# Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding: Piedmont Virginia Community College Honors Program and University of Mary Washington Honors Program

Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of Honors Program students between Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) and University of Mary Washington (UMW).

### Eligibility

To be eligible for admission into the University of Mary Washington Honors Program as a Track B Honors Scholar, PVCC students must:

- Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A) or transfer-oriented Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at PVCC.
- Be admitted to UMW.
- Successfully complete the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum of 15 credits and be enrolled in the Honors Program at PVCC.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to UMW and upon graduation from PVCC.
  - o If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale at PVCC and all previous institutions.
  - All work attempted at PVCC and any other institution(s) attended will be considered by UMW for admission to the UMW Honors Program.
  - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
- Submit a letter of intent to enter the UMW Honors Program, signed by the PVCC Honors Program Coordinator. The letter should be submitted prior to or with the application for admission to UMW.

## Implementation

- Admission to the UMW Honors Program is space-limited (new honors students typically number 75-100 each fall semester and 10-20 each spring semester).
- Students who have successfully completed the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum as
  indicated on the letter of intent and who are admitted to the UMW Honors Program will
  receive credit for two Honors (HN) designated course (six credits) towards the Honors
  Program requirements at UMW.
- Students will enroll in the Honors Track B at UMW and must complete six additional credits of HN designated coursework at UMW, the Honors Service Learning Course (HONR 201, 1 credit), HONR 005 Capstone Prep requirement (non-credit requirement), leadership requirement (non-credit requirement), one co-curricular event per semester in the Honors Program, and a capstone project (3 credits). This will be for a total of 10 credits total plus several non-credit requirements. These courses and requirements are described on the UMW Honors Program Website
  - (http://academics.umw.edu/honorsprogram/honors-program-requirements/).
- If any of the requirements imposed on UMW Track B students are modified subsequent
  to the signing of this MOU, new PVCC transfer students will be held to the revised
  requirements. Any PVCC transfer student accepted into the UMW Honors Program
  under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of
  acceptance.

- This MOU shall commence in the fall semester of 2019, with the intent to admit the first students as soon as administratively possible.
- Students who did <u>not</u> complete the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum may still be admitted to the UMW Honors Program on a case-by-case basis.

#### **Benefits**

PVCC transfer students who are admitted to UMW Track B Honors will be eligible for the following:

- graduation with University Honors,
- · honors distinction on students' transcripts,
- participation in all UMW Honors activities, events, and organizations,
- · priority registration,
- funding for capstone research project (application required),
- · access to the Honors Program lounge and,
- honors advising.

### Review of the Agreement and Notice of Change or Termination

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given.

UMW and PVCC will designate officials who will be responsible for monitoring and reviewing the MOU. UMW will be represented by the Associate Provost for Academic Engagement and Student Success and Director of the Honors Program. PVCC will be represented by the Vice President for Instruction and Student Services and Dean of Humanities, Fine Arts, and Social Sciences in consultation with the PVCC Honors Program Coordinator. UMW and PVCC will review the MOU every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the Honors transfer process.

# ATTEST:

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Dr. John R. Donnelly	Date
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