

GUARANTEED TRANSFER ARTICULATION
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
TEXAS SOUTHMOST COLLEGE
AND
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY

I. PARTIES

This Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement (GTAA), is entered into on March 2, 2020 (the "Effective Date"), by and between Texas Southmost College (TSC) located at 80 Fort Brown St., Brownsville, Texas 78520 (the "First Party"), and Marymount University (MU) located at 2708 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, Virginia 22207 (the "Second Party").

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement is to lay the foundation for a partnership designed to facilitate the seamless transfer of Texas Southmost graduates to Marymount University. The agreement stipulates the criteria under which Texas Southmost College graduates are guaranteed admission to Marymount University and describes curricular benefits between the parties, and intend to maintain a product and/or service that meets or exceeds all business and industry standards.

Texas Southmost College graduates who do not meet the terms of this agreement may still apply and will be considered for transfer admission to Marymount University, but admission is not guaranteed. Students who do not meet the criteria below are encouraged to apply to Marymount university as part of our standard admissions process.

III. PROVISIONS

A. Acceptance and Application of Credits

1. Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement applications are considered for students who earn the Associate of Arts (AA) degree at Texas Southmost College.

Texas Southmost College GTAA applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Complete the AA degree prior to transfer
- Earn the most recent 30 academic credits at Texas Southmost College
- Present a cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on a 4.0 scale

Guaranteed admission may not be available to students with felony convictions or patterned disruptive behavior. The GTAA is for admission to Marymount University, and does not imply admission to a particular Marymount University program. Marymount University will maintain a list of programs with additional admission policies that can be accessed through the MU Transfer Web [page](https://marymount.edu/Admissions/Transfer-Students) <https://marymount.edu/Admissions/Transfer-Students>

2. Texas Southmost College graduates with the AA degree have the opportunity to complete most Marymount University lower-division Liberal Arts Core (LAC) requirements while at Texas Southmost College with the exception of PH 100 Introduction to philosophy and TRS 100 Theological Inquiry, by following the approved Transfer Pathway provided by Marymount. Any future changes to the AA degree curricular pathway will be subject to review every three years by the department chair/program director(s) and the LAC director. Texas Southmost College or Marymount University may initiate a review when notified that general education or LAC changes

occur.

3. Texas Southmost College AA graduates may elect to satisfy additional Marymount university Liberal Arts Core requirements before transferring to Marymount university, and should choose relevant courses by referring to the Marymount university transfer students web page. Texas Southmost College AA graduates might be required to take additional courses depending on Marymount university program requirements.
4. Texas Southmost College AA graduates who transfer at least 60 credits to Marymount university will be waived from the DSC 201 university requirement.
5. Marymount university counts a maximum of 64 credit hours from a two-year institution (including Texas Southmost College) towards graduation. If a Texas Southmost College graduate also has coursework from a four-year institution, then no more than a total of 84 credit hours will be accepted at Marymount University.
6. Only coursework in which grades of C or higher have been earned at Texas Southmost College may be applied toward the requirements of the partner program at Marymount University.
7. Marymount will accept up to 30 credits for prior learning such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Cambridge, and CLEP as listed on the Marymount University website for the year in which a student is seeking admission. These 30 credits are counted toward the maximum of 84 transfer credits for a Marymount University degree. An official score report from the issuing organization (such as College Board) must be submitted. Marymount University also will evaluate course/credits earned at other institutions. An official transcript from the original issuing institution must be submitted for review.
8. Graduates of other Texas Southmost College degree programs may need to complete more than 120 credits to complete the bachelor's degree at Marymount University.
9. Marymount University will maintain course equivalency information in its transfer credit database. Each institution will alert the other to proposed change in course equivalency and program requirements at least one year before such changes are implemented.
10. No fewer than 36 credits must be earned at Marymount University to be eligible for graduation. Credits transferred from study abroad programs, with the exception of credits earned through Marymount University-sponsored programs, will not be counted toward MU's 36-credit minimum residency requirement. No fewer than 60 credits must be earned at MU to be eligible for graduation honors.

B. Admissions Practices

1. Marymount University will accept applications from graduates who wish to transfer from Texas Southmost College into any baccalaureate degree program, offered on ground or online. The application fee will be waived by using the fee waiver code TRANSFER on the application.
2. Graduates transferring from Texas Southmost College to specific Marymount University programs at the junior level must meet the same prerequisites, grade point average (GPA) and other admission criteria as other native or transfer students applying for entry to Marymount University programs.
3. Marymount University will consider and average cumulative GPAs from all institutions attended. Only courses completed will be used in the calculation of a GPA average for admission purposes; however, attempts must be considered for aid purposes. Trends in academic performance will be considered for aid purposes. Trends in academic performance will be considered.
4. Texas Southmost College graduates admitted under this agreement who transfer in at least 60 credits will be considered juniors for the purposes of scholarship eligibility, housing, and priority registration. Texas Southmost College graduates admitted under this agreement who transfer in fewer than 60 credits will be considered sophomores for purposes of scholarships eligibility, housing and priority registration. Students who complete a Texas Southmost College AA degree

while still in high school will be considered first-years for purposes of scholarship eligibility and housing.

5. Texas Southmost College graduates must transfer to Marymount University within 4 years of AA degree completion.
6. To be eligible for admission to Marymount University, Texas Southmost College graduates must meet the current requirements for legal status and any other non-academic requirements state in the Marymount University catalog.
7. Students transferring to Marymount University are eligible for a number of grants, scholarship, and other forms of financial aid. Information on transfer scholarship opportunities can be found at <https://www.marymount.edu/Admissions/Financial-Aid/Types-of-Aid/Transfer-Students>.

Eligible full-time transfer applicants are automatically offered the highest scholarship they qualify for from the list below by GPA based on a 4.0 scale.

- The Marymount Academic Distinction Scholarship is a \$16,000 annual award for students with a minimum GPA of 3.20
- The Marymount Academic Excellence Scholarship is a \$14,500 annual award for students with a minimum GPA of 3.00
- The Marymount Saints Scholarship is a \$12,500 annual award for students with a minimum GPA of 2.75
- The Marymount Opportunity Scholarship is a \$10,000 annual award for all students not eligible for the above awards.

All transfer scholarships are renewable for up to four years of study, provided you maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of (at least) a 2.5. In order to receive priority consideration for these awards, application for admission and supporting documents should be submitted no later than March 1. No student may be awarded more than one of these scholarships and are only available to students pursuing their first bachelor's degree.

IV. Collaboration and Coordination

- A. During the period of this Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement, Texas Southmost College will:
 - i. Publicize the agreement and program among its students and faculty.
 - ii. Coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate the program
 - iii. List the program in the appropriate publications and websites of the institution
 - iv. Exchange regular updated copies of the institutional Academic Catalog
 - v. Provide timely information regarding significant changes in courses and programs of study that relate to the agreement
 - vi. Annually assess the effectiveness of the program including student interest, transfer rates, and success rates
 - vii. Provide data regarding participating students as permissible under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- B. During the period of this Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement, Marymount University will:
 - i. Provide Texas Southmost College reports of enrolled Texas Southmost College transfer students, their majors and academic performance when three (3) or more are enrolled in any given year. Texas Southmost College agrees to use the transfer data to improve student preparation for transfer and to report to Marymount University its intended improvements.

V. TERMS, TERMINATION, AND OTHER PROVISIONS

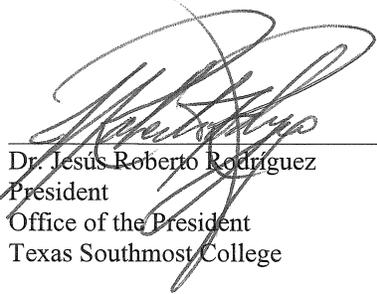
- A. This Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement is made effective on the date that both parties have fully executed the Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be for three (3) years.
- B. Either Party may send written notice of terminating the Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement a minimum of one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the effective date of the termination.
- C. If this Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement is terminated by either party, such termination will not affect the current status of students. In the even that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of two years.
- D. Any modification to this Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties.
- E. The agreement will be reviewed every three years by Marymount University and Texas Southmost College. Each institution will designate an individual to monitor this agreement and to coordinate meetings designed to maintain inter-institutional articulation. In addition, Marymount University's department chairs/program directors and LAC director will review transfer course equivalencies for Marymount University. The approved Transfer Pathway may be amended by mutual agreement between Marymount University and Texas Southmost College without need to restate this entire Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement. Curriculum pathway amendments become effective not sooner than one year after mutual agreement to revise the curriculum pathway is reached.'
- F. Incoming Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement students from Texas Southmost College who have deposited and requested housing at Marymount University by April 15 are guaranteed residence hall space for the fall and November Texas Southmost College for spring.
- G. Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement students must adhere to the Marymount University admission and deposit deadlines.

This Guaranteed Transfer Articulation Agreement between Texas Southmost College and Marymount University was Executed by the duly authorized representative on this 16 day of April, 2020.

 5/5/2020

Hesham El-Rewini, Ph.D., P.E.
Senior Vice President and Provost
Academic Affairs
Marymount University

Date


Dr. Jesús Roberto Rodríguez
President
Office of the President
Texas Southmost College

4/21/2020
Date