

## **Alliance Agreement**

This Alliance Agreement (“Agreement”) is made this 1st day of June, 2010 (“the Effective Date”) by and between the University of Maryland University College (“UMUC”) and Rockland Community College (“RCC” who together with UMUC are collectively referred to as the “Institutions”).

### **I. Introduction**

a. UMUC is an accredited institution of higher education located in Adelphi, Maryland and providing its academic courses and programs in Maryland and through distance delivery. UMUC offers four-year undergraduate and graduate programs and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. UMUC is a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, an agency of the State of Maryland.

b. Rockland Community College is a regionally accredited community college located in Suffern, New York and providing its academic courses and programs in New York and through distance delivery. RCC offers two-year associates and certificate programs and is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. RCC is a constituent institution of the State University of New York.

c. The Institutions recognize the programs and courses offered by the other and desire to establish their understanding regarding the transfer and applicability of credits from one institution to the other. The Institutions further desire to allow simultaneous admission to [school name] and UMUC. To that end the Institutions enter into this Agreement.

Now therefore, the Institutions agree as follows:

### **II. Term**

a. The term of this Agreement shall commence as of **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**, and continue in effect for an initial period of one (1) year and shall automatically renew for successive one (1) year periods.

b. Either party may terminate this Agreement by providing the other ninety (90) days prior written notice. During the notice period the parties may discuss continuation of a formal relationship between them.

c. Provided neither Institution’s programs, courses or graduation requirements have changed materially to the effect that articulation or the transfer of credit is no longer academically appropriate, UMUC shall accept the transfer of RCC credits and afford the students the status as stated herein on the terms and conditions of this Agreement for those students who, at or before the termination Agreement, have enrolled in UMUC and remained continuously enrolled.

### III. Dual Admission and Articulation

a. **Dual Admission.** The Institutions agree to allow simultaneous admission to RCC and UMUC. UMUC will not promote transfer to UMUC before a student has completed 45 credit hours at RCC and shall encourage students to continue to attain their associates degrees.

Students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program shall be subject to the laws, regulations, practices and policies in effect at the institution the respective student is attending. UMUC will waive the UMUC admission application fee if student completes the application prior to graduating from RCC.

The programs offered under the Dual Admission Program are set forth on EXHIBIT 1 as modified from time to time in accordance with this Agreement. With respect to students enrolled in the Dual Admission Program, UMUC and RCC shall abide by the following procedures:

b. **Specific Programs —Acceptance of Degrees.** Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, UMUC shall afford students graduating from RCC with those degrees identified on EXHIBIT 1 the opportunity to transfer to UMUC into the UMUC programs identified on EXHIBIT 1 (“Articulated Programs”).

The Articulated Programs and the courses conducted by UMUC within those programs may be modified by UMUC from time to time and by notice to RCC of amendment to EXHIBIT 1, to substitute appropriate courses and/or Articulated Programs.

c. **Transfer of RCC Credits to UMUC.** This Paragraph III (c) applies to RCC degrees, programs and to credits other than those included in the Articulated Programs and credits for RCC courses if RCC has not awarded a degree. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, UMUC shall accept transfer of RCC credits under this Paragraph III (c) up to a maximum of seventy (70) credit hours on the following terms and conditions:

- i.) the grade earned in the course in question is at least a C;
- ii) the student does not take the equivalent course at UMUC; and
- iii) the course in question is not being awarded UMUC credits directly.

d. **Evaluation of Transfer Credits.** UMUC will grant prospective students from RCC a tentative evaluation of all transfer credits within 1-3 business days. Students who apply to UMUC and submit official transcripts to UMUC will receive an official evaluation of their transfer credits within 5 business days of receipts of all documentation. Evaluations may take slightly longer if courses from RCC have not been evaluated by UMUC.

e. **Changes in Programs.** Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Institutions retain the right and the authority to make changes in their respective courses, programs and credential requirements that they each may determine to be in their respective best interest. The parties shall give the other reasonable notice of changes in course program and credential requirements that may materially affect the student’s status and acceptance of degrees or the transfer of credit as contemplated in this Agreement. Students who are already enrolled in

the Dual Admission Program at the time of program or course changes will have the opportunity to choose whether they will follow the new or existing program.

The parties shall meet, at least annually, to review the changes in courses, programs and credential requirements for the purpose of determining whether or if this Agreement should be amended to reflect the courses, programs and credential requirements then in effect.

f. **Scholarships.** UMUC will offer students from RCC the opportunity to apply for the Community College Transfer Scholarship or other scholarship opportunities as they become available. Students must meet scholarship qualifications for eligibility.

#### **IV. Applicability**

a. In order for a student having graduated from RCC to be afforded status in the Articulated Programs as contemplated in Section 3 or to be afforded transfer credits as contemplated in Section 3, that student must have met UMUC's admission criteria and other applicable requirements for the transfer of Articulated Programs or the transfer of credits as set forth in the then applicable UMUC catalog at the time the student applies for admission to UMUC.

b. UMUC and RCC agree the status afforded to students as contemplated in this Agreement applies only to the Articulated Programs, courses in the Articulated Programs, transfer of credits and credentials and credential requirements in effect as of the Effective Date, as defined below.

#### **V. Publicity and Promotion**

a. During the term of this Agreement, the Institutions shall develop and agree upon a mutually acceptable marketing and student recruitment plan to promote the RCC-UMUC alliance and inform students of the opportunities available at both institutions under this Agreement. RCC will provide student directory information for promotion of the alliance. Any and all marketing, promotional or publication materials developed pursuant to this Agreement prepared or developed by one party must be reviewed and approved in writing by the other party prior to use of any such materials. The Institutions agree that [RCC or UMUC] shall be responsible for sending all marketing and promotional materials to students. UMUC shall remain responsible for payment of all postage charges that accrue due to promotional direct mailings.

b. The institutions will discuss methods to publicize the transfer and applicability of transfer credit and to promote enrollment of and other opportunities for RCC's students and alumni at UMUC.

c. Neither Institution shall use the name or marks of the other party in connection with any product, service, promotion, news release or other publicity, without the prior written consent of the party whose name or likeness may be under consideration.

d. Notices. The Institutions will identify their respective representatives for this Agreement and share contact information from time to time.

## **VI. General Provisions**

a. All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered or mailed registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested to the following parties at the designated address or such other address as shall be provided in writing by such party to the other party:

To UMUC, addressed to:  
University of Maryland University College  
Office of the President  
3501 University Blvd East  
Adelphi, MD 20783  
Attn: Dr. Susan Aldridge

To RCC, addressed to:  
Rockland Community College  
Office of the President  
145 College Road  
Suffern, NY 10901  
Attn: Dr. Cliff L. Wood

b. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes any and all prior and/or contemporaneous agreements between the parties, written or oral, with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement may not be changed or modified orally, but may only be changed or modified by an agreement in writing signed by both parties.

c. This Agreement shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.

d. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, shall be, or shall be deemed to constitute a partnership or joint venture between the parties. Nothing in this Agreement is intended, shall be, or shall be deemed to create rights or benefits in or to any person or entity other than the parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Institutions, by their duly authorized representatives, have entered into this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

By: Susan C. Aldridge

Printed Name: Susan C. Aldridge, PhD

Title: President

Date: May 21, 2010

ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By: Cliff L. Wood

Printed Name: Cliff L. Wood, PhD

Title: President

Date: June 14, 2010



## Rockland Community College Associate of Science (Template Comparison)

Refer to UMUC catalog for transfer policies, most current degree requirements, and full course descriptions.

RCC Course or Course Choice	UMUC Placement or Equivalent	Credits	Notes
<b>Communications (6 credits):</b>			
• ENG 101	• EWRT 116TR	3	• Second writing requirement
• ENG 102	• WRTG 101	3	• Freshman composition requirement
<b>Arts/Humanities (6 credits):</b>			
• SPE 101	• SPCH 100	3	• Recommended course; fulfills Communications GER
• Any HIS course from the Arts and Sciences distribution list		3	• Fulfills first arts/humanities GER and historical perspective requirement
<b>Mathematics (3-4 credits):</b>			
• MAT 109 or higher except MAT 125	• MATH 115	3-4	• Recommended Mathematics GER; fulfills MATH requirement for all majors • Note some majors require additional MATH within the major • MAT 125 may be applied to Statistics requirement
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits):</b>			
• Any course from the Social Science distribution list except HIS		3	• First social/behavioral science requirement
• Any course from the Social Science distribution list except HIS		3	• Second social/behavioral science requirement (discipline must be different from first)
• Any course from the Social Science distribution list		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
<b>Biological/Physical Science (3 credits):</b>			
• Any Science course from the Science distribution list except ENR		3	• Biological/Physical Science GER • ENR courses may be applied to electives
<b>Additional AS Requirements (35-41 credits):</b>			
• MAT 125	• STAT 200	3	• Fulfills Statistics requirement
• Any lab Science course from the Science distribution list except ENR		4	• Biological/Physical Science GER with related lab • ENR courses may be applied to electives
• Any CSP		3	• Second computing GER
• Any PDA course		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
• Any course from the Physical Education distribution list		3	• May be applied to elective credits
• See allowable courses in AAS major list		19-25	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
<b>RCC Credits</b>		<b>62-69</b>	



UMUC Course	Credits	Notes
<b>Additional General Education (13 credits)</b>		
LIBS 150	1	Required GER course
PHIL 140	3	Or other first arts/humanities GER course (not ARTH or HIST)
NSCI 100 or ASTR 100	3	Or other biological/physical science GER course; if not already fulfilled at RCC
IFSM 201	3	First computing GER
WRTG 391/391X, WRTG 393/393X, or WRTG 394/394X	3 UL	Upper- level advanced writing GER course
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Major (30-38 credits)</b>		
<b>At least half of major and at least 45 credits for degree must be upper level.</b>		
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Degree: Electives (0- 15 credits)</b>		
<b>At least 45 UL credits required in degree</b>		
Electives	UL	Any courses for electives or minor
<b>UMUC Credits: 51-58</b>		<b>TOTAL: 120 CREDITS</b>
<b>CHECKLIST FOR FULFILLMENT OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS See catalog for overview of all requirements.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 credits at UMUC, including at least half of the major and minor and 15 upper level credits. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 21 credits vocational-technical coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 upper-level credits, including half the credit for the major and for the minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Grade of C or better in all courses for the major and minor.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All required courses <u>and</u> minimum number of credits for major and minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Overall GPA of at least 2.0.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites for major and minor courses, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> At least half the credit for the major earned through graded coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All General Education Requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Total 120 credits.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 70 credits in transfer from community college.		

## Rockland Community College

### Associate of Arts (Template Comparison)

Refer to UMUC catalog for transfer policies, most current degree requirements, and full course descriptions.

RCC Course or Course Choice	UMUC Placement or	Credits	Notes
<b>Communications (12 credits):</b>			
• ENG 101	• EWRT 116TR	3	• Second writing requirement
• ENG 102	• WRTG 101	3	• Freshman composition requirement
• Any ENG Literature elective		3	• First arts/humanities requirement
• Any ENG Literature elective		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 credits):</b>			
• Any SPE course from the Humanities distribution list		3	• Fulfills third communications requirement
• Any Humanities course		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Mathematics (3 credits):</b>			
• MAT 107	• MATH 106	3	• Recommended Mathematics; some majors require additional MATH within the major
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (12 credits):</b>			
• Any HIS course from the Social Science distribution list		3	• Second arts/humanities and historical perspective requirement
• Any course from the Social Science course list except HIS		3	• First social/behavioral science requirement • HIS courses may be applied towards arts/humanities
• Any course from the Social Science course list except HIS		3	• Second social/behavioral science requirement (discipline must be different from first)
• Any course from the Social Science course list		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Biological/Physical Sciences (6 credits):</b>			
• Any lab Science course from the Sciences distribution except ENR		4	• Biological/physical lab science requirement • ENR courses may be applied towards electives
• Any Science course from the Sciences distribution		2	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Pluralism and Diversity (3 credits):</b>			
• PDA 101		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Arts and Sciences (6 credits):</b>			
• Any Science course from the Arts and Sciences distribution except ENR		3	• Biological/physical science requirement • ENR courses may be applied towards electives
• Any course from the Arts and Sciences distribution		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>Additional AA Requirements (15 credits):</b>			
• Any REC course from the Physical Education distribution list		3	• Placed as appropriate in electives
• Unrestricted electives		12	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor or electives
<b>RCC Credits</b>		<b>63</b>	



UMUC Course	Credits	Notes
<b>Additional General Education (10 credits)</b>		
LIBS 150	1	Required GER course
IFSM 201	3	1 <sup>st</sup> computing GER
IFSM 300	3 UL	2 <sup>nd</sup> computing GER
WRTG 391/391X, WRTG 393/393X, or WRTG 394/394X	3 UL	Upper- level advanced writing GER course
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Major (30-38 credits)</b>		
At least half of major and at least 45 credits for degree must be upper level.		
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Degree: Electives (9 - 17 credits)</b>		
At least 45 UL credits required in degree		
Electives	UL	Any courses for electives or minor
<b>UMUC Credits: 57</b>		<b>TOTAL: 120 CREDITS</b>
<b>CHECKLIST FOR FULFILLMENT OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS</b> See catalog for overview of all requirements.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 credits at UMUC, including at least half of the major and minor and 15 upper level credits. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 21 credits vocational-technical coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 upper-level credits, including half the credit for the major and for the minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Grade of C or better in all courses for the major and minor.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All required courses <u>and</u> minimum number of credits for major and minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Overall GPA of at least 2.0.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites for major and minor courses, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> At least half the credit for the major earned through graded coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All General Education Requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Total 120 credits.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 70 credits in transfer from community college.		



**Rockland Community College**  
**Associate of Applied Science (Template Comparison)**

Refer to UMUC catalog for transfer policies, most current degree requirements, and full course descriptions.

RCC Course or Course Choice	UMUC Placement or Equivalent	Credits	Notes
<b>Communications (6 credits):</b>			
• ENG 101	• EWRT 116TR	3	• Second writing requirement
• ENG 102	• WRTG 101	3	• Freshman composition requirement
<b>Arts and Humanities (3 credits):</b>			
• SPE 101	• SPCH 100	3	• Communications GER
<b>Mathematics (3 credits):</b>			
• MAT 107 or higher level MATH course except MAT 125	• MATH 106	3	• Recommended Mathematics GER • MAT 125 may be applied towards Statistics requirement, electives, major or minor as appropriate
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits):</b>			
• POL 101	• GVPT 170	3	• First social/behavioral science requirement
• PSY 103	• PSCY 116TR	3	• Second social/behavioral science requirement
• SOC 201	• SOCY 100	3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
<b>Science (4 credits):</b>			
• Any lab Science course from the Science distribution list except ENR		4	• Biological/Physical Science GER with related lab • ENR courses may be applied to electives
<b>Additional AAS Requirements (39 credits):</b>			
• CSP 101	• IFSM 201	3	• First computing GER
• PDA 101		3	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
• Any course from the Physical Education distribution list		3	• May be applied to elective credits
• See allowable courses in AAS major list		30	• Placed as appropriate in major, minor, or electives
<b>RCC Credits</b>		<b>64</b>	



UMUC Course	Credits	Notes
<b>Additional General Education (16 credits)</b>		
LIBS 150	1	Required GER course
PHIL 140	3	Or other first arts/humanities GER course (not ARTH or HIST)
HIST 142 or 157	3	Or other ARTH or HIST for second arts/humanities GER course
NSCI 100 or ASTR 100	3	Or other biological/physical science GER course
IFSM 300	3 UL	2 <sup>nd</sup> computing GER
WRTG 391/391X, WRTG 393/393X, or WRTG 394/394X	3 UL	Upper- level advanced writing GER course
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Major (30-38 credits)</b>		
At least half of major and at least 45 credits for degree must be upper level.		
<b>Remaining Courses Needed for UMUC Degree: Electives (2- 10 credits)</b>		
At least 45 UL credits required in degree		
Electives	UL	Any courses for electives or minor
<b>UMUC Credits: 56</b>		<b>TOTAL: 120 CREDITS</b>
<b>CHECKLIST FOR FULFILLMENT OF DEGREE REQUIREMENTS See catalog for overview of all requirements.</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> 30 credits at UMUC, including at least half of the major and minor and 15 upper level credits. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 21 credits vocational-technical coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> 45 upper-level credits, including half the credit for the major and for the minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Grade of C or better in all courses for the major and minor.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All required courses <u>and</u> minimum number of credits for major and minor. <input type="checkbox"/> Overall GPA of at least 2.0.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites for major and minor courses, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> At least half the credit for the major earned through graded coursework.		
<input type="checkbox"/> All General Education Requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Total 120 credits.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Maximum of 70 credits in transfer from community college.		



**Rockland Community College  
Associate of Applied Science Additional Degree Requirements**

*Refer to UMUC catalog for transfer policies, most current degree requirements, and full course descriptions.*

RCC Course or Course Choice	UMUC Placement or Equivalent	Credits	Notes
<b>Fire Protection Technology:</b>			
Courses will be applied as appropriate to electives or minor towards the B.S. in Fire Science			

No specific course equivalent. Applied as generic category, elective or supplemental  
 +Fulfills major content requirement but not upper-level minimum  
 ♦ Required courses for major