

Program Transfer Agreement

Harford Community College & Towson University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Communication Studies (2024-2029)


Harford Community College, a community college located in Bel Air, Maryland, and Towson University, a four-year public institution located in Towson, Maryland, agree to follow the articulation of courses outlined in the articulation (course equivalency) document, for completion of the requirements for Towson University's Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Studies (Attachment A), which is attached to, and incorporated by reference into, this Program Transfer Agreement. The following principles guide the operation of this Program Transfer Agreement, with the requirements for transfer in specific curricula set forth in Attachment A.

1. Students who have completed the Associate of Arts degree in English may transfer into Towson University's Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies program with junior standing provided that the student has completed all courses identified in Attachment A with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. Courses completed at Harford Community College with 300 or 400 level Towson University course equivalencies will transfer as lower-level credit but will satisfy course content as indicated.
2. Only Harford Community College courses in which a grade of C (2.00 GPA) or better is earned will apply toward the major at Towson University.
3. The number of transferable Harford Community College credits specific to the Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies program is reflected in Attachment A. The standard credit weighting for Harford Community College's Associate of Arts degree in English is 60 credits. Towson University will accept a maximum number of 64 transfer credits from Harford Community College toward the fulfillment of the 120 credit hours required for baccalaureate completion.
4. In accordance with the Maryland Higher Education Commission's credit transfer policy pertaining to general education requirements, Towson University will accept the completion of Harford Community College's general education requirements and students will be required to complete additional courses at Towson University to satisfy the remaining Core Curriculum requirements as shown in Attachment A.
5. Towson University recognizes college-level experiential learning gained through previous work, military and/or volunteer service or life experience. Credit for prior learning may also be established through course challenge or standardized credit by examination.

6. Harford Community College students transferring to Towson University will be given every consideration for financial aid and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships upon entrance to Towson University subject to stated scholarship deadlines.
7. Both Harford Community College and Towson University agree to work together to facilitate the transfer of students from Harford Community College to Towson University to work cooperatively to ensure the high quality of the programs at the respective institutions. Transfer of students will be in accordance with policies and procedures of both institutions, as they may be amended from time to time.
8. This Program Transfer Agreement will be in effect initially for five years, beginning with the commencement of the *Spring 2024 semester* and ending at the completion of the *Spring 2029 semester*, with a review every year by both parties. Any revisions the parties deem necessary must be evidenced in writing and signed by the authorized officials of each institution. The Program Transfer Agreement may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice of not less than six months is given to the other party.
9. Towson University will provide information on the academic progress of Harford Community College transfer students enrolled under the terms of this Program Transfer Agreement upon request by Harford Community College and in compliance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and applicable Towson University policies and procedures.
10. This Program Transfer Agreement, when signed, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties respecting the matter hereof.

HARFORD COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TOWSON UNIVERSITY

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2+2 Articulation Agreement for Harford Community College and Towson University

Associate's Degree: A.A. in English

Bachelor's Degree: B.S. in Communication Studies

Effective Term: Spring 2024

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Harford Community College

This section outlines the courses to satisfy Harford Community College (HCC) general education and program requirements in order to complete both HCC and Towson University (TU) degrees within a total of four years and earn the minimum required 120 units/credits.¹ The following tables do not include any nontransferable or prerequisite coursework outside of the curriculum.

Table 1: HCC General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum

HCC Requirement	HCC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
English Composition	ENG 101 English Composition (GE)	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
Mathematics	Mathematics Elective (GM)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Arts & Humanities	CMST 210 Group Communication and Leadership (GH)	3	COMM 216 Group Discussion
Arts & Humanities	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PHIL 205 Ethics (GH) ▪ PHIL 220 Bioethics (GH) ▪ PHIL 221 Business Ethics (GH) ▪ PHIL 222 Environmental Ethics (GH) 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PHIL 103 Introduction to Ethics ▪ PHIL T61 Biomedical Ethics ▪ PHIL T71 Business Ethics ▪ PHIL 255 Environmental Ethics
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 101 History of Western Civilization I (GB) ▪ HIST 103 History of the United States I (GB) 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 102 History of European Civilization Through the 17th Century ▪ HIST 145 History of the United States to the Civil War
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Behavioral/Social Science Elective (GB)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Biological & Physical Sciences	Biological/Physical Lab Science Elective (GL)	4	Equivalency will vary by course

¹ Note that Harford Community College awards academic “credit” for its courses, whereas Towson University uses the term “unit” in reference to the credit hour weighting assigned to its undergraduate courses. For the purposes of this articulation agreement, the terms “credit” and “unit” are interchangeable.

HCC Requirement	HCC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
Biological & Physical Sciences	Biological/Physical Science Elective (GS)	3	Equivalency will vary by course

HCC general education credits: 25

Completing the courses above will satisfy the general education program at HCC. TU will transfer these courses without a course-by-course match to the Core Curriculum requirements. See section 2 for details.

Table 2: HCC Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree

HCC Requirement	HCC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
Program Requirement	CMST 101 Speech Fundamentals (GI)	3	COMM 131 Public Speaking
Program Requirement	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 102 History of Western Civilization II (GB) ▪ HIST 104 History of the United States II (GB) 	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ HIST 103 History of European Civilization from the 17th Century ▪ HIST 146 History of The United States Since the Civil War
General Elective	CMST 200 Communication Theory	3	COMM 201 Introduction to Communication Studies
General Elective	CMST 230 Nonverbal Communication	3	COMM 231 Nonverbal Communication
Literature Electives	Select four courses from the approved list in HCC catalog (GH).	12	Equivalency will vary by course
General Elective	Any General Elective course(s)	4	Equivalency will vary by course
Humanities Elective	Any approved Humanities (GH) General Education course. Refer to HCC catalog for options.	3	Equivalency will vary by course
English Literature	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ENG 102 English Composition and Literature ▪ ENG 109 English Composition: Research Writing 	3	ENGL TLL English Lower-Level Elective
Physical Education Elective	Physical Education Elective	1	Equivalency will vary by course

- **HCC program requirements and elective credits applied to the TU degree: 35 credits**

- **Total HCC credits applied to the TU Core Curriculum to fulfill TU general education requirements: 37 credits (includes courses taken at HCC to meet general education requirements [see Table 1] and program requirements [see Table 2] for the A.A. degree)**
- **Total HCC credits transferred to TU: 60-64**

While HCC's A.A. degree in English is 60 credits, HCC students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits toward TU's B.S. in Communication Studies degree program. The application of these additional credits beyond the 60-credit standard will be determined by TU on an individual case-by-case basis. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above in Tables 1 and 2, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in two years. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

Section 2: HCC Course Selection & Transfer Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they will be required to complete the outstanding requirements at TU.

GENERAL EDUCATION

Students must take the following courses for their general education requirements. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in the following course to satisfy TU major requirements.

- **Arts & Humanities (GH): CMST 210 Group Communication and Leadership** to satisfy the major requirement of **COMM 216 Group Discussion**.

The following information explains the transfer of students' general education courses:

- TU will recognize the courses in Table 1 (see section 1) as a completed general education program. Students will receive a core package that satisfies most of the TU Core Curriculum without the need for course-by-course placement in specific Core Curriculum requirements.
- Students entering into this agreement will need to complete one Core Curriculum requirement at TU: Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9). Students not completing the courses listed in Tables 1 and 2 above will be required to complete additional Core Curriculum requirements at TU.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Students must take the following courses in order to also satisfy required courses in the major at TU. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in the following course.

- It is recommended that students take **CMST 101 Speech Fundamentals (GI)** to satisfy the major requirement of **COMM 131 Public Speaking**.
- Students choosing to take **CMST 105 Interpersonal Communication** will satisfy the elective requirement of **COMM 215 Interpersonal Communication**, but will still be required to take **COMM 131 Public Speaking** at TU.

PROGRAM ELECTIVES

Students must take the following courses in order to also satisfy required courses in the major at TU. Students must earn a minimum grade of C in each of the following courses.

- **CMST 200 Communication Theory** to satisfy the major requirement of **COMM 201 Introduction to Communication Studies**.
- **CMST 230 Nonverbal Communication** to satisfy the major requirement of **COMM 231 Nonverbal Communication**.

LOWER-LEVEL EQUIVALENTS OF UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

A course number beginning with T or F indicates that it is a lower-level equivalent of an upper-level TU course. **PHIL T71 Business Ethics** and **PHIL T61 Biomedical Ethics** will satisfy a general education requirement but will not count toward the TU degree requirement for 32 upper-level units.

Section 3: Degree Requirements to be Completed at TU

This section outlines the degree requirements for students transferring into the B.S. in Communication Studies. Refer to section 4 for additional major requirements, recommendations, and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 3 UNITS

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar (3 units) (this will be satisfied by COMM 300 Research Methods in the major)

MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES: 9 UNITS

COMM 311 Rhetorical Theory & Criticism
COMM 419 Organizational Communication
COMM 477 Intercultural Communication

PUBLIC DISCOURSE & ADVOCACY ELECTIVES: 6 UNITS

Select two of the following for 6 units:

- COMM 303 Advanced Public Speaking
- COMM 304 Persuasion
- COMM 331 Advocacy & Argument
- COMM 360 Communication and Social Protest
- COMM 365 Visual Communication
- COMM 390 Communication and Politics
- COMM 420 Communication Law
- COMM 470 Topics in Public Discourse and Advocacy

IDENTITY & CULTURE ELECTIVE: 3 UNITS

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- COMM 333 Introduction to Performance Studies

- COMM 345 Sexual Communication
- COMM 368 Communication and Popular Culture
- COMM 382 African American Communication
- COMM 440 Communication and Gender
- COMM 442 Queer/LGBT Communication Studies
- COMM 471 Topics in Identity and Culture

HORIZONS COURSE: 3 UNITS

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- COMM 349 Practicum I
- COMM 350 Practicum II
- COMM 450 Capstone in Communication Studies
- COMM 490 Internship in Communication Studies
- COMM 494 Study Abroad
- COMM 495 Independent Study in Communication Studies
- IDFA 444 Branding Your Authentic Self
- IDFA 470 Special Topics in Arts, Media, And Communication
- IDFA 471 Special Topics in Social Action
- IDFA 493 Interdisciplinary Fine Arts Independent Study

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 36 UNITS

The total number of elective units required will be determined by the total units completed within the major. Electives can be additional major electives or courses for personal interests.

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- A grade C (2.0 GPA) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- Certain majors may have additional requirements for graduation. Students should follow the specific requirements outlined in the catalog for the major.

Degree Completion Summary

Total Units Required for TU B.S. in Communication Studies Degree	120 UNITS
HCC A.A. Degree in English	60
Completion of Core Curriculum at TU	3*
Communication Studies Major Required Coursework/Electives at TU	21
General Electives Taken at TU	36