

Articulation Agreement

Clark University

and

Worcester State University

Master of Science in Communication Degree Program

to

Bachelor of Arts/ in Communication and Business Degree Programs

(September, 2020)

Statement of Purpose

Clark University (CU) and Worcester State University (WSU) appreciate that for many students the path to a Bachelor's Degree may include more than one institution of higher education. Recognizing the academic connection between the two programs, this Agreement is formed to enable the smooth transfer of WSU students to CU.

The purpose of this agreement is to provide a smooth transition between the two identified academic programs below by:

- identifying all required and equivalent courses for the relevant programs at each institution, and
- facilitating credit transfer and guarantee of admission for students who meet the agreed upon criteria.

Participants

This agreement has been entered into by Clark University, Worcester, MA and WSU, Worcester, MA.

Programs and Courses

- A. The Master of Science in Communication (MSC) at CU Degree Program will accept the WSU Bachelor of Arts in Communication (BAC) and/or Business (BAB) Degree Programs.
- B. Students in their senior year at WSU will be permitted to participate in MSC courses during their senior year at Clark for simultaneous WSU and CU credits.

Terms

- A. Graduates of the BAC or BAB degree program with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.4 or higher at the end of their junior year will be guaranteed participation in the CU MSC degree program courses under the terms of this agreement.
- B. Students will need to apply for the CU MSC program in the final semester of their junior year.
- C. Students in their senior year at WSU will be permitted to take two MSC courses during their senior year at Clark for simultaneous WSU and CU credits. WSU credits will be registered as independent study courses.
- D. CU credits will apply to the MSC program. WSU students are required to achieve a B in CU courses to receive credit towards the MSC program.
- E. WSU students are required to maintain a 3.4 CGPA during their senior year to fulfil admission requirements to the CU MSC program.
- F. CU MSC courses taken during the senior year will be available at a 50% reduction.
- G. CU MSC courses taken upon graduation of BAC or BAB and commencing in the MSC will be available at a 30% reduction.
- H. All applicants will be reviewed and approved by the Clark University, MSC Program Coordinator before the start of the student's senior year.

Communications and Advising

Communication and advising is central to effective transfer/articulation. Recognizing this:

- A. Both institutions agree to include information about this articulation agreement in relevant publications for the purposes of promotion and advising.
- B. Both institutions agree to jointly develop appropriate transfer guides and make these available to students and advisors as appropriate.
- C. Both institutions agree to notify each other promptly, in writing, of substantive changes in curricula that might affect the Agreement.

Implementation and Length of Agreement

- A. This Agreement becomes effective on 10/01/2020.
- B. This agreement will remain in effect for 5 years from the date above unless terminated or amended, in writing, by either party with prior written notice.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude either party from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.

Signatures

The relevant program coordinator and/or academic department chair of each institution shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, and for conducting a periodic review of this agreement.

For CLARK UNIVERSITY

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President Date 11/12/20

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Vice President of Academic Affairs Date 11/10/20

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