


## Articulation Agreement


### Big Sandy Community and Technical College and The University of Virginia's College at Wise

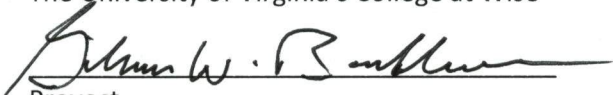
The University of Virginia's College at Wise (UVa-Wise) and Big Sandy Community and Technical College (BSCTC) are committed to providing quality education in southwestern Virginia and eastern Kentucky to fulfill the highest standards of excellence and service. UVa-Wise and BSCTC are further committed to enhancing the availability and accessibility of quality education to all citizens of the region. Therefore, UVa-Wise and BSCTC enter into this agreement for the purpose of articulating policies and procedures governing the matriculation of BSCTC graduates to UVa-Wise. This agreement will continue for a period of four years with annual reviews by both institutions. After a period of four years, either institution may request renegotiation of the terms and conditions of this agreement.

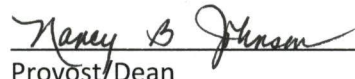
1. For BSCTC graduates who have been admitted to UVa-Wise during the period of this agreement, UVa-Wise agrees to:
  - 1.1 Accept students who have completed an Associates in Arts or an Associates in Science degree in General Studies from BSCTC as having junior standing at UVa-Wise for both academic and financial consideration. For those students who also meet the specified county of residency requirements, the Kentucky Tuition Assistance Grant (KTAG) program will provide reduced tuition benefits as specified by the UVa-Wise Board.
  - 1.2 Students enrolled in the Associate in Arts or Associates in Sciences degree in General Studies and have completed at least 15 semester hours and no more than 50 semester hours will be eligible for the benefits of the Guaranteed Admissions Program (GAP) as specified in the attached appendices. Students must complete a GAP agreement with signatures from the authorized BSCTC and UVA-Wise representatives to access GAP benefits. Students with more than 50 semester hours may be eligible for GAP consideration and will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
  - 1.3 Graduates from this degree program will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at UVa-Wise with the exception of six hours of foreign language. (Students must complete six hours of foreign language either at BSCTC as part of the 60 hour degree program or upon matriculation at UVa-Wise)
  - 1.4 With the permission of the student, provide BSCTC with information on the academic progress of its students. This information will be provided at the end of each academic year or when requested by BSCTC

2. During the period of this agreement, Big Sandy Community and Technical College agrees to:
  - 2.1 Publicize the agreement among its students, faculty, administration, and community at large.
  - 2.2 Designate a college official to execute the Guaranteed Admission Program Agreement for each student.
  - 2.3 Make available to BSCTC students, and prospective students, a description of the recommended curricula for the UVa-Wise through its recruitment, advisement, student information system, and graduate information systems.
  - 2.4 Review the performance of BSCTC graduates who matriculate to UVa-Wise in the program covered by this articulation agreement, assessing the students' academic preparation and the success of the general education core courses.
  
3. During the period of this agreement, both institutions agree to:
  - 3.1 Monitor the academic performance of students enrolling under this agreement, identify problems, and work cooperatively to adjust details of course sequence and content so that students can transfer without academic disruptions.
  - 3.2 Arrange articulation meetings to develop additional major course equivalencies between UVa-Wise and BSCTC.
  - 3.3 Notify each other concerning any contemplated curricular changes which would affect the status of the agreement.

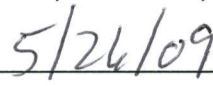
  
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**Footnotes:**

1. Students seeking admission to UVa-Wise under the terms and conditions of this agreement must satisfy all admission requirements, academic and otherwise, as set forth on pp. 132-19 of the 2009-10 UVa-Wise Catalog.
2. The term "junior standing" refers to accumulated credit hours. BSCTC transfer students who follow the advice and counsel of their UVa-Wise advisors take prescribed courses and credit hours each semester, and make satisfactory progress may reasonably expect to graduate after two years of full-time study at UVa-Wise.

## Appendix I

### General Studies – Transfer Degree Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) Big Sandy Community and Technical College

<b>Core Transfer Component</b>	<b>AA</b>	<b>AS</b>
Writing/Accessing Information	6 hours	6 hours
Oral Communication	3 hours	3 hours
Heritage/Humanities	6 hours	6 hours
Social Interaction	9 hours	9 hours
Science	6 hours	6 hours
Mathematics	3 hours	3 hours
<b>Subtotal Core Transfer Component</b>	<b>33 hours</b>	<b>33 hours</b>
 <b>Additional Requirements (Beyond the Core Component)</b>		
Heritage/Humanities	3 hours	-----
Heritage/Humanities or Social Interaction/Foreign Language	3 hours	-----
Science or Mathematics	3 hours	9 hours
Computer Literacy	3 hours	3 hours
Elective Courses chosen from core areas	3 hours	3 hours
<b>Subtotal Additional Requirements</b>	<b>15 hours</b>	<b>15 hours</b>
<b>Total General Education Block</b>	<b>48 hours</b>	<b>48 hours</b>
 <b>Other Degree Requirements</b>		
Electives	12 hours	12 hours
<b>Total Credit Hours for AA or AS Degree</b>	<b>60 hours</b>	<b>60 hours</b>

Transfer courses are specified in the Big Sandy Community and Technical College Catalog.



## Appendix II

### General Education Requirements UVa-Wise

All students pursuing a baccalaureate degree will complete at least 53 semester hours of general education, a broad distribution of courses selected according to a College-wide formula, and the cultural activities requirement. Many of the courses which meet the general education requirements are prerequisites for advanced study in the various majors offered at UVa-Wise. The general education formula is:

I.	English Composition	6 hours
II.	Literature	3 hours
III.	Mathematics	6 hours
IV.	Physical Education	1 hours
V.	Freshman Seminar	2 hours
VI.	Foreign Language	6 hours
VII.	Western Heritage	6 hours
VIII.	Natural Science	8 hours
IX.	Arts	3 hours
X.	Humanities	3 hours
XI.	Social Sciences	9 hours
XII.	Cultural Activities	*
	Total	53 hours

The UVa-Wise Catalog identifies those courses that meet the specific general education requirements detailed above.

Big Sandy Community and Technical College students are encouraged to choose elective courses that fall under one of the outlined general education categories. The transfer guide contained in Appendix IV identifies those courses that transfer and meet each category as outlined above.

Students who transfer with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree will be required to meet the junior cultural activities requirement. This requirement is defined as attendance at four events designated by the College as cultural in nature. The UVa-Wise Catalog identifies those events that are acceptable toward meeting this requirement.

## **Appendix III**

### **Guaranteed Admission Program**

Students who choose to transfer under the specifications of this agreement will be participants in the Guaranteed Admissions Program.

Under the Guaranteed Admissions Program, students graduating from the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree in General Studies will receive the following benefits:

- Transfer to UVa-Wise with junior student status (at least 60 semester hours),
- Will be deemed to have met all general education requirements (with the exception of the foreign language requirement, unless taken at BSCTC and the upper class cultural activities requirement as required for all junior level students at UVa-Wise),
- Will not be required to pay the \$25.00 application for admission fee,
- Priority consideration for all academic merit and need based financial aid program assistance.

**Appendix IV**

Kentucky Community College Transfer Equivalency Guide

(Attached)

This will be attached prior to signing. This is a listing of all courses that transfer to UVa-Wise and how they transfer.