



MEMORANDUM OF ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN GEORGIA HIGHLANDS COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA

This Articulation Agreement has been established between Georgia Highlands College (GHC) and the University of West Georgia (UWG). This memorandum formally recognizes that GHC and UWG agree to work together to provide complementary educational opportunities for students. Two paths are included: 1) Matriculation, in which the GHC student will graduate with the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Digital Media and Communication, and upon meeting certain criteria, will matriculate the next semester into the UWG Master of Science (MS) in Digital and Social Media Communication program, and 2) Accelerated BS-MS, in which the GHC BS student will take UWG MS courses in lieu of GHC courses as their free electives in the BS program. See below for further detail. The UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media would have the right to provide information about the MS program and to actively recruit GHC students for automatic admission to the UWG MS program. The faculty at GHC would also identify interested students who meet the criteria of admission to participate in the Accelerated BS-MS program in partnership with UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media. Information and presentations will be offered to the GHC students by the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media.

Matriculation:

It is the intent of the two organizations to encourage students completing a Bachelor of Science in Digital Media and Communication at GHC to matriculate into the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's Master of Science in Digital and Social Media Communication program.

Specific performance criteria are required as a part of the matriculation process. Georgia Highlands College students who successfully complete all qualifying criteria outlined below will be awarded automatic admittance into the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's Master of Science in Digital and Social Media Communication program in the fall, spring, or summer semester. UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's MS articulation protocols will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

Criteria for awarding automatic admittance to the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's MS program to the GHC student include:

- Earned Bachelor of Science in Digital Media and Communication (DMCM) degree from GHC.
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended.

- A minimum overall GPA of 3.2 (4.0 scale) for all DMCM courses.
- UWG Graduate School application and acceptance.

Any curriculum changes from UWG MS Program or GHC BS Program will require updates for this Articulation Agreement.

Accelerated BS to MS

It is the intent of the two organizations to encourage students completing a Bachelor of Science in Digital Media and Communication degree at GHC to accelerate into the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's Master of Science in Digital and Social Media Communication program. To achieve this, students at GHC who have completed at least 24 credit hours of coursework with the DMCM prefix may begin taking courses in the MS program at UWG in the free elective area, up to 6 credit hours. Upon graduation and admission into UWG graduate program, these courses will also count toward the UWG MS degree. Students at GHC must provide their official UWG transcript to GHC for any courses from the MS program at UWG to be applied to their GHC BS degree program.

Specific performance criteria are required as a part of the articulation process. Georgia Highlands College students who successfully complete all qualifying criteria outlined below will be awarded automatic admittance into the UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media's Master of Science in Digital and Social Media Communication program. UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media articulation protocols will be reviewed annually and revised as needed.

Criteria for awarding UWG School of Communication, Film, and Media automatic admittance for the accelerated GHC student:

- UWG Graduate School application and acceptance.
- At least 24 credit hours of coursework with the DMCM prefix completed.
- A minimum overall GPA of 3.2 (4.0 scale) for all GHC DMCM courses.

Any curriculum changes from UWG MS Program or GHC BS Program will require updates for this Articulation Agreement.

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