

IV. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. LIABILITY

- 1. Cottey College shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold Notre Dame, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for any and all claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising under this Agreement or any extension thereof, unless caused by the willful misconduct of Notre Dame, its employees, contractors, or agents. The obligation of Cottey College under this Section IV.A.1 is subject to and limited by the liability of Cottey College under Sections 5 301 et.Seq. and 5 519 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended.
- 2. Notre Dame shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold Cottey College, its officers, trustees, employees, and agents harmless for any and all claims, actions and suits for bodily injury, death or property damage arising solely from Notre Dame's willful misconduct in performing its obligations under this Agreement or any extension thereof.

B. TERM AND RENEWAL

1. This Agreement shall have an initial term of two (2) years beginning on date signed below by the two College presidents. Unless terminated pursuant to the terms outlined below, this Agreement is self-renewing and the program will continue for consecutive one-year periods.

C. TERMINATION CLAUSE

- 1. Either party may terminate this Agreement at the end of the initial term or at the end of a renewed term by giving the other party at least one year written notice. Such termination, however, will not apply to students already accepted to the Notre Dame.
- 2. This Agreement may be terminated by either party at any time due to a material default of its terms by the other as long as the default has not been cured within a ninety (90) day period from written notice of the default.

D. MISCELLANEOUS

- 1. This Agreement is not assignable but shall bind the corporate successors of Notre Dame and Cottey College.
- 2. This Agreement will not create an employment or partnership relationship between Notre Dame and Cottey College.
- 3. No amendment to this Agreement shall be valid and binding unless in writing signed by both parties.
- 4. Notice of any action taken by either party and required to be reported to the other party under this Agreement shall be mailed, certified delivery, to the other party at the address stated below:

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College of Notre Dame of Maryland

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Mary Pat Seurkamp, Ph.D.

President

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Cottey College

NOTRE DAME General Education Requirements Articulation from A.A. General Education Cottey College

Cottey College Course	Cottey College credit	Notre Dame Course Equivalency	Notre Dame Credits	Notes
ENGL 101 College Composition I	3	ENG 101 Writing (general education)	3	
ENGL 102 College Composition II	3	Elective	3	
Mathematics 103 (or above) College Algebra	3	Mathematics (general education)	3	
Physical Activity (DAN or PHE)	2	Physical Education (general education)	2-3	Maximum of 3 credits in PE courses allowed in 120 for graduation
Fine Arts Theory	3	Fine Arts (general education)	3	
Social Science ECO, HIS or POL	3	Recommend History for HIS (general education)	3	
Social Science ANT, ECO, HIS, POL, PSY or SOC	3	Recommend ANT, ECO, POL, PSY or SOC for Social Science (general education)	3	
Laboratory Science (AST, BIO, CHE or PHY with lab)	4	Natural Science (general education)	4	
Humanities	6 credits	Recommend PHL or English LIT (for PHL or literature general education)	6	
Foreign Language	6 credits	Elective (or general education *)	6	*students must complete through the intermediate level of the language to satisfy the language general education requirement

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Maximum of 68 credits accepted in transfer from the community/two-year college. The chart above shows the general education transfer. Refer to specific program to program articulation charts for more information on how a specific major will transfer (e.g. business, education, psychology and others).

If a student follows the recommended courses listed in the chart, the following general education courses will need to be taken at Notre Dame in junior/senior year. (Note: the general education program at Notre Dame is structured so that all students take general education in their junior/senior year – see 300/400 level courses in PHL and RST.)

300/400 level Philosophy (typically an ethics course)
RST-201 Intro to Biblical Studies (comparative religion)
300/400 level Religious Studies (can be social issues or studies of the bible)
Foreign language (if intermediate level not completed with 6 credits at Cottey)
Oral Communication

Students would also take their major courses and electives to reach 120 credits required for graduation. Students may double major, have a major/minor or multiple minors. See the Notre Dame college catalog, the college website (www.ndm.edu) for more information about the Personal Pathways programs which allows students to personalize their program of study.