

TRANSFER AGREEMENT FOR BACCALAUREATE DEGREE



Southern Maine Community College
and
University of Southern Maine



Statement of Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) to University of Southern Maine (USM). It is recognized that this agreement shall describe the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility to USM and the degree program indicated.

Terms & Conditions of Academic Credit Transfer

To: Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Policy

From: Associate in Applied Science in Horticulture

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned degrees from Southern Maine Community College shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as USM students. All applicants accepted to USM's Baccalaureate programs must fulfill the graduation requirements of the granting institution as identified in Appendices A, B, and C.

- **Appendix A** Contains Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution
- **Appendix B** Contains Side By Side Course Equivalency Tables for the academic program listed above
- **Appendix C** Contains a four-semester map of remaining courses to be taken at USM

Information contained in Appendices A, B, and C is accurate for Catalog Year 2022-2023 and the current transfer equivalency listing. For current information please check the [UMS Transfer Guide](#) or [MaineStreet](#) for equivalencies, and go to <http://usm.maine.edu/catalogs> for the current course catalog year.

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Articulation Agreement between Southern Maine Community College & University of Southern Maine

APPENDIX A

Admission & Graduation Requirements of the Receiving Institution

This agreement includes specific requirements for admission into a program, outlines requirements, and indicates which degree or diploma can be used to meet program prerequisites as well as general education, major or program, and graduation requirements.

Admissions Requirements

Successful completion of the SMCC **Associate in Applied Science in Horticulture**, submission of a completed admission application (if necessary), transcripts and other supporting materials. For coursework to transfer to USM, a student must earn a grade of C- or better. For a list of application instructions and checklist: <http://usm.maine.edu/admit/application-instructions>.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Planning and Policy

Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Remaining required coursework is listed in Appendix C. Student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to graduate.

Residency Requirement

For all baccalaureate degrees at the University, a minimum of 30 credit hours, including at least 9 credit hours in the major field at the 200-level or above, must be completed at the University of Southern Maine.

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APPENDIX B

Side by Side Course Equivalency Tables

Where the Associate represents elective latitude, courses represented in *italics* are required. If subjects in *italics* in Appendix B are **not** taken at SMCC as part of the AAS in Horticulture program, the sequence represented in Appendix C cannot be observed.

SMCC AAS Horticulture Courses			USM BA in Environmental Planning and Policy Equivalencies		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	ENG 100	College Writing	3
ENGL 115	Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 140	Reading Literature (Cultural Interpretation Core Requirement)	3
FIGS 100	Freshman Interest Groups	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
MATH 130 OR MATH 140	Technical Math OR <i>College Algebra</i>	3	MAT 108	College Algebra	3
BIOL 115	Botany & Lab	4	BIO 1XX	Biology Elective	4
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective; <i>any course that fulfills USM Creative Expression Core Requirement, see list</i>		3	Varies	General Elective or Direct Equivalent	3
Social Science Electives: <i>ECON 120 Microeconomics and any course which fulfills USM International Core Requirement, see list</i>		6	ECO 102 and Varies	Introduction to Microeconomics (satisfies Socio-Cultural Core Requirement) and General Elective or Direct Equivalent	6
Total credits		23	Total credits accepted		23

AAS Horticulture Major Requirements			Major Requirements		
Course	Title	Credits	Course	Title	Credits
HORT 100	Introduction to Horticulture & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 110	Woody Plant Materials	2	GEL 1XX	General Elective	2
HORT 120	Pruning	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
HORT 130	Soils and Soils Fertility	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 140	Integrated Pest Management & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 150	Arboriculture & Lab	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective	3
HORT 175	Placement Training	3	GEL 1XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 400 Internship (Engaged Learning Core Requirement)	3
HORT 180	Freshman Seminar	1	GEL 1XX	General Elective	1
HORT 200	Herbaceous Plant Materials	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective; taken with HORT 210, HORT 200 replaces Tools Course requirement	2
HORT 210	Landscape Surveying & Mapping	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective; taken with HORT 200, HORT 210 replaces Tools Course requirement	2
HORT 220	Landscape Management	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 200	3

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HORT 230	Nursery & Garden Center Operations	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective	3
HORT 240	Turfgrass Management	2	GEL 2XX	General Elective	2
HORT 250	Greenhouse Management & Lab	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective	3
HORT 280	Senior Seminar	1	GEL 2XX	General Elective	1
HORT 290	Landscape Design	3	GEL 2XX	General Elective; Replaces ESP 417 Site Planning and Assessment	3
ACCT 105 OR BUSN 130	Financial Accounting or Entrepreneurship I	3	ACC 110 OR BUS 1XX	Financial Accounting Information for Decision Making OR Business Elective	3
Total Major Credits		41			
Total SMCC Credits		64	Total Credits Accepted		64

APPENDIX C

Remaining USM Degree Requirements

For SMCC AAS in Horticulture graduates entering USM BA in Environmental Planning and Policy program

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 101/102 Fundamentals of Environmental Science/Lab (Science Exploration Core Requirement)	4	ESP 125/126 Introduction to Environmental Ecology	4
ESP 220 Introduction to Environmental Policy	3	ESP 197 Research Skills Lab	1
CHY 1XX Chemistry lecture	3	ESP 203 Environmental Communication	3
ESP 150 Field Immersion	3	MAT 120 Statistics (Quantitative Core Requirement)	3
ESP 340 Environmental Regulations	3	ESP 207 Atmosphere: Science, Climate, and Change	3
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	14

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
Course	Credit	Course	Credit
ESP 327 Natural Resource Economics OR ESP 326 Environmental Economics	3	ESP 401 Environmental Impact Assessment and Lab (WRI 3 Core Requirement)	4
ESP 280 Research and Analytical Methods	4	Ethical Inquiry Core Requirement	3
ESP 375 Environmental and Risk Assessment and Management	3	ESP 421 Natural Resource Policy	3
ESP 305 Community Planning Workshop	3	Culture, Power, and Equity Core Requirement	3
WRI 2 Core Requirement	3		
Semester Credits	16	Semester Credits	13
Total USM credits: 59			
Total SMCC and USM credits: 123			