

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TOWSON UNIVERSITY
November 20, 2019

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, BIOCHEMISTRY, BIOINFORMATICS (MB3) B.S. Degree


Carroll Community College, Westminster, Maryland, and Towson University, agree to follow the articulation of courses outlined in the articulation (course equivalency) document, for completion of requirements for the Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics - Bioinformatics concentration (Attachment A), which is attached to, and incorporated by reference into, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The following principles guide the operation of this MOU, with the requirements for transfer in specific curricula set forth in Attachment A.

1. Towson University will accept a maximum number of 64 credits from Carroll Community College as outlined in the Attachment A. The number of transferable credits specific to this program is reflected in Attachment A.
2. Students who have completed the Associate of Science Degree in Biology at Carroll Community College may transfer into Towson University's MB3 program with junior standing provided that the student has completed all courses identified on Attachment A (which is attached to, and incorporated by reference into, this MOU) with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher. Courses completed at Carroll Community College with 300 or 400 level Towson University course equivalencies will transfer as lower-level credit but will satisfy course content as indicated.
3. Only courses in which a grade of C (2.00) or better is earned will apply toward the major at Towson University.
4. In accordance with the MHEC transfer policy pertaining to general education requirements, Towson University will accept the completion of Carroll Community College's general education requirements (GenEds) and students will be required to complete courses at Towson University to satisfy the remaining **University Core** requirements as shown in Attachment A.
5. Towson University recognizes college-level experiential learning gained through previous work, military and/or volunteer service or life experience. Credit for prior learning may also be established through course challenge or standardized credit by examination.
6. Carroll Community College students transferring to Towson University will be given every consideration for financial aid and will be eligible to compete for academic

scholarships upon entrance to Towson University subject to stated scholarship deadlines.


7. Both Carroll Community College and Towson University agree to work together to facilitate the transfer of students from Carroll Community College to Towson University to work cooperatively to insure the high quality of the programs at the respective institutions. Transfer of students will be in accordance with policies and procedures of both institutions, as they may be amended from time to time.
8. This MOU will be in effect initially for ten years, beginning *fall 2019*, with a review every two years by both parties. Any revisions the parties deem necessary must be evidenced in writing and signed by the authorized officials of each institution. The MOU may be terminated by either party for due cause and after adequate notice of not less than six months is given to the other party.
9. Towson University will establish procedures to provide information on the academic progress of Carroll Community College students enrolled as part of this MOU.
10. This MOU, when signed, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties respecting the matter hereof.

CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TOWSON UNIVERSITY



Dr. Rosalie Mince
Vice President of
Academic and Student Affairs

Date 11/22/19



Dr. Melanie Perreault
Provost and Executive Vice-President
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Date 12/10/19

2+2 Articulation Agreement for Carroll Community College and Towson University

Associate's Degree: A.S. in Biology

Bachelor's Degree: B.S. in Molecular Biology, Biochemistry, & Bioinformatics (MB3), Bioinformatics Concentration

Effective Term: Fall 2019

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Carroll CC

This section outlines the courses to take for the Carroll CC general education and program requirements in order to complete both Carroll CC and TU degrees within a total of 4 years and 120 credits. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

Table 1: General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum

Carroll CC Requirement	Carroll CC Course to Take	Credits	Towson University Equivalent Course
English Composition	ENGL 101 College Writing	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
Mathematics	Choose one course: ▪ MATH 123 Precalculus 1 ▪ MATH 130 Precalculus	4-5	Equivalency varies by course: ▪ MATH 115 College Algebra ▪ MATH 119 Pre-calculus
Arts & Humanities	Any arts & humanities course.	3	Equivalency will vary by course.
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Social & Behavioral Sciences	Any social & behavioral science course.	3	Equivalency will vary by course.
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Biological & Physical Sciences	CHEM 105 Principles of General Chemistry 1	4	CHEM 131 & CHEM 131L General Chemistry I Lecture & Lab
Biological & Physical Sciences	BIOL 101 Fundamentals of Biology 1	4	BIOL 200 & BIOL 200L Intro Cell Biology & Genetics Lecture & Lab
English Literature	ENGL 102 Writing about Literature	3	ENGL TLL English Lower Level Elective
Program Requirement	BIOL 102 Fundamentals of Biology 2	4	BIOL 202 Intro to Ecology & Evolution

Total general education applied to the TU Core Curriculum: 34-35 credits

Students will transfer with a Core Package 3, which indicates that they must only complete the Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9) and Ethical Perspectives (Core 14) requirements at TU. If a student takes an ethics course as an Arts & Humanities general education course, they will be required to complete another Core Curriculum requirement. The Towson Seminar (Core 1) requirement is waived for all incoming transfer students.

Table 2: Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree

Carroll CC Requirement	Carroll CC Course to Take	Credits	Towson University Equivalent Course
Program Requirement	BIOL 215 Microbiology	4	BIOL 215 Essentials of Microbiology
Program Requirement	BIOL 240 Genetics	4	BIOL T09 Genetics
Program Requirement	CHEM 106 Principles of General Chemistry 2	4	CHEM 132 & CHEM 132L General Chemistry II Lecture & Lab
Program Requirement	CHEM 201 Organic Chemistry 1	5	CHEM T31 Organic Chemistry I
Program Requirement	CHEM 202 Organic Chemistry 2	5	CHEM T32 Organic Chemistry II
Program Requirement	MATH 135 Calculus of a Single Variable 1	4	MATH 273 Calculus I

Total program requirements applied to the TU degree: 26 credits

Total transferred to TU: 60-61 credits

Students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in 2 years.

Section 2: Carroll CC Course Selection Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1. To qualify for this agreement, students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. Students who do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement will be required to complete outstanding requirements at TU.

COURSE PLANNING

Certain courses at Carroll CC are only offered in the fall or spring term. Students must be mindful of course availability and plan accordingly to complete a course in fall or spring when it is offered. The Carroll CC catalog provides a recommended sequence of courses for students to follow based on course availability.

GENERAL EDUCATION

The program requirement BIOL 102 is counted toward the total of General Education credits completed at Carroll CC. This enables TU to apply a core package and recognize the completion of the associate's degree's general education requirements without course-by-course placement in the Core Curriculum.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

For the **required math course**, students must take **MATH 135 Calculus of a Single Variable 1** to satisfy the MB3 major's requirement for MATH 273 Calculus I.

LOWER-LEVEL EQUIVALENTS OF UPPER-LEVEL COURSES

A course number beginning with T indicates that it is a lower-level equivalent of an upper-level TU course. CHEM T31, CHEM T32, and BIOL T09 satisfy major requirements but do not count toward the TU degree requirement for 32 upper-level units.

Section 3: Degree Requirements to Be Completed at TU

This section outlines the requirements students will complete upon transferring into the Bioinformatics concentration. This concentration is designed for students to learn to apply computer science to the study of the molecular basis of life. Refer to section 4 for major-specific recommendations and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 6 UNITS

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar & Core 14 Ethical Perspectives

MB3 MAJOR REQUIRED COURSES: 23 UNITS

BIOL 409 Molecular Biology (4 units)

CHEM 351 Biochemistry I (3 units)

MATH 237 Elementary Biostatistics (4 units)

Select one of the following for 4 units:

- MBBB 201 Programming for Biologists
- COSC 175 General Computer Science

MBBB 301 Intro to Bioinformatics (4 units)

MBBB 493 Seminar in Bioethics (1 unit)

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- MBBB 495 Capstone Project in MBBB
- BIOL 491 Elective in Independent Research
- CHEM 491 Research in Chemistry
- COSC 495 Independent Study
- An approved upper-level elective in BIOL, CHEM, COSC, CIS, or MBBB

BIOINFORMATICS CONCENTRATION COURSES: 25 UNITS

COSC 236 Introduction to Computer Science I (4 units)

COSC 237 Introduction to Computer Science II (4 units)

COSC 336 Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis (4 units)

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- COSC 457 Database Management Systems
- CIS 458 Organizational Database Management

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- MATH 263 Discrete Mathematics
- MBBB 315 Genomics

MATH 274 Calculus II (4 units)

MBBB 401 Advanced Bioinformatics (3 units)

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 5-6 UNITS

Electives can be additional major electives or courses of personal or professional interest.

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MB3 MAJOR – BIOINFORMATICS CONCENTRATION:

- Students who intend to complete graduate and/or professional degrees should consider completing two terms of physics. This is a requirement for many graduate and professional programs.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS:

- A C (2.0) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).

Degree Completion Summary:

Total Units Required for B.S. Degree	120 UNITS
Carroll CC A.S. Degree in Biology	60-61
Completion of Core Curriculum at TU	6
MB3 Major – Bioinformatics Concentration Coursework Taken at TU	48
General Electives Taken at TU	5-6

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