

**LORD FAIRFAX COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTEGRATIVE STUDIES (BAIN)
COLLABORATIVE AGREEMENT**

PURPOSE

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their educational goals in an efficient and timely way. The specific objectives of the collaborative are to (1) inform students of the partnership with George Mason University and the Smithsonian Institution that leads from an Associate of Arts and Sciences degree at Lord Fairfax Community College to a Bachelor of Arts in Integrative Studies with a concentration in Conservation Studies from George Mason University; (2) inform students about the Smithsonian-Mason Semester held in Front Royal, VA, where students have the opportunity to work with top conservation researchers and practitioners in a facility that houses many of the world's most endangered species; (3) enhance the process by which students are admitted into and transfer between the two institutions; (4) achieve increased effectiveness and student service by considering joint programs and services offered at both institutions that benefit the shared body; and (5) undertake shared leadership initiatives to better serve the economic and other community development needs of the service region and State of Virginia.

ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT

A. SUGGESTED CURRICULUM OUTLINE AND ADVISING GUIDE FOR STUDENTS PURSUING AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES DEGREE FROM LFCC AND TRANSFERRING TO GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN INTEGRATIVE STUDIES WITH A CONCENTRATION IN CONSERVATION STUDIES:

VCCS COURSE	GMU COURSE	MASON EQUIVALENT/ REQUIREMENT	CREDIT
ENG111	(=ENGL 101)	Gen Ed	3
HIS 111 or 121		Gen Ed	3
MTH ⁱ		Gen Ed	3-5
SDV 100	(=UNIV 100)		1
BIO 101		Gen Ed	4
PED/HLT			2
ENG 112	(=ENGL ___)	Gen Ed	3
HIS 112 or 122		Elective	3
MTH ⁱ		Gen Ed	3-5
BIO 102		Gen Ed	4
ITE 115		Gen Ed	3

ⁱ Math: To be selected from MTH 163, MTH 173, MTH 174, MTH 240, MTH 271, MTH 272

Literature I		Gen Ed	3
CST 100/110	(=COMM 100)	Gen Ed	3
BIO 195		Elective	3-5
CHM 111		Elective	4
Social Science Elective ⁱⁱ		Gen Ed	3
BIO 270	(=BIOL L307)	Elective	4
CHM 112		Elective	4
Humanities Elective		Gen Ed	3
Social Science Elective ⁱⁱ		Gen Ed	3
	NCLC 211		5
	EVPP 110		4
	NCLC 391		3
		BAIN Learning Community	2-6
	EVPP 111		4
	NCLC 311 or 401		6
		BAIN Learning Community	2-6
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	NCLC 491	Synthesis General Education Requirement	3
	3/4XX	Upper division Elective	3
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ⁱⁱ Social Sciences Elective: ECO 100, 201, 202; GEO 210, 221, 222; PLS 211, 212; Any PSY or SOC class

	CONS 320	Smithsonian-Mason Semester BAIN Learning Community	3
	CONS 401	Smithsonian-Mason Semester BAIN Learning Requirement	3
	CONS 402	Smithsonian-Mason Semester BAIN Learning Requirement	4
	CONS 410	Smithsonian-Mason Semester BAIN Learning Community	3
	CONS 490	Smithsonian-Mason Semester BAIN Elective	3

Notes for students transferring to Mason:

- Note that if you do not complete the AA&S degree, some General Education requirements will not have been satisfied. See the transfer table at <http://admissions.gmu.edu> to be sure of equivalencies or contact a Mason advisor. MTH 163 taken alone will not transfer to Mason. HIS 112 (=HIST 125) is recommended to meet Mason's World Civilization General Education requirement.
- "Testing out" of a class at LFCC does not necessarily mean that requirement is met at Mason. CLEP, or IB or AP credits must be reported directly to Mason. See <http://admissions.gmu.edu/exams/> for required scores.
- Students must earn a C or better in courses they transfer. If they earn a grade lower than C in a given course, they may be required to repeat that course to satisfy general education requirements.
- The 16 Smithsonian-Mason Semester credits can be used as a Minor in Applied Conservation Studies. Note that only 8 credits of overlap are permitted between major and minor, so interested students should consult their Mason advisor.
- Mason requires 45 upper division (courses numbered 300-400) credits for a bachelor's degree and 120 credits total. The BA in Integrative Studies concentration must include at least 30 total credits, 12 credits of which are upper-division hours earned at Mason, and have an average GPA of 2.0.
- Curricula change rapidly! Students are encouraged to stay in contact with both LFCC and Mason advisors to stay apprised of changing requirements.

B. COMMUNICATION AND TERMS OF AGREEMENT

1. George Mason University's New Century College will keep Lord Fairfax Community College continually advised of any changes in pre-requisites or other requirements for transfer into the BAIN program.
2. George Mason University's New Century College will keep Lord Fairfax Community College continually advised of additional opportunities for prospective students, such as information sessions, etc.
3. Lord Fairfax Community College will keep George Mason University's New Century College advised of any substantive changes to the AA&S in Science degree program.
4. This agreement will go into effect for those LFCC students entering George Mason University's Division of Integrative Studies Fall 2010, and remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated, the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for a minimum of three years.