

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES,
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
AND
SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
AND
THE CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM**

Recognizing the importance of a strong coordinated system of higher education to the State of Connecticut and to students within the state, the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Community College system joined together in 2004 to form a guaranteed admissions partnership. This Guaranteed Admission Agreement reflected three goals shared by the University and the Community Colleges:

- To strengthen the partnership among Connecticut's higher education institutions;
- To facilitate accessibility to public higher education resources in the state;
- To provide a seamless transition from the associate degree to the bachelor's degree.

In order to achieve these goals, the following Agreement is entered into by the University of Connecticut and the Connecticut Community College system.

The Guaranteed Admissions Agreement includes, but is not limited to, majors within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, and the School of Business at the University of Connecticut; the Liberal Arts transfer program at the twelve Connecticut community colleges; and extends to all campuses of the University of Connecticut.

**I. GUARANTEES AND CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEED ADMISSION
TO THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES AND THE COLLEGE OF
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Students who have completed 16 or fewer credits who enroll at one of the Connecticut Community Colleges in a liberal arts associate degree transfer program, or other approved programs, are eligible to participate in this Guaranteed Admission Program. Students are required to earn a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average and be awarded an associate degree in an approved program in order to qualify under the terms of this Agreement. Former University of Connecticut degree-seeking students are not eligible for this program.

- A. Students meeting the provisions above are guaranteed admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (CANR) at the University of Connecticut.

- B. Community college students are treated the same as current students at the University with respect to access to majors. These standards shall be no more or no less favorable to applicants from the community colleges than those in effect for students applying from within the University itself.
- C. Students must earn an associate degree within five years of their enrollment in the program. The University's Eight Year Rule as applied by the colleges will also be in effect. Students will be expected to adhere to requirements of the catalog in effect when they first enroll in classes at the University. Students who are at a disadvantage due to changes in requirements may petition the dean of their college to substitute other courses for the courses prescribed.

II. GUARANTEES AND CONDITIONS OF GUARANTEED ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Students who have completed 16 or fewer credits who enroll in a liberal arts transfer program, or other approved program, are eligible to participate in this Guaranteed Admissions Program. Students are required to earn a minimum 3.3 cumulative average and be awarded an associate degree in an approved program to participate under the terms of this Agreement. In addition, students must meet program prerequisites with a minimum grade of "B"; and must have met the second language requirement. Former University of Connecticut degree-seeking students are not eligible for this program.

- A. Students meeting the provisions above are guaranteed admission to the School of Business at the University of Connecticut.
- B. Community college students are treated the same as current students at the University with respect to access to majors. These standards shall be no more or no less favorable to applicants from the community colleges than those in effect for students applying from within the University itself.
- C. Students must earn an associate degree within five years of their enrollment in the program. The University's Eight Year Rule as applied by the colleges will also be in effect. Students will be expected to adhere to requirements of the catalog in effect when they first enroll in classes at the University. Students who are at a disadvantage due to changes in requirements may petition the dean of their college to substitute other courses for the courses prescribed.

III. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The participating institutions have agreed to share information about student academic performance so as to allow institutions to provide students with the broadest range of academic choices and the opportunity for academic success.

- A. Students enrolling in the program under the provisions of this Agreement give permission for participating institutions to exchange information about student academic records.
- B. The community colleges agree to provide the University with names, addresses, high school transcripts, choice of major and academic program information for program students enrolled at their colleges.
- C. The University agrees to provide the community colleges with graduation, retention, grade point average, and degree program information for the students enrolled at the University under provisions of this Agreement, as well as comparative aggregate data for current University students.

IV. ADVISEMENT AND COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

The Guaranteed Admission program emphasizes collaborative communication with participating students and jointly supported advisement of students who will be transferring to a baccalaureate program.

- A. Students will receive acceptance letters to the Guaranteed Admission Program from the community college and the University, which will be written and signed by admissions officers at both institutions.
- B. Curriculum advisement material, including program guides at both the community colleges and the University, will be made available to students.
- C. The University agrees to hold advisement sessions for program students and/or staff for each of the participating community colleges each semester. These sessions will alternate between the community college campuses and the University and include information regarding program-specific requirements.
- D. Students must meet the course and grade requirements specified for their major.

V. CURRICULAR CHANGES AND INFORMATION SHARING

- A. The University and the community colleges agree to continue the coordination of curricula to develop opportunities for the movement of students from community colleges to the University and to share information about curricular changes.
- B. Each participating institution agrees to appoint an individual responsible for making contact with counterparts at other institutions when a curriculum change is proposed. These individuals will transmit information in a timely manner to their counterparts about formal adoption of any changes.

VI. OVERSIGHT AND ASSESSMENT

The Permanent Oversight Committee established under the provisions of the pre-existing pilot program agreement will be expanded and constituted as in the original agreement. It will consist of representatives appointed by the presidents of each community college and representatives from the University appointed by the Provost.

- A. The committee will meet regularly. It will monitor the Guaranteed Admission program, work to facilitate closer academic collaboration, and make necessary modifications to policies, rules, and procedures.
- B. Participating institutions agree to an on-going evaluation of the Agreement and program and sharing of data concerning the academic performance of students.
- C. The academic performance of program students at the University will be evaluated and the results will be used as a basis for evaluating academic viability of the program.

VII. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The parties agree and warrant that in the performance of this agreement they will not discriminate, nor permit discrimination, against any person or groups of persons on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, or sexual preference, in any manner prohibited by federal or state laws and regulations, and further, that they will make their programs available to qualified handicapped persons consistent with Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the regulations issued pursuant thereto.

VIII. OTHER PROVISIONS

- A. This Agreement supersedes existing agreements in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- B. This Agreement is effective immediately upon signature, and shall remain in effect indefinitely. All signatories agree to be bound by its provisions. Its terms may be amended in writing with the consent of both parties.
- C. This Agreement does not preclude the University or the community colleges from entering into similar agreements with other institutions of higher education.
- D. Community college students not covered by the provisions of this Agreement will be encouraged to pursue transfer to the University of Connecticut through the regular transfer process.

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Appendix I

Pre-existing pathways to several programs in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources from the specified community colleges may be included under the terms of this agreement:

Community College	Program	UConn major
Naugatuck Valley CC	Horticulture	Horticulture
Northwestern CT CC	Veterinary Technician	Animal Science, Pathobiology
Three Rivers CC	Environmental Engineering Technology	Natural Resources

Appendix II

Pre-existing pathways that guarantee admission to the Business and Technology program in the School of Business are listed below:

Community College	Program	UConn major
Asnuntuck	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Capital CC	Management	Business and Technology
Housatonic CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Middlesex CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Naugatuck Valley CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Northwestern CT CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Norwalk CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology
Tunxis CC	Business Administration	Business and Technology