

An Articulation Agreement Between Holyoke Community College and Bay Path College

This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning. The provisions in this agreement will serve as a standard procedure when a student applies to transfer from Holyoke Community College (HCC) to Bay Path College (BPC).

Objectives of the Agreement

- To formalize the transfer of Holyoke Community College graduates from the Associate in Arts degree program in General Integrated Studies Option at HCC to the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Leadership and Organizational Studies at Bay Path College.
- To define the practices and procedures to be followed by HCC and BPC with regard to the transfer of these graduates.

Purpose of the Agreement

- To delineate the services that Bay Path College will provide to students holding the Associate in Arts degree in Holyoke Community College. Students holding the degree may transfer into the Bachelor of Arts degree program in Leadership and Organizational Studies online Degree completion program at BPC with the guarantee of applying a minimum of 61 credits toward this degree program. HCC transfer counselors and BPC academic advisors will provide guidance in course selection to facilitate a smooth transfer of these students from HCC to BPC.

Terms of the Agreement

Bay Path College agrees to provide Holyoke Community College associate degree graduates with the following:

- The waiver of the application fee.
- A BPC transfer application for designating the student as a transfer student in and/or graduated from the General Integrated Studies Option at HCC.
- Acceptance of a minimum of 61 credits exclusively from HCC toward the B.A. degree program in Leadership and Organizational Studies at BPC.
- Full junior standing for students with the opportunity to graduate with the B.A. degree upon successful completion of the prescribed coursework in the Leadership and Organizational Studies program at BPC provided that
 - the student has completed the curriculum specified in BPC's 2010-2012 catalog or its successors;
 - the student has fulfilled grade requirements of the Leadership and Organizational Studies program into which she is transferring at BPC.
- Suggested plan of coursework for the students listed as participants in the parallel programs as prepared by the BPC Academic and Admissions Offices.
- An official evaluation of all previously completed coursework and placement of those credits as requested at the time of application.
- Advanced registration in the spring or summer for the fall semester along with BPC students.

- Invitations to participate in appropriate departmental and college functions at BPC while enrolled at HCC.

Holyoke Community College agrees to the following conditions:

- To properly advertise and provide information regarding Bay Path College, its academic programs and requirements, and services extended to transfer graduates under the terms of this agreement.
- To communicate with the BPC Admissions Office regarding issues and questions posed by participating students and prospective students.
- To provide the BPC Dean of Enrollment Management with the names and addresses of students enrolled at HCC who have indicated an interest in attending BPC and would benefit from major department activity information.

This agreement will be in effect for a minimum of three years and will be reviewed for changes and continuation annually. Associate in Arts graduates in the General Integrated Studies Option from HCC during this time will be guaranteed understanding of this agreement.

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Program requirements and suggested courses 2011-2012 Course Equivalencies