

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT**  
**University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science**  
**and**  
**Virginia Community College System**

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia (“the University”) are pleased to guarantee the admission of Virginia Community College System (“VCCS”) students according to the terms of this Agreement. VCCS students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. This Agreement supersedes and replaces in its entirety the prior agreement between the parties executed March 18, 2008.

**Section I: General Admission Requirements for the School of Engineering and Applied Science**

The University of Virginia agrees to guarantee fall admission to the **School of Engineering and Applied Science** for a VCCS student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Completes an Associate of Science or Associate of Arts and Sciences degree in Engineering or Science in the VCCS within the two-year period preceding matriculation to the University. A student also may complete an Associate Degree in General Studies program that is approved as a transfer degree by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). Students who complete the associate degree in Engineering may reduce the number of required courses taken at the University as compared with students who complete the associate degree in Science or General Studies.
- Earns a minimum of at least 54 transferable credit hours,<sup>1</sup> 45 or more of which are from the VCCS. This minimum may include dual enrollment credit, but not AP or IB credit. The University will evaluate AP and IB credit for an admitted student and award credit based on policies in place at the time the student enrolls.
- Satisfies all competency and area requirements of the School of Engineering and Applied Science as specified in Section II.
- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in coursework at all VCCS colleges of 3.4 or better on a 4.0 scale by time of application and by time of matriculation. If a student repeats a course, the University will include the original and repeated course grades in the grade point average calculation.
- Earns a grade of C or better in every VCCS course taken, with the exception that the grade in the following courses must be a B or better: English 111, and all Mathematics, Physics, and Chemistry courses. Students who earn any grade below a C are ineligible for this guaranteed admission agreement.
- Submits a completed application for fall transfer admission, including the application fee, SAT scores, and all supplemental materials, by the March 1 application deadline. Applicants with financial need may be eligible for an application fee waiver. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the Office of Undergraduate Admission by March 1.

**Section II: Course Requirements for Admission to the School of Engineering and Applied Science**

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful VCCS transfer applicant must present VCCS courses that satisfy the School of Engineering and Applied Science requirements described below.

- Natural Science, Mathematics, and Computer Science (30 credits): Calculus I, II, and III, Differential Equations, Chemistry + Lab (1 semester), Calculus-based Physics + Lab (2 semesters), Computer Programming (1 semester, Java preferred).

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<sup>1</sup> All uses of “transferable” in the Agreement mean transferable to the University’s School of Engineering and Applied Science.

### **Section III: School of Engineering and Applied Science Degree Requirements**

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter the School of Engineering and Applied Science as a third-year student. Admission to a specific degree program within the School of Engineering and Applied Science is subject to space availability and specific departmental entrance requirements. Eligible students will be admitted to alternate engineering majors if their first choice major is not available. In order to earn a degree from the School of Engineering and Applied Science, a student must earn a total of 128 credits, of which a minimum of 64 must be at the University. The School of Engineering and Applied Science will inform the student at the time of enrollment if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum number of semester hours needed for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.

### **Section IV: Financial Aid, Housing and Other Services**

Subject to any modifications to the AccessUVA program made subsequent to the date of this Agreement, VCCS students are eligible to apply for the AccessUVA financial aid program, which assists students and families through four key components:

1. Meets 100 percent of demonstrated need for all admitted undergraduate students;
2. Replaces need-based loans with grants in the financial aid packages of low-income students, as defined by AccessUVA (currently, those whose family income is equivalent to 200 percent of the federal poverty line or less and whose family assets do not exceed \$75,000);
3. Caps the amount of need-based loans offered to any student at approximately 25 percent of the University's in-state cost of attendance over four years (prorated based on an individual's expected duration of enrollment), and meets all need above that amount with grants; and
4. Offers counseling to admitted students and their families, assisting them in the financial aid application process and presenting them with financing options outside of need-based financial aid.

To apply for AccessUVA, students should follow the steps described at <http://www.virginia.edu/financialaid/>.

VCCS students transferring under this agreement who apply for University housing will receive consideration equal to all other transfer students and upper-class native students not currently residing in University housing. To apply for University housing, students should follow steps described at <http://www.virginia.edu/housing/>. In addition, the University will work with VCCS students to facilitate course registration and access to other services.

### **Section V: Effective Date, General Terms and Signatures**

The terms of this Agreement will be evaluated every two years. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice two years in advance. The University of Virginia reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a felony, or otherwise does not meet the published admissions requirements of the University. This agreement is subject at all times to the governing policies of the University and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia as same shall be in effect from time to time. The University and the VCCS will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and web sites. This agreement clarifies the responsibilities of the parties as to each other as provided herein and is not intended nor shall it be interpreted as creating any contractual or other rights in any third party or person who is not signatory to this agreement.

Glen DuBois, Chancellor

Virginia Community College System

January 16, 2012

Teresa A. Sullivan, President

University of Virginia

January 23, 2012