

## **Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Piedmont Virginia Community College Honors Program and Shenandoah University College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program**

### *Purpose*

Graduates of Piedmont Virginia Community College with a transfer associate degree and 15 credit hours of Honors courses or the Honors Diploma may transfer directly into the Shenandoah University College of Arts and Sciences Honors Program due to a special arrangement between the two institutions.

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

### *Eligibility*

To be eligible for admissions into the University of Shenandoah College of Arts and Sciences Honors (CAS) program, PVCC students must:

- Be admitted to Shenandoah University.
- Complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) Degree at PVCC.
- 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 graduation from PVCC.
  - If a student has attended multiple institutions, he/she must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale at PVCC and all separate previous institutions.
  - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
  - Shenandoah University will evaluate credit granted by Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) for possible credit; such credit will be granted only if examination scores meet established Shenandoah University criteria in place at the time the student enrolls.
- Complete a separate application to the Shenandoah University Honors Program, including a letter from the PVCC Honors Program coordinator confirming the student's completion of the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum.

### *Implementation*

- Upon successful completion of the above terms, Shenandoah University will consider all Shenandoah University General Education requirements to be fulfilled.
- Students who have successfully completed the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum and who are admitted to the CASHonors Program will have all Honors General Education course requirements waived, along with the requirement for HON 101 and HON 201.

- To complete the Honors Program requirements at Shenandoah University, the PVCC Honors transfer student will be required to complete HON 301 (1 credit) and all required Honors coursework in their declared major at Shenandoah University. Ideally the student will take HON 301 during their first semester at Shenandoah University, however, some students may need to complete additional courses in their declared major prior to taking HON 301 or upper-level Honors courses in their major.
- If any of the requirements imposed on the Shenandoah University CAS Honors students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, the new PVCC transfer students will be held to the revised requirements. Any PVCC transfer student accepted into the Shenandoah University CAS Honors Program under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.
- This MOU shall commence in July 2021, with the intent to admit the first students as soon as administratively possible.
- Students who complete Honors coursework, but do not complete the PVCC Honors Core Curriculum may apply to the Shenandoah CAS Honors Program, and they will be considered for admittance on a case-by-case basis.

### *Benefits*

PVCC transfer students who are admitted to Shenandoah University CAS Honors Program will be eligible for the following:

- graduation as Honors Scholars
- Honors distinction on students' transcript
- participation in all Shenandoah University CAS Honors Program activities, events, organizations
- funding for experiential learning activities (application required)

### *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, but students already admitted to Shenandoah University will be allowed to transfer into the Shenandoah University CAS Honors Program.

**ATTEST:**

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