

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Westfield State University and Springfield Technical Community College have created a transfer articulation agreement between the departments of Sociology and Geography, Planning, and Sustainability (Regional Planning major) at Westfield State University and the Social Science department at Springfield Technical Community College. This articulation agreement is built on the foundation of a professional and collaborative relationship between these two institutions of higher learning.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To encourage and streamline the transfer of qualified graduates from Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) to Westfield State University (WSU).
2. To award academic credit for courses completed at STCC that meet the terms of the Associate in Arts in General Science degree with a concentration in Urban Studies and apply them toward the requirements for the WSU Bachelor of Science in Regional Planning with a double major in Sociology with option to complete the Master of Public Administration.
3. To provide effective and concise guidelines for students seeking to transfer to WSU. Students will have accurate and clear information regarding the transfer of their course work and credits, both completed and outstanding, as they apply to the Bachelor of Science in Regional Planning and the double major in Sociology at WSU.

TERMS OF THE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT:

1. Students may be admitted to WSU under terms of this program-to-program articulation agreement via either the full-time undergraduate day Office of Admission or the College of Graduate and Continuing Education (CGCE). Placement in university-sponsored housing is not guaranteed as part of this agreement and CGCE students generally do not request housing. However, CGCE students may request housing, which is provided on a space- available basis, by contacting the Office of Residential Life after being admitted to CGCE.
2. This agreement assumes successful completion of the designated associate degree program, including all courses specified on the curriculum sheet. Students must earn a cumulative average of 2.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher at the time of admission, as calculated by WSU, to be admitted to the University. Qualified students are admitted to the Regional Planning and Sociology majors as long as space remains available for new transfer students in any given enrollment term.
3. WSU requires that 30 credits be completed in residence to earn the bachelor's degree. Further, the major/concentration must be completed with a cumulative average of at least 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) including WSU and STCC course work combined.
4. This articulation agreement is based upon the evaluation of current course descriptions and or other course materials presented to WSU. Credits will transfer for grades of C- or higher (1.7 on a 4.0 scale) in courses deemed transferable by WSU at the time of transfer. WSU will accept a maximum of 79 credits in transfer from all two-year colleges combined (including AP, CLEP, and military experience). To ensure the transfer of the maximum number of credits allowed, students should choose any elective course requirements for the associate degree program from those listed as transferable in the current WSU course equivalency guide, available online at www.westfield.ma.edu/ceg.

5. Students who complete requirements for the designated associate degree program, but fail to select one or more courses specified on the attached curriculum sheet as those required by WSU for the bachelor's degree still may be admitted to WSU's Regional Planning and Sociology programs, but will be required to complete all outstanding requirements for the degree program at WSU. Further, students who do not maximize the number of credits to be applied to the WSU Regional Planning and Sociology majors and the Common Core of Studies while at the community college may extend the length of time it will take to complete bachelor's degree requirements.
6. This agreement shall remain in effect for a period of two years from the date listed below, with the provision that the terms specified herein will continue to apply to students admitted from STCC's AS in General Studies/Urban Studies option degree program within one year of the expiration date of the agreement. Each institution agrees to provide timely notice to the other in the event of any modification to the curriculum that might affect admission and/or the transferability of course work. This agreement may be subject to change without notice if curriculum requirements change at either Institution. Students admitted to STCC's AS in General Studies/Urban Studies option degree program prior to such notification will be admitted to WSU on the basis of this agreement.

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**Urban Studies, Sociology, Regional Planning, and MPA—
Outline of a 2 + 2+ 1 Program at Springfield Technical Community College
and Westfield State**

Year One--Semester 1: Springfield Technical Community College
ENG-101 - English Composition 1
SOC-101 - Introduction to Sociology
ABT-220 - Sustainability and the Built Environment
SPN-125 - Spanish for Public Service
PSC-102 - State and Municipal Government
RCH-100 - Basic Research
FYE-101 - First Year Experience
Total: 17 credits
Year One--Semester 2: Springfield Technical Community College
Course Name
ECN-101 - Introduction to Macroeconomics
ENG-102 - English Composition 2
BIO-107 - World Food Habits and Sustainability
BIO-107L - Lab: World Food Habits and Sustainability
SOC-200 - Social Problems
Select one:
Course Name
HIS-155 - The Immigrant City
HIS-114 - The History of Springfield, MA
Total: 16 credits
Year Two--Semester 3: Springfield Technical Community College
Course Name
SOC-210 - Race and Society
SOC-220 - Urban Sociology
MAT-115 - Statistics
HIS-210 - Historical Urban Development
ABT-222 - Sustainable Community Planning
Total: 15 credits
Year Two—Semester 4: Springfield Technical Community College
Course Name
ENG-228 - The City in Literature
EL-SCI - General Science Elective
ART-124 - The Creative Art of Structures
SOC-205 - Sociology of the Family
SOC-225 - Analysis of Urban Systems
Total: 17 credits
AA in Urban Studies Completed
Mass Compact Completed

Year Three--Semester 5: Westfield State University

Course Name

SOCI 335 Sociological Theory

SOCI 250 Research Methods I

GARP** 225 Legal Issues in Zoning and Planning

GARP 204 Housing in America (Urban and Social Justice Concentration elective)

GARP 244 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (required methods course, existing STCC equivalent)

Total: 15 credits**Year Three--Semester 6: Westfield State University**

GARP 246 Quantitative Methods for Social and Physical Sciences

GARP 344 Advanced Geographic Information Systems

GARP 219 Land Use and Resource

GARP or SOCI

GARP or SOCI Elective

Total: 15 credits**Year Four--Semester 7: Westfield State University**

Course Name

SOCI 390 Capstone in Sociology

GARP 222 Site Planning Studio

GARP 252 Cities of the Global South

Elective or PADM 0600: Foundations of Policy Analysis (if taking early entry option into MPA Program)

Total: 15 credits**Year Four--Semester 8: Westfield State University**

GARP 352 Planning Green Sustainable Cities

GARP 391 Seminar in Regional and Environmental Planning

SOCI 300 Internship in Sociology

Elective or PADM 0630: Public Policy Analysis (if taking early entry option into MPA Program)

Elective

Total: 15 credits**B.S. in Regional Planning Completed with double major in Sociology****YEAR FIVE: MPA at Westfield State (via Early Entry Program)**

First Summer:	Spring Semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PADM 0660: Ethics and Accountability • Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PADM 0650: Research Methods • Elective • Independent Study
Fall Semester:	Second Summer
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PADM 0608: Organizational Behavior • PADM 0622: Information Management • Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elective • Capstone