

FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE
Division of Graduate and Continuing Education
and
HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Framingham State College (FSC) Division of Graduate and Continuing Education and Holyoke Community College (HCC) agree to enter into an articulation agreement between Holyoke Community College associate degree programs and the Framingham State College Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

This agreement is set forth by the Framingham State College Division of Graduate and Continuing Education and Holyoke Community College in an effort to facilitate and foster the transfer of students; to contribute toward a well-coordinated system of higher education in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and to promote collaboration between the two campuses, in accordance with the Enhanced Performance Accountability System approved by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education in 2003.

This agreement formalizes the ongoing commitment between these two institutions of higher education to provide transfer from the associate degree to the baccalaureate degree; to promote collaboration and coordination of curriculum and academic services; and to provide educational experiences of the highest quality. Where possible, FSC and HCC are committed to enhancing online options, thereby expanding access for students. The respective faculty and staff of FSC and HCC seek to strengthen institutional ties and to address the needs of students in a mutually beneficial manner.

Students graduating from HCC with an associate degree are guaranteed admission to the FSC Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree program providing they (a) earn a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50; (b) complete all Framingham State College General Education goals (refer to Attachment A) and (c) present all necessary application materials.

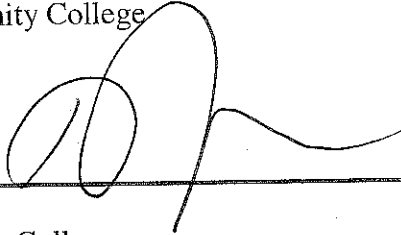
This agreement does not prohibit transfer to or from other programs of study at either institution. Ordinarily HCC students are expected to complete 64 semester hours at the community college towards completion of the associate degree and to complete an additional 64 semester hours at FSC toward the Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies degree.

This articulation agreement does not supersede or in any way alter the statewide transfer compacts or articulation agreements currently in existence.

Signed on the 24 March, 2008



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- Attachments: (A) Framingham State College/Holyoke Community College General
Education Articulation Agreement Transfer Guide
(B) Framingham State College Liberal Studies Degree Requirements

Attachment A

Framingham State College/Holyoke Community College Liberal Studies Articulation Agreement Transfer Guide

The 12 Framingham State College General Education goals are listed below, followed by the Holyoke Community College courses that fulfill these requirements (updated September 2006). Students must fulfill all 12 goals by taking a minimum of 12 courses with at least one course in each General Education goal.

Goal 1 - Writing (Choose One)

ENG102 - Language and Literature II

Goal 2 - Quantitative (Choose One)

MTH104 - College Algebra

MTH107 - Trigonometry

MTH142 - Statistics

Goal 3 - Language (Choose One)

FRH101 - Elementary French I

FRH102 - Elementary French II

FRH201 - Intermediate French I

FRH202 - Intermediate French II

GER101 - Elementary German I

GER102 - Elementary German II

GER201 - Intermediate German I

GER202 - Intermediate German II

SPA101 - Elementary Spanish I

SPA102 - Elementary Spanish II

SPA201 - Intermediate Spanish I

SPA202 - Intermediate Spanish II

Goal 4 - Literature or Philosophy (Choose One)

ENG201 - Major Writers of England & Ireland I

ENG202 - Major Writers of England & Ireland II

ENG211 - Major American Writers I

ENG212 - Major American Writers II
ENG216 - Twentieth Century Novel
ENG237 - Shakespeare
PHI100 - Mythology
PHI101 - Introduction to Philosophy
PHI110 - Comparative Religions
PHI120 - Ethics

Goal 5 - Visual or Performing Arts (Choose One)

ART110 - Introduction to Art
ART131 - Introduction to Art History I
ART132 - Introduction to Art History II
ART140 - Basic Still Photography
ART231 - Painting I
ART232 - Painting II
MUS100 - Music Fundamentals
MUS106 - Introduction to World Music
THE110 - Fundamentals of Acting

Goal 6 - Physical Science (Choose One)

Either Goal 6 or 7 must be a laboratory science

AST110 - Introduction to Astronomy
CHM101 - General Chemistry I & Lab
CHM102 - General Chemistry II & Lab
CHM113 - Principles of Chemistry I & Lab
CHM114 - Principles of Chemistry II & Lab
ENV140 - Principles of Environmental Science & Lab
ESC110 - Introduction to Geology & Oceanography & Lab
PHS101 - General Physics I & Lab
PHS102 - General Physics II & Lab
PSC140 - Topics in Chemistry & Lab

Goal 7 - Life Science (Choose One)

Either Goal 6 or 7 must be a laboratory science

BIO103 - Biology Today I & Lab
BIO104 - Biology Today II & Lab

BIO110 - General Botany & Lab
BIO117 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
BIO118 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
BIO120 - General Zoology & Lab
BIO230 - Ecology & Lab
ENV120 - Principles of Environmental Science & Lab

Goal 8 - Historical Studies (Choose One)

HIS101 - History of Western Civilization I
HIS102 - History of Western Civilization II
HIS103 - History of World Civilization I
HIS104 - History of World Civilization II
HIS260 - Modern East Asian History

Goal 9 - Social and Behavioral Sciences (Choose One)

ANT101 - Cultural Anthropology
ANT120 - Survey of North American Indians
ECN102 - Principles of Economics II
GEO110 - World Regional Geography
POL125 - World Politics
PSY110 - Introduction to Psychology
PSY215 - Child Psychology
SOC110 - Introduction to Sociology
SOC204 - Sociology of Death & Dying
SOC220 - Sociology of Race & Ethnicity
SOC233 - Sociology of Aging

Goal 10 - Forces in the U.S. (Choose One)

HIS111 - History of the U.S. I *
POL110 - U.S. National Government *

Goal 11 - Non-Western Studies (Choose One)

ANT101 - Cultural Anthropology
GEO110 - World Regional Geography
HIS103 - History of World Civilization I
HIS104 - History of World Civilization II

HIS260 - Modern East Asian History
MUS106 - Introduction to World Music
PHI110 - Comparative Religions
POL125 - World Politics

Goal 12 - Gender, Class, & Race (Choose One)

ANT120 - Survey of North American Indians
ENG211 - Major American Writers I
ENG212 - Major American Writers II
ENG216 - The Modern Novel
ENG237 - Shakespeare
HIS109 - African American History
PHI100 - Mythology
PHI120 - Ethics
SOC110 - Introduction to Sociology
SOC220 - Sociology of Race & Ethnicity

* Also fulfills the Constitutions requirement.

Please note:

- (1) In addition to the 12 General Education goals listed above, all FSC students are required to complete one course covering the U.S. and Massachusetts State constitutions. This can be fulfilled by taking one of the two courses listed in General Education Goal 10 (HIS111 or POL110).
- (2) Students may substitute courses offered by other Massachusetts community colleges in order to meet the FSC General Education goal requirements, including many courses offered via Massachusetts Colleges Online (MCO). Please refer to <http://www.framingham.edu/Admissions/transfer/standards.htm> to verify specific transferable courses by institution. It is the responsibility of the student to seek written approval from the appropriate department/person at Holyoke Community College for all course substitutions for the Holyoke degree.
- (3) The information provided above was valid at the time published. It is published for informational purposes only and does not constitute a contract between any student, applicant for admission or any other person. Framingham State College reserves the right to change, eliminate and add to any existing requirements. Whenever it does so, FSC will give as much advance notice as it considers feasible or appropriate, but reserves the right in all cases to do so without notice.

(4) The information contained herewith reflects the FSC General Education requirements in effect for students entering in the Fall 2004 or later.

Attachment B

Framingham State College Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies

- The Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies program is a part-time Continuing Education program designed for adults returning to college. Courses are offered on-site and online. At the current time, students with an Associate's degree may complete the Liberal Studies program entirely online, with concentrations in social sciences and the humanities
- Successful completion of a minimum of 12 semester hours in a core college-level liberal arts curriculum from a regionally accredited college or university (English, mathematics, science) is required prior to matriculation in the program. Ordinarily a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5 is expected for applicants.
- Students accepted into the Liberal Studies degree program may choose to apply for "Experiential Learning" credit (a maximum of 32 semester hours). Such credit is awarded through a portfolio assessment process and may be granted for substantive learning that has occurred outside the classroom in the following areas:
 - Employment
 - Community Service
 - Independent Study
 - Military Service
 - Noncredit Educational Experiences
 - Educational Travel

Students who wish to apply for "Experiential Learning" credit must complete the portfolio process within 12 months of matriculation into the Liberal Studies Program. "Experiential Learning" credits are only applicable to the Liberal Studies degree at Framingham State College. The application fee for "Experiential Learning" credits is \$650. For further information about what to include in the portfolio, please contact Dr. P. Bradley Nutting, Program Coordinator and Advisor for Liberal Studies, (bnuttin@frc.mass.edu).

Liberal Studies Degree Requirements:

- **12 General Education courses** including 1 laboratory science and 1 constitution course (48 semester hours)
- **10 free electives** (40 semester hours). A maximum of 8 courses (32 semester hours) may be applied toward free electives from Experiential Learning credits.
- **10 Concentration courses** (40 semester hours) comprised of courses from at least two, but no more than three major academic departments. A minimum of six

courses (24 semester hours) must be completed at the advanced level (300-400), including a capstone directed study course. Five of the six advanced level courses including the capstone course must be completed at Framingham State College.

Residency requirement: a minimum of eight courses (32 semester hours, including four advanced level concentration courses and the capstone course) must be completed at Framingham State College. A maximum of 68 semester hours may be transferred from regionally accredited two-year colleges and universities and up to 96 semester hours from regionally accredited four-year colleges and universities.

Additional information and restrictions:

- Upon matriculation at Framingham State College, students must seek pre-approval from the appropriate FSC advisor to complete coursework at another institution. Students with 68 semester hours of coursework from regionally accredited institutions granting degrees only at the associate level may seek approval to transfer a maximum of 28 additional semester hours from regionally accredited four-year institutions.
- Students seeking certification for certain professional programs (e.g. teacher or dietetic licensure) should consult an advisor as the Liberal Studies Program may not be an appropriate route to those professions.
- The Liberal Studies Program is a part-time program, and consequently not available to students seeking the F-1 visa nor those seeking FSC residence hall accommodations.

For an application or further information about the Liberal Studies Degree at Framingham State College, please contact:

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