

**AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**COASTLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**and**  
**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF THE LIBERAL ARTS**  
**on the**  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**and the**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY**  
**AS OFFERED THROUGH PENN STATE WORLD CAMPUS**

**A. Intent:**

- Participating Institutions Linked by the Agreement:  
The Pennsylvania State University (PSU), University Park, The College of the Liberal Arts and Coastline Community College (CCC).
- Programs Included in the Agreement:  
Associate in Arts degree delivered at CCC and the Bachelor's degrees in Psychology at Penn State University Park, The College of the Liberal Arts offered via World Campus Psychology.
- Justification for Agreement:  
Ensure, through clear communication, the efficient and orderly movement between institutions of students who choose to pursue a Psychology baccalaureate degree through The College of the Liberal Arts at Penn State offered via World Campus.
- Statement on Partner Suitability:  
Coastline Community College, located in California, is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. The Department of Psychology, in conjunction with the World Campus, have evaluated the Associate in Arts degree at Coastline Community College and have found the curriculum to be adequate for transferring into the BS or BA in Psychology offered online by the College of the Liberal Arts via the World Campus Psychology, as evidenced by the course equivalencies and consultation found in this document.

**B. Schedule for Agreement, Renewal, and Notification of Curricular Changes:**

- This agreement applies only to the Associate in Arts program that is currently constituted and delivered at Coastline Community College and the Psychology Bachelor's degree programs constituted at PSU and delivered by World Campus as of the 2013-2014 academic year.
- This agreement is in effect for three (3) years from date of agreement, to be reviewed for renewal by both institutions prior to the end of the third year.
- Each institution will notify the other of anticipated curricular changes which affect the programs identified in this agreement before the changes are implemented.

**C. Provisions for Termination of the Agreement**

- The terms of this agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by either party. Any party may terminate the agreement, with or without cause, on the provision of 120 days written notice to the other party. All students admitted prior to the termination notice will be permitted to continue in the program.
- During the termination process, the University's responsibilities for and commitments to students involved in this partnership will only conclude on the completion of the final course by the final student.
- The overriding objective of an exit strategy is to ensure that students on courses remain supported until they have completed their studies and should therefore outline the steps that will be taken to ensure this occurs.

- If termination is requested an exit strategy plan will be implemented including the following information:
  - Background (briefly covering the history of the relationship and the reasons for the termination)
  - Detailed proposals covering how all students will be supported including:
    - How many students are left to complete (does not include student names)
    - How students will be notified of the termination as well as what progression options are applicable/have been made to student
    - What steps will be taken to ensure that students who do not complete within the proposed termination schedule will be supported

**D. Estimate of the Number of Students Transferring Annually Through the Articulation Agreement:**  
10 students per annum are expected to transfer.

**E. Criteria for Admission:**

- Graduates of the Associate in Arts program from CCC must complete the PSU admission process by submitting a completed PSU admission application with application fee and all official transcripts from secondary and post-secondary institutions.
- Successful transfer students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4-point scale at the post-secondary level and must have completed at least three (3) units of academic math in high school or the equivalent to PSU Math 021. (Adult learners 24 years of age and greater must have completed at least two (2) units of academic math in high school or the equivalent of PSU Math 021.)
- Admission to the PSU PSYBA or PSYBS requires completion of 28 transferable credits and the following CC courses or acceptable equivalents: PSYC C100, MATH C030, MATH C160, and one of PSYC C170, PSYC C250, PSYC C280, Political Science C101, all with grade of C (2.0) or better.
- Calculation of Grade Point Average for the purpose of admission includes the following:
  - all grades including those of repeated courses (credits for repeated courses cannot count more than once);
  - grades from all post-secondary institutions attended (current and prior)
- To maintain satisfactory academic progress for financial aid, students must have completed 48 credits by the beginning of the fifth semester. To ensure the continued receipt of Federal and State financial aid awards, students are encouraged to be familiar with grading policies at CCC and at Penn State. For example, courses completed with grades less than "C" (2.0) at other institutions will not transfer to PSU, nor will credit be awarded for courses completed pass/fail without documentation that a "pass" requires a minimum grade of C (2.0).
- Students who are enrolled in any PSU baccalaureate program and who graduated from high school in 2001 or later are required to have completed two years of the same foreign language in high school. Students without this high school requirement may remove their deficiency by completing one three- or four-credit course in a foreign or second language at the college level, either at PSU or at another regionally accredited institution. This requirement does not apply to students who can demonstrate fluency in a foreign or second language.

- Penn State offers opportunities for credit acquisition through programs including Advanced Placement (AP) and the College Level Examination Program (CLEP). Penn State also offers opportunities to earn credit by exam and portfolio assessment. Students interested in credit acquisition opportunities are referred to the following Penn State website:

<http://admissions.psu.edu/academics/credit/>

These opportunities do not apply to Penn State Psychology credit, except for PSYCH 100.

**F. Course Equivalency:**

Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 display how specific courses at CCC will transfer to PSU for use in the Bachelor of Psychology (PSYBA or PSYBS) programs. While some courses will transfer as direct equivalents through the admission process, others will be applied toward the degree through the course substitution process after admission to the University and in consultation with a PSU academic adviser.

At the Coastline Community College:

Students at CCC should consult with an academic adviser regarding the scheduling of classes. To maximize the transferability of credits, students should take care to use courses from the attached, approved lists when possible. Credits from classes where there is no approved articulation might not be used toward degree requirements.

At Penn State:

Courses to be scheduled by PSU students will depend upon the credits that have transferred from CCC to PSU. Students should consult an adviser at Penn State World Campus for an individualized plan of courses for the third and fourth years. The attached schedule of courses is intended as an example of one possible way in which the courses can be scheduled. The individual schedule of courses may differ depending on the specific courses completed at CCC.

Information on the Penn State World Campus Bachelor of Arts in Psychology is available at

<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/psychology-bachelors/overview>.

Information on the Penn State World Campus Bachelor of Science in Psychology is available at

<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/degrees-and-certificates/psychology-bachelor-of-science/overview>.

**G. Residency Requirements:**

Students must complete at least 36 of the last 60 credits required for a baccalaureate degree through Penn State as per Penn State University Policy 83-80.

**H. Advising:**

To guarantee a smooth transition between institutions, students are encouraged to work closely with advising offices at both the CCC and at Penn State World Campus Advising Centers.

Advising information and contacts are available from:

Coastline Community College Counseling Department  
(714) 241-6162

Penn State World Campus Advising  
U.S. Toll Free: 800-252-3592  
Local/International: 814-865-5403  
Fax: 814-865-3290  
Email: [pennstateonline@psu.edu](mailto:pennstateonline@psu.edu)

**I. Impact of the Agreement, if any, on Other Programs, Colleges, and Campuses of the University:**

This agreement will serve CCC graduates from the Associate degree who wish to continue their education in Psychology at Penn State World Campus. Impact on other Penn State locations is expected to be minimal, if any.

**J. Collaboration in Publicity, Marketing, Recruitment, Retention, and Transfer:**

- All announcements, publicity, marketing, and recruitment activities by either institution relative to the articulation agreement will be done following a plan developed collaboratively and agreed upon by both institutions.
- To facilitate student services and program planning, PSU and CCC will collaborate on the development of a process to enable the identification of and service to students who plan to articulate between the named institutions.

**K. Statement of Consultation:**

Penn State World Campus and the Department of Psychology consulted with the College of the Liberal Arts Records Office, the Department of English, and the Penn State Department of Undergraduate Admissions via the online Credit Transfer Tool. Any courses that were not found in the online Credit Transfer Tool were cleared by the College's Records Office or the department that offers the course.

**L. Agreement Signatures**

PSU and CCC have entered this agreement on the indicated dates and witnessed by the signatories below:

[Redacted Signature]

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Associate Dean for Graduate and Undergraduate Education  
College of the Liberal Arts  
The Pennsylvania State University

2/24/15

Date

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Robert N. Pangborn  
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7/20/15

Date





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Loretta P. Adrian, Ph. D.  
President  
Coastline Community College





7/13/15

Date

## Appendix 1: Transfer Guide for PSU PSYBA

Recommended Academic Plan				
Coastline Community College & Penn State World Campus--B. A. in Psychology--123 Credits				
<b>Stage 1--Build Foundations</b>			<b>Stage 2--Build Foundations</b>	
English C100-Freshman Composition (Counts as PSU ENGL 015-GWS)	3		Political Science C101 (Counts as PSU GS credits)	3
Psychology C100-Introduction to Psychology	3		<i>Mathematics C115 (or above) (Counts as PSU MATH 021 – GQ)</i>	4
History C175 (Counts as PSU HIST 021—GH & US Cultures)	3		Cultural Anthropology (ANTH C100) (Counts as PSU ANTH 045, GS & OC)	3
Spanish C180 (Counts as PSU SPAN 001)	5		Spanish C185 (Counts as PSU SPAN 002)	5
	14		Psychology C170 (Needed to complete assoc. degree - counts as an elective for PSYBA)	3
				18
<b>Stage 3--Formulate Understanding</b>			<b>Stage 4--Formulate Understanding</b>	
<i>Math C160 (Counts as PSU STAT 200)</i>	4		PSYCH C255 (Abnormal Psychology) (Counts as PSU PSYCH 270)	3
Psychology C250-Psychobiology (Counts as PSU PSYCH 260)	3		Biology C100L & 100L – (Counts as PSU GN and Lab Requirements)	4
Theater 100 (Counts as credits for PSU Bachelor of Arts Requirements)	4		Art C100 History and Appreciation of Art 1 (Counts toward PSU GA. IL credits)	3
MCOM C100 Intro to Mass Comm (Counts toward PSU GS credits)	3		Psychology C280 (Counts as PSU PSYCH 301W)	4
	14		Health C100: (Counts as PSU KINES Elective – GHA)	3
				17
<b>Stage 5--Generate Expertise</b>			<b>Stage 6--Generate Expertise</b>	
CAS 100 - Public Speaking	3		PSYCH 4xx	3
PSYCH 2xx (Group B)	3		SPAN 003	3
General Education (GN, Natural Science)	3		PSYCH 2xx-(Additional Course at 200-level)	3
PSYCH 105-Psychology as a Science and Profession	3		General Education (GH)	3
General Education (GA- Arts)	3		General Education (GQ - Quantification)	3
	15			15
<b>Stage 7--Achieve Your Goals</b>			<b>Stage 8--Achieve Your Goals</b>	
PSYCH 4xx	3		PSYCH 4xx	3
ENGL 202 (GWS)-Effective Writing	3		PSYCH 490-Senior Seminar in Psychology	3
Bachelor of Arts (any GA,GH, GS, GQ, GN)	3		Bachelor of Arts (any GA,GH, GS, GQ, GN)	3
General Education (GN, Natural Science)	3		Elective - any course of interest, confirm with PSU adviser	3
PSYCH 4xx	3		General Education (GHA)	3
	15			15
Student can choose any number of courses at Coastline that satisfy GA, GH, GS, GQ, or GN. They should get approval from PSU adviser first.				
<b>Bold text</b> indicates courses requiring a C or higher letter grade. All courses from Coastline require a C or higher in order to transfer to PSU.				
<i>Italicized text</i> indicates courses that satisfy both major and general education requirements.				
<b><i>Bold italicized text</i></b> indicates courses that satisfy both major and general education requirements, C or higher required.				
GWS, GQ, GN, GA, GH, GS, and GHA are codes used to identify different categories of general education requirements.				
US, IL, and OCare codes used to identify courses that satisfy US, international, or "other" cultures requirements.				
W is the code for courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum Requirements				
Please consult your adviser for transfer credit application to this plan.				

## Appendix 2: Transfer Guide for PSU PSYBS

Recommended Academic Plan				
Coastline Community College & Penn State World Campus--B. S. in Psychology--123 Credits				
Stage 1--Build Foundations			Stage 2--Build Foundations	
English C100-Freshman Composition (Counts as PSU ENGL 015-GWS)	3		Political Science C101 (Counts toward PSU GS credits)	3
Psychology C100-Introduction to Psychology	3		<i>Mathematics C115 (or above) (Counts as PSU MATH 021 – GQ)</i>	4
History C175 (Counts as PSU HIST 021—GH & US Cultures)	3		Cultural Anthropology (ANTH C100) (Counts as PSU ANTH 045, GS & OC)	3
Business course like BUSINESS C110	3		Business course like MGMT & SUPERVISION C100	3
ART C102 – Contemporary Art History (GA, General Arts)	3		Psychology C170 (Needed to complete assoc. degree - counts as an elective for PSYBS)	3
	15			16
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Psychology C250-Psychobiology (Counts as PSU PSYCH 260)	3		Biology C100L & 100L – (Counts as PSU GN and Lab Requirements)	4
Business course like Economics C170	3		Health C100: (Counts as PSU KINES Elective – GHA)	3
MCOM C100 Intro to Mass Comm (Counts toward PSU GS credits)	3		Psychology C280 (Counts as PSU PSYCH 301W)	4
Elective – any course of interest, confirm with PSU adviser	3		Business course – get approval from PSU adviser	3
	16			17
Stage 5--Generate Expertise			Stage 6--Generate Expertise	
CAS 100 - Public Speaking	3		PSYCH 4xx	3
PSYCH 2xx (Group B)	3		General Science (GN) for business option	3
General Education (GN, Natural Science)	3		PSYCH 2xx-(Additional Course at 200-level)	3
PSYCH 105-Psychology as a Science and Profession	3		General Education (GH)	3
General Education (GA- Arts)	3		General Education (GQ - Quantification)	3
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Stage 7--Achieve Your Goals			Stage 8--Achieve Your Goals	
PSYCH 4xx	3		PSYCH 4xx	3
ENGL 202 (GWS)-Effective Writing	3		PSYCH 490-Senior Seminar in Psychology	3
Social Science (GS) for business option	3		Arts or Humanities (GA or GH) for business option	3
General Education (GN, Natural Science)	3		Business Course	3
PSYCH 4xx	3		General Education (GHA)	3
	15			15
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