

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, A PUBLIC BODY CORPORATE OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA
And
MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and transition of legal assisting students (the "students") from MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE ("MDCC ") into the BS in Legal Studies Program in the Division of Justice Studies of FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ("FGCU"). It is intended to provide students the opportunity to continue their college education at the university level, while recognizing the achievements of those students in the community college setting.

ARTICULATION FROM
MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

MDCC and FGCU agree to the following to facilitate transfer of students from the MDCC Legal Assisting Associate in Science Degree Program into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program:

- A. As part of acceptance into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program, a student must have received an Associate in Science degree from FCCJ which includes the completion of certain program core course work as set forth in Appendix A.
- B. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 on all previous coursework is required for acceptance into FGCU.
- C. Any student admitted into FGCU from the MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE Legal Assisting Program and following the specifications in Appendix A of this agreement will be accepted into the FGCU Legal Studies Program as a Junior. Once accepted at FGCU, the student will need to successfully complete a minimum of 48 credits at FGCU at a 3000 level or higher. Students must also satisfy the state-mandated 36 hour general education requirement. Students may complete their general education requirements in the following manner:
 - (1) Prior to admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted, or
 - (2) while enrolled at FGCU as an upper division student by meeting FGCU general education requirements, or
 - (3) after admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted.
- D. FGCU will accept in transfer a maximum of 72 credit hours from the MDCC student's Associate of Science degree in Legal Assisting and general education coursework.
- E. Students remain subject to all other state and FGCU admission and graduation requirements as specified in the FGCU catalog.
- F. It is further stated that FGCU's Legal Studies Program curriculum is offered traditionally, online or in a combination of both.
- G. Further, FGCU will to the best of its ability advise and counsel MDC students through FGCU's Admissions, Student Services, The Legal Studies Program Coordinator, Faculty and College of Professional Studies advisor.
- H. An articulation between MDC and FGCU will prove beneficial to the students because FGCU new Legal Studies program could serve as a capstone to associate degree students in Legal Assisting/ Paralegal Studies, wishing to earn a baccalaureate and then continue to law school or enter a masters program. The Legal Studies Program is charged with producing quality undergraduates who possess a core liberal education, along with their technical expertise in law. It adheres to the fundamental principles of CPS and Justice Studies, which center on community-based, lifelong learning. It is located within an accredited university with several campuses/

distance learning avenues and staffed by a strong faculty with diverse research interests. The Legal Studies curriculum encompasses both generalist and specialist courses as recommended by the American Bar Association. The Legal Studies Program has also been strengthened by continued national and statewide growth in the paralegal industry, the support of local legal and general communities, and the respect from Florida two-year colleges which is evidenced by many signed articulation agreements with FGCU.

This Agreement will be in force continuously beginning with the 2006-2007 academic year at both institutions and for each successive year unless otherwise canceled by either institution. Program changes by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties. If this Agreement is canceled, it will affect only future students, and not any students who have already been enrolled in and accepted into either program with the understanding that current AS students must exercise their right to transfer within two years of the effective date of cancellation.

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

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Dr. William C. Merwin, President

Date: 6/29/06

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

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Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón, President

Date: 5-26-06

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Dr. Norma Martin Gooney
Provost for Education

Date: 5-26-06

APPENDIX A**MDC Associate of Science Degree in Legal Assisting****Articulated Program with Florida Gulf Coast University
Bachelor of Science Degree in Legal Studies**

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS EARNED	36 CREDIT HOURS
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS EARNED FROM MDC	36 CREDIT HOURS
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS TRANSFERABLE TO FGCU	72 CREDIT HOURS

CREDIT BREAKDOWN**General Education Requirements to be taken at MDC as part of AS Legal Assisting degree**

ENC 1101	English Composition 2	3 credits
ENC 1102	English Composition 2	3 credits
SPC 1026	Speech Communications	3 credits
PPE 1005	Psychology of Personal Effectiveness	3 credits
XXXX	Select from Behavioral/Social Sciences (Group B)	3 credits
PHI 2604	Critical Thinking and Ethics	3 credits
XXXX	Select from Humanities (Group B)	3 credits
PSC 1515	Natural Environment	3 credits
XXXX	Select from Natural Science (Life Sciences)	3 credits
XXXX	Select from Math	6 credits
BUL 2241	Business Law 1	3 credits
Total Hours		36

CC Coursework

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
PLA 2003	Fundamentals of Law	3 credits
PLA 2104	Legal Research	3 credits
PLA 2114	Legal Writing	3 credits
PLA 2203	Trial Preparation	3 credits
PLA 2223	Trial Practice and Appeals	3 credits
PLA 2273	Torts	3 credits
PLA 2303	Criminal Law	3 credits
PLA 2600	Wills, Trusts & Estates	3 credits
PLA 2763	Law Office Management	3 credits
PLA 2800	Family Law	3 credits
PLA 2931	Legal Specialty Seminar /Ethics	1 credit
PLA 2932	Legal Specialty Seminar/CALR	1 credit
PLA 2933	Legal Specialty Seminar/RE Closing	1 credit
PLA 1949 <i>or</i> PLA 2998	Cooperative Education <i>or</i> Paralegal Internship	3 credits
TOTAL CC PROGRAM		<u>36 CREDIT HOURS</u>

FGCU PROGRAM CORE (via distance learning)

Course Number	Course Title	Requirement Met	Gordon Writing/Math	Semester Hours
CCJ 4215	Constitutional Criminal Law	Core Requirement		3
PLA 3202	Courtroom Techniques	Core Requirement		3
PLA 3700	Ethics for Legal Assistants	Core Requirement		3
PLA 3763	Law Office Management	Core Requirement		3
PLA 3803	Family Law Issues	Core Requirement		3
PLA 4116	Research & Document Drafting	Core Requirement		3
PLA 4603	Florida Trusts, Estates & Probate	Core Requirement		3
PLA 4612	Commercial & Residential Real Estate Transactions	Core Requirement		3
XXXX	Upper Division Communications	Core Requirement		3
XXXX	Select from approved list of PLA electives	Major Elective		15
IDS 3920	University Colloquium	University Requirement		3
PLA 4850	American Jurisprudence Seminar	University Requirement		3
Total Hours				48