

**The University of Montana—School of Social Work
and
Flathead Valley Community College**
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| Flathead Valley Community College: | Associate of Arts, Human Services Transfer |
| The University of Montana Program: | Social Work |
| The University of Montana Degree: | Bachelor of Arts, Social Work |

Purpose

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to provide an efficient transition for Flathead Valley Community College students transferring to The University of Montana School of Social Work. The University of Montana (also referred to as UM) and Flathead Valley Community College (also referred to as FVCC) will maintain the integrity of their separate programs and enter into this agreement as cooperating institutions.

Goals

- Assist transfer students in the transition from Flathead Valley Community College to the University of Montana School of Social Work.
- Encourage an academic alliance between The University of Montana School of Social Work and Flathead Valley Community College through dialogue and interaction from both institutions.
- Increase retention of transfer students through enhanced advisement and closely articulated academic course work.
- Promote student academic preparation and transfer planning.
- Support and promote the value and benefits of 2 year college transfer to obtain a bachelor's degree (2+2 program).

Articles of Agreement

Article I:

The University of Montana School of Social Work and Flathead Valley Community College agree that students who successfully complete the course requirements as delineated in this agreement are eligible to transfer 60 credits earned through FVCC's AA program toward the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work offered through the College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences and enter The University of Montana with junior standing. Students must earn an Associate of Arts degree from FVCC with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 for the terms of this agreement to apply. The AA degree from FVCC ensures students have met the General Education Core upon transfer. Please see Appendix A for the approved list of transfer classes.

Article II:

The University of Montana School of Social Work graduation requirements for students who follow this agreement assume completion of a total of at least 120 semester hours that includes at least 60 credits transferred from Flathead

Valley Community College, and completion of the required upper division courses. All required University of Montana School of Social Work courses must be completed within 2 years; no part-time course of study is currently available.

Article III:

This agreement does not guarantee acceptance into The University of Montana School of Social Work Program. Flathead Valley Community College students will be considered on an equal basis with all other applicants provided they meet the prerequisites for admission to the School of Social Work Program as specified in the current The University of Montana catalog.

Article IV:

Degree requirements and policies for either institution are subject to change without the approval by the other institution; however, the cooperating institutions will notify each other regarding pending changes if they affect the terms of this agreement. Students starting coursework at FVCC with the intention of transferring to The UM School of Social Work program will be considered under The UM School of Social Work program requirements outlined in the catalog issued at the time the student started taking courses at FVCC. All students from the 4-year University of Montana campus and FVCC transfer students must formally apply to the UM School of Social Work for admission to the program. The intent of this requirement is to assist students in making adequate academic plans to complete their degree.

Article V:

This agreement shall become effective on the date of signing and shall continue to remain in effect until at least a two-year termination notice is given. Such notice will be provided by no later than September 1st two academic years prior to termination of the agreement. A notice of two years is required to protect the interests of students that fall under this agreement.

Article VI:

Commitment by The University of Montana School of Social Work:

- Encourage regular review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is possible for a student to transfer to The University of Montana School of Social Work after completion of two years at Flathead Valley Community College with the appropriate associate's degree.
- Provide transfer planning advisement regarding The University of Montana School of Social Work admission and graduation requirements.
- Provide current transfer information to Flathead Valley Community College.
- Provide information to Flathead Valley Community College faculty and students regarding academic and cultural events held on campus and encourage joint attendance.
- Develop periodic assessment tools that provide Flathead Valley Community College and The University of Montana School of Social Work with information about transfer student performance and satisfaction at the University of Montana.
- Upon transfer to The University of Montana School of Social Work, provide services (e.g. use of technology, access to library, advising, etc.) to student in order to ensure academic success.

Article VII:

Commitment by Flathead Valley Community College:

- Encourage regular review of the transfer curriculum to ensure that it is possible for a student to transfer to The University of Montana after completion of two years in the community college with the appropriate Associates' Degree.

- Provide current transfer information to University of Montana School of Social Work.
- Encourage visits by Flathead Valley Community College faculty, advisors and students to The University of Montana and The University of Montana faculty and advisors to Flathead Valley Community College.
- Upon transfer to The University of Montana School of Social Work, continue to provide ancillary services (e.g. use of technology, access to library, etc.) to student in order to ensure academic success.

Article VIII:

The University of Montana School of Social Work and Flathead Valley Community College agree to exchange transfer student information with the purpose of monitoring and enhancing student academic success. An information exchange may include the academic and demographic information required by the Montana University System Office of Commissioner of Higher Education, the U.S. Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industry, the Office of the Montana State Auditor, and any other official reporting institutions for education accountability reports. Additionally, the information will be used to improve and enhance curricular offerings to support student success. At no time will Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) regulations or requirements be violated.

Article IX:

The University of Montana School of Social Work and Flathead Valley Community College will formally review the terms of this agreement every three years and make adjustments or amendments as deemed appropriate to maintain the integrity of each institution as well as for the improvement of the transfer process and student articulation. To accomplish this, participants from the University of Montana School of Social Work and Flathead Valley Community College agree to meet or confer by phone annually on a mutually agreeable date.

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APPENDIX A:

| FVCC Program Course List | | |
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| Course | Title | Credits |
| BIOB 101NL | Discover Biology | 4 |
| COMX 115C | Introduction to Interpersonal Communication | 3 |
| ECNS 101B | Economic Way of Thinking | 3 |
| Electives | Varies | 6 |
| Fine Arts (F) Requirement | Varies | 3 |
| HS 100A | Introduction to Human Services/Social Work | 3 |
| HS 210 | Case Management | 2 |
| HS 250 | Interviewing/Crisis Intervention | 4 |
| Humanities (H) Requirement | Varies | 3 |
| Humanities (H) OR Fine Arts (F) Requirement | Varies | 3 |
| PSCI 210B | Introduction to American Government | 3 |
| PSYX 100A | Introduction to Psychology | 4 |
| PSYX 230A | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| PSYX 233 | Fundamentals of Psychology of Aging | 3 |
| SOCI 101A | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| SOCI 220GA | Race, Gender and Class | 3 |
| WRIT 101W | College Writing I | 3 |
| Mathematics (M) Requirement | varies | 3 |
| Natural Science (NL or N) Requirement) | varies | 3 |
| | TOTAL | 62 |