

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CARROLL COMMUNITY COLLEGE & TOWSON UNIVERSITY
December 13, 2019

BIOLOGY 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 Biology – Organismal Biology and Ecology 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 Science- Biology concentration at Carroll Community College may transfer into Towson University's Biology 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 12/10/19



Dr. Melanie Perreault
Provost and Executive Vice-President
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Date 1/8/20

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

Associate's Degree: A.S. in Biology

Bachelor's Degree: B.S. in Biology, Organismal Biology and Ecology Concentration

Effective Term: Fall 2019

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Carroll CC Degree

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. The following tables do not include any nontransferable coursework or program prerequisites.

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MATH 123 Precalculus 1 ▪ MATH 130 Precalculus | 4 or 5 | Equivalency varies by course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 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 sciences 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 Lower Level Elective |
| Program Requirement | BIOL 102 Fundamentals of Biology 2 | 4 | BIOL 202 Intro to Ecology & Evolution |

Total general education courses applied to 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 | Choose one course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MATH 132 Applied Calculus ▪ MATH 135 Calculus of a Single Variable 1 | 3 or 4 | Equivalency varies by course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ MATH 211 Calculus for Applications ▪ MATH 273 Calculus I |
| General Elective | Any course (if needed for 60 credits) | 0-2 | Equivalency will vary by course. |

Total program requirements applied to the TU degree: 25-26 credits

Total transferred to TU: 60 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 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they 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 either **MATH 132 Applied Calculus** or **MATH 135 Calculus of a Single Variable 1** to satisfy the Organismal Biology and Ecology concentration's requirement for MATH 273 Calculus I or MATH 211 Calculus for Applications.

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 remaining degree requirements for students transferring into the Organismal Biology and Ecology concentration. This concentration is designed for students seeking advanced studies in botany, zoology, conservation biology or ecology, and/or careers in environmental education, government environmental regulatory agencies, or the private sector. Refer to section 4 for additional major requirements, recommendations, and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 6 UNITS

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar

Core 14 Ethical Perspectives

BIOLOGY MAJOR FOUNDATION COURSES: 1 UNIT

BIOL 204 Educational and Career Planning for the Biologist (1 unit)

BIOLOGY MAJOR BREADTH COURSES: 10-20 UNITS

Select one of the following for 3-8 units:

- BIOL 205 General Botany & BIOL 207 General Zoology (8 units)
- BIOL 208 Biodiversity (3 units)

Select one of the following for 4 units:

- BIOL 405 Molecular Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation
- BIOL 408 Cell Biology
- BIOL 409 Molecular Biology

Select one of the following for 3-8 units:

- BIOL 221 & 221L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lecture & Lab and BIOL 222 & 222L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lecture & Lab (8 units)
- BIOL 325 Animal Physiology (4 units)
- BIOL 436 Plant Physiology (3 units)

PRINCIPLES OF ECOLOGY ELECTIVE: 4 UNITS

Select one of the following for 4 units:

- BIOL 310 Conservation Biology
- BIOL 402 General Ecology
- BIOL 405 Limnology
- BIOL 435 Plant Ecology

DIVERSITY ELECTIVE: 3-4 UNITS

Select one of the following for 3-4 units:

- BIOL 334 Humans, Science, and the Chesapeake Bay (3 units)
- BIOL 347 Marine Biology (3 units)

- BIOL 353 Invert Zoology (4 units)
- BIOL 371 Animal Behavior (4 units)
- BIOL 413 Evolution (3 units)
- BIOL 432 Vascular Plant Taxonomy (4 units)
- BIOL 444 Wildlife Management (3 units)
- BIOL 446 Tropical Ecology and Conservation (3 units)
- BIOL 447 Tropical Field Ecology (4 units)
- BIOL 452 Wetland Ecology (4 units)
- BIOL 455 Fish Biology (4 units)
- BIOL 456 Ornithology (4 units)
- BIOL 458 Mammalogy (4 units)
- BIOL 461 Entomology (4 units)
- BIOL 467 Herpetology (4 units)
- GEOG 221 Introduction to Geospatial Technology (3 units)

ORGANISMAL ELECTIVES: 6-12 UNITS

Take two courses (6-8 units) if BIOL 205 & 207 were taken for the breadth requirement; take three courses (9-12 units) if BIOL 208 was taken for the breadth requirement. Select from any of the following options:

- Any course from the Principles of Ecology electives list
- Any course from the Diversity electives list
- BIOL 491 Elective in Independent Research
- PHYS 212 General Physics II Non Calculus-Based or PHYS 242 General Physics II Calculus-Based (depending on which course is taken in the ancillary requirement for physics)

BIOLOGY MAJOR ANCILLARY COURSES: 8 UNITS

Physics – Select one of the following for 4 units:

- PHYS 211 General Physics I Non Calculus-Based
- PHYS 241 General Physics I Calculus-Based

Statistics – Select one of the following for 4 units:

- MATH 237 Elementary Biostatistics
- PSYC 212 Behavioral Statistics

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 9-19 UNITS

The total number of elective units required will be determined by the total units completed within the major. Elective credit can be satisfied by additional major electives or courses of personal interest. Students may also consider adding a minor if they have room for 18-24 units of coursework.

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

ADDITIONAL BIOLOGY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Students in this concentration are encouraged to take BIOL 205 and BIOL 207 as their breadth courses.
- BIOL 484 Seminar in Ecology, Evolution, Conservation, and Behavior (1 unit) is recommended as a general elective for this concentration.
- A research experience or internship (e.g. BIOL 491, 493, or 499) is strongly encouraged for students in this concentration.
- All Biology majors must complete a minimum of 19 units of biology major courses as TU credit. At least 10 of these units must be at the upper-level. This does not include ancillary coursework outside of the biology subject.

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:

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| Total Units Required for B.S. Degree | 120 UNITS |
| Carroll CC A.S. Degree in Biology | 60 |
| Completion of Core Curriculum at TU | 6 |
| Major in Biology – Organismal Biology & Ecology Concentration Coursework at TU | 35-45 |
| General Electives Taken at TU | 9-19 |