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**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND  
AND THE  
MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ON BEHALF OF LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS**

January 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM) enter into this articulation agreement in order to facilitate the enrollment of students completing the Maryland Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs of study in Curriculum for Agricultural Science Education (CASE), Classification of Instructional Program Code (CIP) 01.0050, and Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH), CIP 01.0650, into SMCM.

The purpose of this document is to outline responsibilities for ensuring that students earn college credit for the Maryland CTE CASE and CPH programs of study. MSDE, SMCM, and participating local school systems share responsibilities for adherence to this agreement. The goals of this articulation process are to:

- provide students with academic coursework that will allow them to earn college credit towards completion of a recognized postsecondary degree or certificate;
- recognize and reward students for college-level competencies achieved during high school; and
- assist students in transitioning from secondary to postsecondary education.

Subject to terms of this agreement, students who successfully complete either the CASE or CPH programs of study from participating schools and enroll at SMCM will be awarded four credits at SMCM for the following:

<b>Program of Study and Course Titles:</b>	<b>Minimum End-of-Course Assessment:</b>	<b>SMCM Course Code(s):</b>	<b>SMCM Course Title(s):</b>	<b>Number of Credits Awarded:</b>
<b><u>CASE Program of Study</u></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Course: Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources</li> <li>• Principles Course Options:</li> </ul>	Earn an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0	ENST 295	Topics in Environmental Science	4

Program of Study and Course Titles:	Minimum End-of-Course Assessment:	SMCM Course Code(s):	SMCM Course Title(s):	Number of Credits Awarded:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animal Systems</li> <li>○ Plant Systems</li> <li>○ Natural Resources and Ecology</li> <li>○ Agricultural Power and Technology</li> <li>● Specialization Course Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Animal and Plant Biotechnology</li> <li>○ Food Science and Safety</li> <li>○ Environmental Sciences Issues</li> <li>○ Mechanical Systems in Agriculture</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Agricultural Research and Development Capstone</li> </ul>	or higher for all completed CASE courses as noted on the official high school transcript.			
<p><b><u>CPH Program of Study</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Foundations of Horticulture</li> <li>● Plant Production</li> <li>● Landscape Design and Management</li> <li>● Horticultural Services Capstone</li> </ul>	Earn an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher for all completed CPH courses as noted on the official high school transcript.	ENST 295	Topics in Environmental Science	4

All eligible students will have completed either the Maryland CTE approved program of study in CASE or CPH. A maximum of four credits will be articulated to SMCM for completion of either CASE or CPH, or both.

**THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Maryland Local School Systems will:**

- Offer the Maryland CTE program of study in CASE as detailed in the MSDE CTE Program of Study (CIP 01.0050), or CPH as detailed in the MSDE CTE Program of Study (CIP 01.0650);
- Communicate details of this agreement to principals, parents/guardians, teaching staff, school counselors, and students;

- Identify a CTE contact person at the local school system’s central office who will communicate with SMCM regarding this articulation agreement;
- Provide proof of successful completion of the Maryland CTE CASE or CPH programs of study to the individual student and to SMCM, with the designated school counselor responsible for verifying students’ successful completion of the program of study in accordance with the expectations of SMCM;
- Communicate to students the following expectations:
  - Completion of the Maryland CTE CASE or CPH programs of study by taking all required courses;
  - Ability to earn an unweighted cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on all courses as noted on the official high school transcript in the CASE or CPH programs of study;
  - Meet admission criteria for entrance into SMCM as well as the admission dates and procedures that apply to all new students at SMCM;
  - Earn a high school diploma;
  - Apply within three years of high school graduation to be accepted into SMCM; and
  - Upon acceptance into SMCM, enroll as a full time student for the subsequent semester.

St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM) will:

- Communicate details of this agreement to admissions staff, the registrar, chairs of academic departments, faculty, and academic administrators;
- Award the appropriate number of academic credits upon the student completing all of the requirements as specified in this agreement and upon appropriate review of the student’s transcript and standing at SMCM;
- Ensure credits are recorded on the student’s transcript;
- Annually provide MSDE with the number of students matriculating to SMCM from the Maryland CASE or CPH programs of study; and
- Supply MSDE with promotional literature that will be used to assist students with the admission process.

Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Career and College Readiness will:

- Communicate details of this agreement with CTE Directors of local school systems;
- Provide SMCM with a list of Maryland local school systems approved to offer the CASE or CPH programs of study;
- Provide SMCM with a list of approved courses in the Maryland CASE or CPH programs of study as the lists are updated/revised; and
- Update the approved list of courses biannually, if necessary.

The undersigned agree to uphold all requirements of this agreement, including periodic reviews with appropriate updates. For just cause, either party can terminate the agreement given ninety days written notice. If the agreement is terminated, all student credits previously awarded will remain unaffected.

For St. Mary's College of Maryland:



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