



ALAMO
COLLEGES
DISTRICT



ST. MARY'S
UNIVERSITY

Memorandum of Understanding

Introduction

The Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District located in San Antonio, Texas— Northeast Lakeview College (NLC), Northwest Vista College (NVC), Palo Alto College (PAC), St. Philip's College (SPC) and San Antonio College (SAC) hereafter referred to as the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District wish to partner with transfer institutions interested in ensuring students take the maximum courses possible prior to transfer with all college-level courses earned counting toward their intended field of study or major at the four-year college or university. This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) formally recognizes that the colleges of the Alamo Colleges District – NLC, NVC, PAC, SPC, and SAC and St. Mary's University are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions, in support of the concept of seamless transfer so that transfer students are not required to repeat courses already successfully completed.

NLC, NVC, PAC, SPC, and SAC are each accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC). St. Mary's University also located in San Antonio, Texas hereafter referred to as St. Mary's is also accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC).

Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, sex, pregnancy, religion, creed, national origin (including ancestry), citizenship status, physical or mental disability, age, marital status (including special disabled veteran, Vietnam-era veteran, or recently separated veteran), predisposing genetic characteristics, domestic violence victim status, any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law, or persons who have opposed discrimination or participated in any complaint process on campus or before a government agency.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to formalize a partnership to assist students to achieve both associate and baccalaureate completion. This agreement enables students in the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District who transfer to St. Mary's to have the college-level credits earned apply, toward their intended field of study or major, resulting in degree completion and successful employment. Transfer articulation is with all Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District.

Transfer Advising Guides

In collaboration with the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District and the Transfer Advising Guide Team, St. Mary's will provide appropriate transfer advising guides to identify all freshman and sophomore level courses required for specific baccalaureate degrees. This will ensure maximum transferability of courses with the intent that courses taken at the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District will count and apply toward degree requirements. The Transfer Advising Guide Team and St. Mary's will work closely on the courses that will apply toward degree requirements. Where applicable, St. Mary's will encourage students to complete an Associate degree at one of the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District before transfer. If the transfer advising guide does not meet Associate Degree requirements, both partners agree that the student should transfer and achieve the Associate Degree through reverse transfer.

St. Mary's will accept a maximum of 66 transfer credits toward a baccalaureate degree. Where transfer advising guides include greater than 60 credit hours, the student will be advised to earn the maximum allowable hours before transfer.

St. Mary's will notify the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District annually of any changes in degree requirements.

Bridge to Transfer

By the completion of 30 college-level hours, students at the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District will declare the college/university to which they intend to transfer. Upon receiving notice of intent to transfer, St. Mary's and the advising/mentoring teams of the colleges will work together to actively engage the student to support successful completion of the transfer advising guide courses and prepare for transfer.

~~The Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District and St. Mary's agree to provide direct links between~~ their institutional Web sites indicating the existence of this Agreement. Official lists of transfer advising guides (AA, AAT, AS, and AAS) reviewed by both the faculty of the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District and St. Mary's will be made available at all institutions.

Core Curriculum

Completion of the Core Curriculum at the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District will transfer as a block and will satisfy the Texas 42-hour core general education requirements at St. Mary's. If any courses are preferred or required for specific baccalaureate degrees, the courses will be indicated as such in the advising guides. For degree completion in associate programs, a minimum of 15 semester hours must include at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural science/mathematics per SACSCOC legislative requirements.

Transfer Admissions Requirements

Upon completion of a transfer advising guide, students at the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District wishing to transfer to St. Mary's will go through the St. Mary's transfer process and therefore must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution. St. Mary's will apply the transfer advising guide applicable in the year the student enters a College of the Alamo Colleges District in compliance with Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Part 1, Subchapter B, Rule 4.25.g.

Students with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and any additional departmental admission requirements entering under the terms of this agreement are guaranteed admission into the university. Students who have completed the transfer advising guide requirements with the minimum cumulative GPA required for entry into the intended field of study or major plus any other admission requirements will be accepted into the program, subject to capacity availability.

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Degree represents the attainment of depth of technical competency in identified occupational areas. Students transferring an AAS degree to St. Mary's will have achieved competency in many areas generally considered to be upper division. However, some courses in the area of general education may still need to be earned. St. Mary's

1. **Mark Ownership.** Each Party represents and warrants to the other Party that it has ownership rights in the trade and service marks represented by its logos set forth at its website ("Marks").
 2. **Consideration.** This Cross-License is made in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the mutual benefit of the authorized use herein licensed, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.
 3. **Grant of Cross-License.** The undersigned Parties hereby grant to one another a non-exclusive, fully paid, revocable license to use its Marks for the limited purpose publicizing the existence of the Agreement for so long as the Agreement remains in effect.
 4. **No Additional Rights.** The Parties acknowledge that each Party shall have no further interest or rights in the intellectual property of the other Party other than the limited, revocable rights herein granted.
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5. **Choice of Law, Jurisdiction & Venue.** This Agreement is made and is to be performed in Bexar County, Texas, and will be interpreted and governed by the Constitution and the internal laws of the State of Texas. Non-exclusive jurisdiction and venue of any court action brought directly or indirectly by reason of this agreement shall be in the state and federal courts of competent jurisdiction of Bexar County, Texas.

Reverse Transfer

"Reverse Transfer" allows students to transfer course work from St. Mary's back to the Colleges in the Alamo Colleges District to complete requirements for the associate degree from one of the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District. This program is specifically designed to allow students to receive the advantages pursuant to completion of the associate degree when they transfer prior to degree completion. St. Mary's and the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District will develop a reverse transfer process to provide students with the opportunity to complete the associate's degree while working on their St. Mary's bachelor's degree. Student records will be exchanged between St. Mary's and the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District for this purpose, strictly adhering to all privacy regulations and ensuring compliance with Texas House Bill 3025, including, without limitation, student consent.

Any student who transfers from a two year degree awarding institution to another Texas public college or university, has completed 30 college-level credit hours at the two-year institution and has subsequently earned credits at the transfer institution resulting in cumulative college-level credits of at least 66 hours may qualify for an Associate's Degree at the two year institution.

Earned hours must include the courses required by the Texas Higher Education Act as set forth in Subchapter F, sections 51.301 and 51.302 (six [6] semester hours in U.S./Texas government and six [6] semester hours in U.S./Texas history).

Reverse Transfer Guidelines

1. Transcripts must be identified as a Reverse Transfer. "Reverse Transfer" can be indicated in the address line of the receiving institution (ATTN: Reverse Transcript Office)
2. Student Information
 - a. Student's name
 - b. Student's current address
 - c. Student's current email
 - d. Student's date of birth (DOB)

3. Sending Institution Contact Information
 - a. Name (Point of Contact)
 - b. Title
 - c. Telephone number
 - d. Email address
4. Send student information and point of contact information to:
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Alamo Colleges District Point of Contact
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Longevity of the Agreement

This agreement will commence with the start of the Fall semester 2018 for a period of three years. This agreement will terminate with the start of the Fall semester 2021 unless it is renewed.

The agreement may be terminated by either institution by submitting written notice of the intent to terminate. The termination notice must be submitted at least one year prior to the start of the date the termination is to become effective.

In the event this agreement is terminated, both parties agree to make every effort to protect individual students who are already part of the program.

This framework of cooperation is agreed to between the Colleges of the Alamo Colleges District and St. Mary's University.

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