

# *SUNY BUFFALO STATE*

## *SUNY Buffalo and Schenectady County Community College Articulation Agreement in Music*

This agreement constitutes an agreement between Schenectady County Community College and SUNY Buffalo State. Students accepted to specific academic majors at Schenectady County Community College are eligible to enroll in this cooperative program. Students selected for the Articulation Agreement program must be matriculated students at Schenectady County Community College. Further, students will, upon completion of the prescribed sequence of courses leading to an associate's degree from Schenectady County Community College, immediately continue their studies at SUNY Buffalo State with the understanding that they will be given the opportunity to complete all requirements in a parallel baccalaureate degree program in four semesters of full-time study at SUNY Buffalo State unless otherwise specified by the program of study (see appendix 2). This assumes the completion of the required credit hours, required grade point average (GPA), and required pre-requisite courses.

Such students may select any Buffalo State major designated as parallel to their chosen major at Schenectady County Community College. A list of Schenectady County Community College's major programs and corresponding SUNY Buffalo State programs are listed in Appendix 2 and at <http://www.buffalostate.edu/admissions/transfer.xml#transferring>. With few exceptions, students who wish to change their major upon enrolling at SUNY Buffalo State may do so after their first semester at SUNY Buffalo State and with the understanding that they may need more than four additional full-time semesters to earn their baccalaureate degree. Students who wish to change their major at Schenectady County Community College after submitting the Intent to Enroll form will be reviewed to determine if they are eligible for the Articulation program and, if approved, may need more than four additional full-time semesters to earn their baccalaureate degree.

### Identifying Potential Students

Students can indicate their interest in pursuing a bachelor's degree at SUNY Buffalo State to the transfer office at Schenectady County Community College while in attendance at Schenectady County Community College, at any time during their first year, or prior to the completion of no more than 30 credits at Schenectady County Community College.

Students selected will normally be first-time students at Schenectady County Community College with no prior credits. However, at the discretion of Schenectady County Community College, some returning students, or those who earned college credit while attending high school, may be allowed entry into the program.

### Application Requirements

Schenectady County Community College, students who anticipate enrolling at SUNY Buffalo State under the auspices of this agreement must file an application for admission to SUNY Buffalo State available at <https://www.suny.edu/student/oas/welcome.do>.

A tuition deposit will be required of participants who have filed an application and have been accepted to Buffalo State College. Students who wish to reside in the campus residence halls will be required to submit the required housing deposit by June 1st for the fall semester and will be billed for the spring semester at the time of spring registration.

### Entrance Requirements

Admission requirements into the major, including courses required for entry into the major and/or pre-requisites for the major, must be completed and be present on the transcript from Schenectady County Community College at the time the student is reviewed. Major course requirements for the bachelor's degree will be those in effect

at the time the student formally registers at Buffalo State College. The candidate must meet the required grade point average and show that the student earned the minimum grade required for the course(s) in order to enter into the major at Buffalo State College.

At no point will Schenectady County Community College students be expected to meet a higher grade point average requirement than that required of internal students at SUNY Buffalo State.

### Housing

Schenectady County Community College students will be guaranteed on-campus housing at SUNY Buffalo State during all four semesters at SUNY Buffalo State. However, students are not required to live on campus.

### Student Academic Advisement

Schenectady County Community College will assume responsibility for coordinating advisement for students who participate in the articulation agreement program. The department audit system, transfer course equivalency table, and curriculum sequence sheets will be used as the mechanism for communicating degree requirements to students. Curriculum sequence sheets will be available on SUNY Buffalo State's website <http://www.buffalostate.edu/admissions/transfer.xml#transferring>. They will include a list of courses to be taken at Schenectady County Community College, the equivalent of those courses from Schenectady County Community College, and a list of remaining courses that will be required to fulfill baccalaureate degree requirements at SUNY Buffalo State. Equivalencies will be reviewed annually and appropriate revisions made if either institution adds, deletes, or changes course offerings.

Staff members from SUNY Buffalo State will provide an information workshop/ advisement for students in the articulation agreement program. New students are strongly encouraged to contact the department of their intended major at SUNY Buffalo State prior to registration for their first full-time semester. Whenever possible, SUNY Buffalo State will provide on-site support to Schenectady County Community College students.

In addition, SUNY Buffalo State agrees to provide a training session, upon request, for the faculty and staff at Schenectady County Community College who will be involved in consulting with and advising students enrolled in this program.

### Information Sharing

An initial official copy of the student's transcript from Schenectady County Community College will be submitted to SUNY Buffalo State Office of Admissions at the time the student submits his/her application. Another official copy will need to be submitted to Buffalo State College after completion of the associate's degree with the degree posted. The student will provide official student transcripts from all previous colleges and/or documentation of advanced credit to Buffalo State College as requested.

### Time Frame and Provisions for Program Review

All full-time students currently enrolled at Schenectady County Community College and those admitted to begin their studies at Tompkins-Cortland Community College beginning the Fall semester 2013 are eligible to be considered for this articulation program.

If either party wishes to review or terminate this contract, the request must be in writing and agreed upon by both parties. Any student who is actively participating in the agreement will not be affected. Only students who begin the semester following the approved changes in, or termination of, the contract will be affected.

### ***General Education Requirements for Transfers with an Associate's Degree (A.A. or A.S.)***

1. Satisfy the knowledge, competencies, and skills areas in the SUNY-GER as defined by the 2010 Policy (Trustee Resolution 2010-006) Board of Trustees. Requirements are satisfaction of two competencies and satisfaction of 7 or 10 of the knowledge and skills areas including the two required areas.
2. Earn 30 credits of courses approved for SUNY GER
3. Satisfy the SUNY Buffalo State diversity requirement via course completion or transfer course equivalency.

### **Graduation Requirements**

Students must meet the Buffalo State College residency requirements of 32 credit hours.

### **General Guidelines**

Students transferring to Buffalo State College before completing their associate's degree (A.A. or A.S.) will have their transfer credit evaluated using the same equivalencies outlined in the Course Equivalency Tables.

A maximum of 66 credit hours may transfer from a 2-year program.