Articulation Agreement
Howard University and Northern Virginia Community College

This document establishes an articulation agreement between Howard University and Northern Virginia Community College. The agreement is based on a thorough review and analysis of the curricula at Northern Virginia Community College and curricula for bachelor’s degrees at Howard University.

This agreement facilitates admission and transferability of academic credits of qualified students from the programs at the regionally accredited Northern Virginia Community College into four-year bachelor’s degree programs at Howard University. The guidelines that govern this articulation agreement are described below.

- Each school or college at Howard University is permitted to stipulate specific transfer matriculation and course and grade requirements for transferees into its unit, provided that such stipulations are consistent with the general articulation or transfer policy of the university.
- Academic credit shall be awarded only for courses in which the applicant has earned a grade of “C” or better.
- Transfer students from Northern Virginia Community College must be in good academic standing at Northern Virginia Community College with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or its equivalent for the stipulated minimum number of credit hours. Those students not in good academic standing may petition the host department at Howard University for special admission consideration.
- Credit may be awarded for academic credits earned through internships, independent studies, directed studies, College or University without Walls, continuing education, or work study programs provided that the academic outcomes are consistent with the expectations of the University department. Consideration for academic credit under these formats will require written descriptions and evaluations of such experiences, together with other relevant documentation and approval by the faculty of the host school or college at Howard University.
To be covered by this agreement, a student must have earned a minimum of 24 semester, or equivalent quarter, hours pursued from a core of courses at Northern Virginia Community College and agreed upon by Howard University and Northern Virginia Community College.

The maximum number of transfer credits allowed from Northern Virginia Community College shall be no more than 60 semester, or equivalent quarter, hours pursued from a core of courses agreed upon by Howard University and Northern Virginia Community College. In general, courses normally taught at the junior or senior level will not be accepted.

Host schools or colleges at Howard University will not require validation examinations in courses in which students have received transfer credit.

In cases where a student fails to meet minimum academic qualifications, credit hour requirements, or specific Howard University school or college stipulations for admission, the host school or college has the authority to consider additional academic and other credentials of its choosing to determine eligibility for admission.

This agreement becomes effective with the signatures of all parties and shall continue in effect unless voided by either party upon sixty (60) days prior written notice. Howard University and Northern Virginia Community College will consider, in good faith, any amendments either party proposes. The agreement may only be amended in writing, with amendments signed by both parties.

If at any time, this agreement conflicts with the policies and procedures of either institution, the agreement becomes null and void immediately upon written notification.

Howard University
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Designated Official
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Date
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