

**Pathway to Excellence Guaranteed Admission Initiative between
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and the
Virginia Community College System**

SECTION I: General Requirements

In order to meet the requirements of this agreement, a student must:

- Be a native Virginia Community College System (VCCS) student with all college level course-work taken at a Virginia Community College or have completed at least 45 credit hours through the VCCS.
- Have completed an Associate in Science or an Associate in Arts and Science degree (see specific course requirements below for the appropriate VCCS degree);
- Have achieved *an overall* grade point average of not less than 3.0 (on a 4.00 scale) at the Virginia Community College awarding the Associate's Degree.
- Have completed course requirements as specified in Section II, "Articulation Status".

For purposes of this agreement:

- Credit earned at any institution in the VCCS will be accepted at Virginia Tech as stipulated by each academic discipline in the *Virginia Tech Transfer Guide*. Credits received through examinations (Advanced Placement, CLEP, or Advanced Standing) or credits accepted from institutions other than VCCS will be evaluated and awarded credit based on Virginia Tech policies in place at the time of the signing of the Letter of Agreement.

Virginia Tech agrees to guarantee fall admission to VCCS students under the provisions of this agreement. These students who are offered admission under the provisions of the State Policy on Transfer will be designated as junior-level students, but they may be required to complete additional lower level prerequisite courses that are specific to their major. VCCS graduates under this agreement can generally expect to graduate after two years at Virginia Tech, assuming they have met the specific prerequisites for their major and made satisfactory progress toward graduation by taking normal course loads. However, graduation from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in two years is not assured.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will accept for transfer credit no more than 50% of the total required semester credit hours for the chosen Virginia Tech major.

SECTION II: Articulation Status

Articulation status will be granted to any Virginia Community College student who has completed the associate degrees indicated above which includes the following:

Writing and Discourse	6 semester hours (ENG 111, 112 required)
Ideas, Cultural Traditions, and Values	6 semester hours (See Transfer Guide Core Curriculum Area 2)
Society and Human Behavior	6 semester hours (ECO 201, 202 required)
Scientific Reasoning and Discovery	16 semester hours (BIO 101, 102, CHM 111, 112* required)
Quantitative and Symbolic Reasoning	6 semester hours (MTH 163 and MTH 270 or 271 required)

*Agriculture and Applied Economics does not require Chemistry but recommends BUS 221 and 222 if available. For all majors, students must check with the on line transfer guide for current requirements.

If a student has not completed an associate degree, credit earned does not come under the protection of this agreement. Acceptance of course credits for transfer will be evaluated by the University Registrar on the basis of applicability of the courses to the chosen baccalaureate program.

All courses completed at the Virginia Community College and offered for transfer credit to Virginia Tech must be passed with a grade of C or better.

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will honor course equivalencies when a course that is taken at a Virginia Community College is considered an upper level College of Agriculture and Life Sciences course at Virginia Tech. These courses are noted in the Virginia Tech transfer guide.

Remedial, developmental, and/or vocational courses will not be counted for academic credit in transfer and not be counted in the grade point average established for transfer.

SECTION III: Publication of Requirements

Virginia Tech shall include in its official online undergraduate catalog all lower division prerequisite requirements of each upper division specialization or major program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The Virginia Tech catalog may also list additional recommended courses. All requirements for admission to Virginia Tech should be set forth with precision and clarity. The Virginia Tech catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a Virginia Community College shall govern University Core courses, provided that he or she has had continuous enrollment as defined in the Virginia Tech catalog. Virginia Tech shall list and update the requirement for each program in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences leading to a baccalaureate degree and shall publicize these requirements for use by all other public institutions in the Commonwealth. The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will notify the VCCS of updated requirements listed in Section II of this document as they occur.

SECTION IV: Effective Date

The terms of this articulation agreement shall be effective with students first entering during the academic year beginning Fall 2005 and shall be evaluated annually.