

**Guaranteed Admission Agreement**  
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 coursework taken at a Virginia community college. (Native VCCS students are those students with credits from VCCS only. Native VCCS students may have credits received through examinations (Advanced Placement, CLEP, and other forms of Advanced Standing).

Have completed an Associate of Science or an Associate of Arts and Science degree (see specific course requirements below for the appropriate VCCS degree);

Have achieved *an overall* grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the Virginia community college awarding the associate's degree. All repeated courses are considered in calculation of a grade point average. Only one instance of repeating a required course (Section II) is allowable to participate in this guaranteed admission agreement.

Have completed course requirements as specified in Section II, "Academic Requirements."

Students completing an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement (see Section II).

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* (<http://www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu/>). Credits received through examinations (Advanced Placement, CLEP, or other forms of Advanced Standing) will be evaluated and awarded credit based on Virginia Tech policies in place at with the first term of admission.

Virginia Tech agrees to guarantee **fall** admission to VCCS students under the provisions of this agreement. These students who are guaranteed admission under the provisions of this agreement 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 degree.

Virginia Tech reserves the right to deny admission to students who have been academically dismissed or suspended or to those convicted of a felony. Per university policy, all applicants and currently enrolled students must report arrest, conviction, and protective orders. Disciplinary records are considered in determining eligibility for admission.

## **SECTION II: Academic Requirements**

Students admitted under the terms of this agreement must have completed the associate degrees indicated above including 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)
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 ACC 211/212. For all majors, students must check with the *Virginia Tech Transfer Guide* for current requirements (<http://www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu/>). ACC 211/212 transfers as free electives.

If a student has not completed an associate degree, credit earned does not come under the terms of this agreement. In these cases, 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* (<http://www.tranguide.registrar.vt.edu/>).

### **Dual Enrollment Students without a Degree**

- High school students with dual enrollment credits are considered freshmen with transfer credit, not transfer students. Dual enrolled high school students should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.
- If admitted, no distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools.

### **Dual Enrollment Student with a Degree Concurrent with High School Graduation**

- Students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation (sometimes referenced as dual enrollment or Early College) are not eligible for admission under the terms of this agreement.

- Students earning an associate degree concurrent with high school graduation are considered freshman with transfer credit, not transfer students. Such students must apply as freshman and should complete a Virginia Tech Freshman Application and will be reviewed for admission using the holistic criteria for all freshman applicants.
- If admitted, no distinction will be made by Virginia Tech regarding college courses applicable to the transfer-oriented associate degree that are taken through dual enrollment arrangements with high schools. Virginia Tech will guarantee the acceptance of all transferable credits earned from the transfer-oriented associate degree program, not to exceed 60 credits.
- Native VCCS students are those students with credits from VCCS only. A native VCCS student who earns an associate degree from the VCCS concurrent with high school graduation will be considered in compliance with the State Transfer Policy regarding the articulation of their credits and will have met lower-division general education courses. Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and CLEP credits will be re-evaluated by Virginia Tech upon enrollment.

Remedial, developmental, and/or non-transfer 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 Liberal Education (general education) 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: Data**

Virginia Tech will provide tracking data on performance of transfer students at Virginia Tech, including credits presented and accepted in transfer, Virginia Tech courses attempted and completed, cumulative GPA, major, graduation date from Virginia Tech, and comparisons with students who did not enter Virginia Tech under the terms of this agreement. The specific data elements of the report will be determined by Institutional Research staffs from the VCCS and Virginia Tech and provided by July 1 of each year. FERPA disclosure statements are required from IR staff for documentation of receipt and maintenance of data.

### **SECTION V: Effective Date**

The terms of this articulation agreement shall be effective with students first entering during the academic year beginning Fall 2013 and shall be evaluated every three years.

### **SECTION VI: Signatures**

Either party to this agreement (the Virginia Community College System and the Virginia Tech

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences) may withdraw from this agreement by providing written notice to the appropriate parties (Virginia Tech Provost, Dean of College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, and the Vice Chancellor of Academic Services and Research of the Virginia Community College System) two years in advance of their intention to withdraw.**

**Glen DuBois, Chancellor**

**Virginia Community College System**

**May 21, 2013**

**Dr. Charles W. Steger, Jr., President**

**Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University**

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