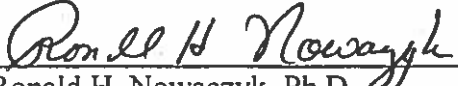



# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

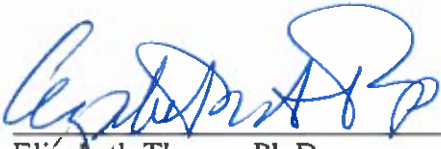
**Allegany College of Maryland**  
**Associates of Applied Science – Multimedia Technology**


**Frostburg State University**  
**Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication**


Entered into this 17<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2019.


  
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## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Allegany College of Maryland, Associates of Applied Science– Multimedia Technology and Frostburg State University, Bachelor of Science in Mass Communication.

### RECITALS

Allegany College of Maryland (hereafter referred to as “ACM”), a community college in Allegany County, Maryland, and Frostburg State University (“FSU”), a comprehensive regional institution in Western Maryland and a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland, agree to offer an articulated program leading to the award of an Associates of Applied Science (A.A.S.) Degree and a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Mass Communication. The parties further agree that students from ACM, through this articulation agreement, will be permitted to transfer credits earned for the A.A.S. at Allegany College of Maryland to FSU, leading to the award of the B.S. degree in Mass Communication at FSU.

#### I. Purpose

- a. It is the intent is that this articulation agreement will facilitate a smooth transition from completion of Allegany College of Maryland’s Associates of Applied Science (Multimedia Technology) to the B.S. in Mass Communication program at FSU. As a result of this articulation agreement, ACM graduates will understand how FSU transfers the credits earned at ACM. This agreement provides a systematic plan for students to receive both the A.A.S. degree from ACM and the B.S. degree in Mass Communication from FSU.
- b. This agreement sets forth a clear set of responsibilities and expectations for both institutions. The parties agree to work collaboratively to meet the needs of ACM graduates in facilitating transfer to FSU.
- c. ACM encourages graduates to continue their educational pathway for both personal and professional development, as well as career advancement in the Mass Communication profession. This articulation agreement for completion of the B.S. in Mass Communication facilitates students’ successful achievement of credentials in the field.

#### II. Requirements of the Program

- a. The program is designed for graduates of the A.A.S. in Multimedia Technology at Allegany College of Maryland. Students must complete the A.A.S. degree at ACM in order to participate in the transfer program. A maximum of seventy (70) credit hours from ACM will be allowed toward fulfillment of the one hundred twenty (120) credit hours required for completion of the B.S. degree. Students are limited to a maximum of ninety (90) credits when transferring courses from other four-year colleges and universities.
- b. Multimedia Technology students from ACM will have their coursework evaluated by FSU to determine which FSU general education requirements and discipline requirements have been met. ACM courses shall be evaluated by FSU for transferability, and FSU shall accept courses for transfer at its sole discretion. By taking full advantage of the ACM-FSU course agreements described below, the transfer student will matriculate at FSU with junior standing.
- c. In accordance with Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR), all courses meeting general education requirements at ACM will transfer to FSU as general education courses (up to a maximum of 36 credits).

- d. Students must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average in order to transfer to the FSU Mass Communication Program.
- e. The maximum number of credits that will be accepted by FSU toward degree requirements from non-direct classroom instruction (including CLEP, AP, IB and FSU Special Departmental examination scores) is thirty (30) credits. Tech Prep credits will transfer where appropriate, as will credit awarded for experiential learning (“life experience”) if recorded on ACM’s transcript.
- f. While ACM and FSU do not presently have a dual admission program, if the parties later enter into such a program, this agreement will not preclude students from participation and students may apply for and receive the benefits of dual admission. Those students shall then be subject to the policies of said program should they apply.
- g. ACM students who have completed the A.A.S. in Multimedia Technology degree will be given every consideration for financial assistance and will be eligible to compete for academic scholarships at FSU.
- h. This agreement becomes effective on the date set forth on the first page of this document. ACM and FSU agree to publicize this program. The parties further agree to monitor the performance of the program and to make revisions as may be mutually agreed upon as necessary. Curricula for Multimedia Technology/Mass Communication programs undergo frequent change and this agreement will be amended to reflect such changes as they occur. Amendments will be made in writing and appended to this agreement. Amendments need only be approved by the deans and chairs from both institutions.
- i. This agreement may be terminated by either party with ninety (90) days written notice to the other. The parties agree that termination shall include an agreement that students currently enrolled in the program at the time of termination shall be permitted to complete the program as described herein.

### III. A.A.S. in Multimedia Technology -B.S. in Mass Communication Transfer Courses

The following indicates the transfer of course agreement between Allegany College of Maryland and FSU:

a. General Education Requirements to be Completed at Allegany College of Maryland (15 credits)

	<b>Allegany College of Maryland Equivalent</b>	<b>Explanation/Notes</b>
ENGLISH COMPOSITION (3 credits)	ENGL 101	
SOCIAL SCIENCE (3 credits)	Social and Behavioral Science elective	
MATHEMATICS (3 credits)	Mathematics elective	
NATURAL SCIENCE (3 cr.)	Science elective	
MODES OF INQUIRY ELECTIVE (3 cr)	SPCH 101	

b. Degree Program Requirements to be Completed at Allegany College of Maryland (27 credits)

The B.S. degree with a major in Mass Communication at FSU requires students to successfully complete the following course work. Some of these courses also may meet general education requirements, as indicated above.

Frostburg State University			ACM Program Equivalent
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
MCOM 105	Intro. to Mass Communication	3.0	MMTC 101
ART 207	Graphic Design	3.0	MMTC 207
MCOM 287	Intro. to Video Production	3.0	MMTC 102
MCOM 195	Mass Communication Elective	3.0	MMTC 208
<b>Graphic Design Minor Courses</b>			
ART 104	Two-Dimensional Design	3.0	ART 111
ART 235	Photography	3.0	MMTC 103
<b>Professional Focus Courses</b>			
MCOM 213	Audio Production	3.0	MMTC 106
ART 407	Advanced Graphic Design: Print	3.0	MMTC 217
MCOM 301*	Multi-Media Workshop	3.0	MMTC 201
CMST 102	Intro. to Human Communication		SPCH 101 (credits already in GEP above)
<b>TOTAL Program Credits=27</b>			

\*Department will complete course substitution for focus area credit (could reverse transfer as FSU's MCOM 387).

c. Additional A.A.S. Degree Requirements to be Completed at ACM (12 credits)

Frostburg State University			ACM Program Equivalent
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
COSC 100	Intro. to Computer Science	3.0	COMP 101

ART 435	Advanced Photography	3.0	MMTC 211
ENGL 195	English elective	3.0	English Composition elective
MCOM 195	Elective	3.0	MMTC 216
TOTAL Program Credits=12			

d. Degree Program Requirements to be Completed at FSU (66 credits)

All FSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete a minimum of 39 upper-division (300-400) credit hours.

Frostburg State University			Notes
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	
MCOM 246	Intro. to Mass Communication Research Methods	3.0	
MCOM 326	Writing for Electronic Media	3.0	
MCOM 346	Mass Communication Theory	3.0	
MCOM 447	Telecommunications Law	3.0	
MCOM 485	Electronic Media Aesthetics and Criticism	3.0	
MCOM 486	Current Issues and New Technology in Mass Communication	3.0	
MCOM 498	Senior Seminar in Mass Communication	3.0	
	Professional Focus/minor courses	6.0-12.0	
	FSU Colloquia	3.0	GEP requirement
	Humanities courses	6.0	GEP requirement
	Identity and Difference course	3.0	Select from approved list to satisfy GEP requirement
	Natural Science course	4.0	GEP requirement
	Social Science course	3.0	GEP requirement
	Electives (any)	14.0-20.0	Required to reach 120 for graduation
Total = 66 credits			

e. Course Sequencing

Multimedia Technology students transferring to the B.S. in Mass Communication Program at FSU shall be notified by ACM and FSU that the curriculum is built upon a series of established course sequences. For students to progress through the program, they must have the appropriate pre-requisites, co-requisites, and must maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.

Students wishing to participate in the program should develop an education plan at ACM by contacting:

John Bone  
Program Director, Multimedia Technology  
Allegany College of Maryland  
301-784-5635  
[jbone@allegany.edu](mailto:jbone@allegany.edu)

ACM will direct students interested in participating in the B.S. in Mass Communication program to apply for admission to FSU, indicating Mass Communication as the intended major. Applications can be submitted online at: [www.frostburg.edu](http://www.frostburg.edu).

Contact person at FSU for the program is:

Dr. Sheri Whalen  
Chair, Department of Communication  
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