

Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs between Bristol Community College and Bridgewater State University

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement to facilitate the transfer of students enrolled in the Associate Degree program in Paralegal & Legal Studies at Bristol Community College into the Bachelor’s Degree program in Political Science: Legal Studies Concentration at Bridgewater State University. Bridgewater State University designated representative will be Sandra Christoun, Director of Transfer Services and Bristol Community College College’s representative will be Stefanie Deprey, Assistant Director of Transfer Services.

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Objectives:

1. To attract qualified students to Bristol Community College and Bridgewater State University.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation.

Stipulations:

1. Bridgewater State University guarantees acceptance of Bristol Community College students completing the Associate Degree program in Paralegal & Legal Studies with an overall GPA of 2.0, as outlined in this document.
2. At least one-half of a student's academic major, as well as a minimum of thirty semester hours, must be completed as a student of Bridgewater State University. BSU accepts up to 90 credit hours in transfer and only 69 of those credits can be from a two-year institution or program.
3. Students admitted into the baccalaureate program are subject to the academic policies of Bridgewater State University.

Mutual Responsibilities:

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives.
2. Bristol Community College and Bridgewater State University will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Bristol Community College and Bridgewater State University agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, advising, and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from Bristol Community College to Bridgewater State University.
4. Applicants applying under this program will be eligible for the same financial aid consideration as other entering students. Students transfer with Junior status regarding financial aid and registration.

Review/Revision:

Review of the contents or implementation of this agreement will occur whenever requested by either party through the designated representatives. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will evoke review processes. Revisions must be mutually agreed upon, with one-year notice prior to termination of the agreement.

Articulation Agreement

Institution: Bristol Community College
Transfer Institution: Bridgewater State University

Spring 2021

Bristol Program: Paralegal & Legal Studies	CR	BSU Program: Political Science: Legal Studies Concentration	CR
<i>Core Curriculum</i>			
COM 101 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COMM 102 Intro to Public Speaking (CSPK)	3
CSS 101 College Success Seminar	1	Free Elective	1
ENG 101 Composition I: College Writing	3	ENGL 101 Writing Rhetorically (CRW1)	3
ENG 102 Composition II: Writing about Literature	3	ENGL 102 Writing Rhetorically with Sources (CRW2)	3
GVT 111 U.S. Government	3	POLI 172 Intro to American Government (CSOC, CUSC)	3
HST 114 United States History from 1877	3	HIST 111 US History and Constitution Since 1865 (CHUM, CUSC)	
SOC 212 The Sociology of Social Problems	3	SOCI 103 Social Problems (CMCL, CSOC)	3
BUS 111 Business and Financial Mathematics Or MTH 119 Fundamental Statistics	3	Core Math requirement MATH 110 Elementary Statistics (CMAR)	3
Elective Science	3/4	Core Science	3/4
<i>Total Core Curriculum</i>	<i>25/26</i>		<i>25/26</i>
<i>Program Requirements</i>			
PLS 105 Law Office Management	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 100 Introduction to Paralegal Studies and Legal Ethics	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 101 Civil Litigation and Procedure	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 102 Torts Law	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 120 Basic Legal Research	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 121 Family Law and Procedure	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 230 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 232 Advanced Legal Research and Writing	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 240 Real Estate Law	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 241 Wills, Estates, and Trusts	3	Free Elective	3
PLS 243 Paralegal Internship	3	Free Elective	3
<i>Program Electives – Choose one:</i>			
PLS 220 Bankruptcy Law PLS 231 Interviewing and Investigation PLS 234 Legal Ethics PLS 235 Immigration Law Business Organization for Paralegals	3	Free Elective	3
<i>Total Program Requirements</i>	<i>36</i>		<i>36</i>
<i>Total Credits Required to Graduate</i>	<i>61/62</i>		<i>61/62</i>

Grade Requirement

No grade lower than a “C-” in a political science (POLI) course may be used to fulfill the requirements of the political science major or minor. Students receiving a “D” or “F” in a political science course may continue as political science majors or minors but must either retake and successfully complete the course (with a minimum grade of “C-“) or must successfully complete another course that fulfills the same area for the major or minor.

Course Requirements

Required courses (15 credits)

- [POLI 172 - Introduction to American Government](#)
- [POLI 250 - Research Design and Quantitative Methods in Political Science](#)
- [POLI 274 - Western Political Thought - Plato to the Present](#)
- [POLI 285 - Law and the Judicial Process](#)
- [POLI 475 - Senior Seminar in Political Science](#) (CWRM)

Distribution I electives (6 credits)

Complete at least two courses, selected from the following:

- [POLI 260 - International Relations](#)
- [POLI 275 - Comparative Government](#)
- [POLI 277 - American Government: State and Local](#) (formerly POLI 305)
- [POLI 279 - Introduction to Public Administration](#)

Distribution II electives (6 credits)

Complete two courses, selected from the following:

- [POLI 341 - Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government](#)
- or [POLI 495 - Administrative Law and Regulation](#)
- [POLI 372 - Legislative Process and Procedure](#)
- or [POLI 479 - Public Policy](#)

Distribution III electives (3 credits)

Complete at least one of the following courses. Note that courses taken to satisfy the Distribution II requirement cannot be applied toward the completion of Distribution III.

- [POLI 341 - Constitutional Law and Politics: The Powers of Government](#)
- [POLI 342 - Constitutional Law and Politics: The First Amendment](#)
- [POLI 343 - Constitutional Law and Politics: Liberty and Equality](#)
- [POLI 344 - Constitutional Law and Politics: Rights of the Accused](#)
- [POLI 479 - Public Policy](#)
- [POLI 495 - Administrative Law and Regulation](#)

Distribution IV electives (6 credits)

Complete at least two courses (6 credits) from the following list. Note that courses taken to satisfy Distribution II cannot be applied toward Distribution IV.

- [ACFI 305 - Business Law I](#)
- [CRJU 325 - Political Theory and the Justice System](#)
- [CRJU 372 - Terrorism and Civil Liberties](#)
- [ECON 340 - Law and Economics](#)
- [GEOG 431 - Environmental Regulations](#)
- [PHIL 222 - Philosophy of Law](#)
- [PHIL 235 - Political Philosophy](#)
- [POLI 302 - Moot Court and Mock Trial Practicum](#)
- [POLI 304 - Citizenship and Community Leadership](#)
- [POLI 324 - Policy Analysis](#)
- [POLI 359 - International Law](#)
- [POLI 368 - American Political Thought](#)
- [POLI 369 - LGBTQ Politics in America](#)
- [POLI 372 - Legislative Process and Procedure](#)
- [POLI 389 - Race and Ethnicity in American Politics](#)
- [POLI 390 - Public Finance](#)
- [POLI 391 - The American Presidency](#)
- [POLI 392 - Democratic Theory and Democratization](#)
- [POLI 393 - Politics of Climate Change](#)
- [POLI 400 - Special Topics in Political Science](#)
- [POLI 476 - Women and Politics](#)
- [POLI 479 - Public Policy](#)
- [POLI 485 - Honors Thesis in Political Science](#)
- [POLI 498 - Internship in Political Science](#)
- [POLI 499 - Directed Study in Political Science](#)

Note:

Only three credits in each of the following may be applied to the major, regardless of concentration, or the minor:

- [POLI 301 - Model Senate Practicum](#)
- [POLI 302 - Moot Court and Mock Trial Practicum](#)
- [POLI 498 - Internship in Political Science](#) *
- [POLI 499 - Directed Study in Political Science](#) *

*Credit for internship, directed study and special topics in political science may be applied to concentration requirements only if they are related to the student's concentration. This determination is made by the department chairperson.

Total minimum credits: 36