

**AN AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A  
TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
MERCER UNIVERSITY'S PENFIELD COLLEGE, TIFT COLLEGE OF EDUCATION and  
STETSON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS  
AND THE  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GEORGIA (TCSG)**

Academic Years 2016-2020

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This agreement establishes a plan whereby an undergraduate student may first attend any Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) institution accredited by the Commission on Colleges (COC) of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to complete an associate degree and then transfer to Mercer University's Penfield College and/or Tift College of Education and/or Stetson School of Business and Economics to complete a bachelor's degree offered online or at Mercer's Regional Academic Centers.

Under this agreement, students from a COC accredited TCSG institution are eligible to pursue a bachelor's degree from Mercer University in one of the following programs.

Business Administration  
Communication  
Criminal Justice Leadership  
Early Childhood/Special Education  
Early Learning and Development  
Healthcare Leadership  
Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Human Resources Administration and Development  
Human Services  
Informatics  
Liberal Studies  
Middle Grades Education  
Organizational Leadership  
Psychology

**Acceptance of Transfer Credits at Mercer University**

The following guidelines are used to award transfer credit toward a degree in Mercer's Penfield College and/or Tift College of Education and/or Stetson School of Business and Economics.

- Transfer of credits is consistent with and subject to the same conditions prescribed in each institution's published catalog.
- Courses in which a grade of C or above is earned.
- College level courses equivalent in content and standards to Mercer courses.
- Maximum acceptance of 64 semester hours from all two-year institutions.

- Candidates transferring a TCSG course that is equivalent to a Mercer course minus an artifact necessary for Mercer graduation and/or accreditation must satisfactorily complete that artifact before receiving credit for the course.
- Completion of an Associate's Degree Program at a COC accredited TCSG institution does not guarantee admission to Mercer University nor to any degree program in the Penfield College and/or Tift College of Education and/or Stetson School of Business and Economics. Candidates must successfully meet all requirements for admission to Mercer University and to the appropriate degree program in Mercer's Penfield College and/or Tift College of Education and/or Stetson School of Business and Economics.
- This agreement will be reviewed regularly by both parties to ensure continued transfer compatibility of programs of study.

### **Mercer University Agreement Assurances**

- **Faculty qualifications** – All courses will be taught by highly-qualified faculty, as outlined in the Penfield College and/or Tift College of Education and/or Stetson School of Business and Economics Faculty Handbook.
- **Outcome assessment** – Cumulative grade point averages are computed using a quality point system. The interpretation of the letter grades and their quality point values is as follows:

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Interpretation</b>	<b>Quality Points Per Credit Hour</b>
A	Excellent	4.0
B+	Good	3.5
B	Good	3.0
C+	Average	2.5
C	Average	2.0
D	Poor	1.0

In addition, the Colleges assess their programs through a university-wide Assessment system to support accreditation by the Southern Association of College and Schools.

- **Grievance procedures** – If a student disagrees with an assigned course grade, the student is required to initiate an appeal with the appropriate faculty member no later than 30 days from the completion of the term in which the course was offered. Appeals received after the 30-day period will not be honored.
- **Conditions for renewal or termination** – This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis, with the agreement of both parties. Either party may make adjustments to the course equivalencies or choose not to renew the articulation agreement.
- **Teach-out agreement** – Mercer commits to provide the program outlined in the articulation agreement during the academic years concurrent to the agreement. In the event that a program is cancelled, the Colleges will follow their established teach out procedures.
- **Requirements for federal and state student financial aid:**

#### **General Regulations**

1. An applicant for financial assistance must be admitted to the University before financial assistance can be awarded.

2. Ordinarily, financial assistance is awarded for the two semesters of the regular academic year. One-half of the annual financial assistance award will be paid each semester, with the exceptions of work-study earning and the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant. Summer-school aid requires a separate Mercer Financial Assistance Application.
3. Payments of funds will be made only to students who: maintain satisfactory academic progress in the course of study being pursued; are not in default on any loan made, insured, or guaranteed for attendance at any institution; and do not owe a refund on grants previously received for attendance at any institution under the Pell grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, or State Student Incentive Grant programs.
4. Where applicable, veterans' benefits will be considered part of the student's financial assistance package.

This institution is in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 and does not discriminate against the handicapped or on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, age, or national origin.

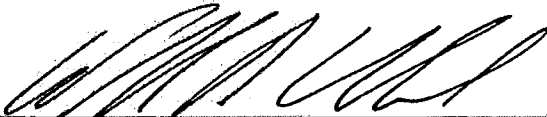
To facilitate the transfer of coursework, this articulation agreement includes the courses normally taken by students at Mercer's Regional Academic Centers during their freshman and sophomore years. Transfer students should realize that they must complete all coursework necessary in their respective degree plan of study before receiving their bachelor's degree from Mercer University. This agreement is subject to change, including the need to add, delete, or modify Mercer degree programs. For further information, please contact the Office of the Registrar for Mercer Regional Academic Centers at 678-547-6030 or 800-548-7115.

**Addresses:**

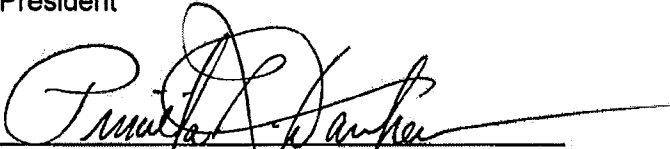
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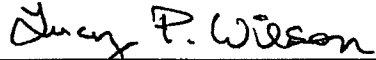
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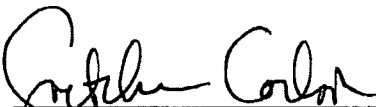
  
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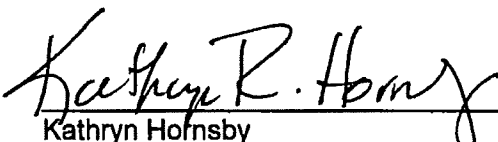
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