

STATE ORCHESTRATED TRANSFER AGREEMENT  
STEVENSON UNIVERSITY ONLINE  
and  
MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

In order to serve the students impacted by the precipitous closure of Argosy University (“Argosy”), which provided online delivery to Maryland students, Stevenson University Online (“SUO”), located in Owings Mills, Maryland, has entered into this *State Orchestrated Transfer Agreement* (“Agreement”) with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (“MHEC”).

**A. Qualifying Argosy Students**

This Agreement pertains only to the transfer of “Qualifying Students”, *i.e.*, those students who:

1. Fall into one of these categories:
  - o Enrolled in Argosy when Argosy closed on March 8, 2019;
  - o Enrolled in Argosy during the 120 days prior to closure (November 8, 2018); or
  - o Were on an approved Leave of Absence from Argosy between the dates of November 8, 2018 and March 8, 2019; and
2. Were enrolled in one of Argosy’s MHEC-registered programs.

**B. Duties of SUO**

SUO agrees to implement the transfer of Qualifying Students in accordance with the following requirements and protocols:

1. A Qualifying Student may transfer into a comparable program that SUO approved by MHEC to offer.
2. Comparable programs that SUO is willing to accept credit for include:

<b>Argosy Program of Study</b>	<b>SUO Comparable Program of Study</b>
BS in Business Administration	BS Business Administration
BS in Criminal Justice	BS Criminal Justice
BS in Information Technology (network security concentration)	BS Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics
RN to BSN	RN to BS from Argosy Programs that are CCNE accredited: Argosy-Atlanta Argosy-Dallas Argosy-Denver Argosy-Hawaii
BA Liberal Arts	BS Professional Studies
MS in Health Services Management	MS in Healthcare Management
MS in Organizational Leadership	MA in Community-Based Education & Leadership OR MS in Business, Technology and Management
MS Management	MS in Business, Technology and Management
MA in Teaching and Learning	MA in Community-Based Education & Leadership

3. Comparable courses that SUO is willing to transfer credits for include:

<b>Argosy Business Administration BS to SUO Business Administration BS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>
<b>Business Core Requirements (33 Credits)</b>			
ACC201 - Principles of Accounting	3	ACC 140 Financial Accounting	3
ACC202 - Principles of Management Accounting	3	ACC 141 Managerial Accounting	3
BUS212 - Business Law and Corporate Ethics	3	MGT 308 Business Ethics	3
BUS320 - 21st Century Leadership and Beyond	3	MGT 340 Organizational Leadership	3
BUS470 - Global Business Management	3	MGT 315 International Business Mgmt	3
BUS499 - Business Policy and Strategic Solutions	3	MGT 422 Strategic Management	3
FIN401 - Financial Management	3	FIN 300 Principles of Finance	3
MGT334 - Data-Driven Decision Making	3	IS 201 Management Information Systems	3
MGT402 - Project Management	3	MGT 413 Project Management	3
MGT416 - Management Operations	3	MGT 204 Principles of Management	3
MKT230 - Principles of Marketing	3	MKT 206 Principles of Marketing	3
<b>Business Electives Requirements (12 credits)</b>	12	3 of the 4 business electives will fulfill the remaining 3 business electives at SU. The fourth business elective taken at AU would transfer as a general elective at SU.	12
<b>Optional Concentration Requirements (12 credits)</b>	12	Would transfer as general electives	12

<b>Argosy Criminal Justice BS to SUO Criminal Justice BS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
CJA105 - Introduction to American Criminal Justice	3	CJUS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJA140 - Introduction to Corrections	3	CJUS 275 Corrections	3
CJA215 - Criminal Law	3	LAW 215 Criminal Law	3
CJA225 - Criminal Court System	3	CJUS 380 American Courts and the CJ System	3
CJA235 - Police Organizational Structure and Operations	3	CJUS 280 Law Enforcement	3
CJA315 - Criminal Procedure	3	LAW 322 Criminal Investigation and Procedure	3
CJA330 - Juvenile Delinquency	3	CJUS 299 CJUS Elective	3
CJA345 - Criminal Justice Research Methods	3	CJUS 385 Research Methods in Criminal Justice	3
CJA415 - Victimology	3	CJUS 345 Victimology	3
CJA470 - Criminology	3	CJUS 285 Criminology	3
CJA499 - Criminal Justice Capstone	3	CJUS 495 Criminal Justice Capstone	3
<b>Criminal Justice Electives Requirements (12 Credits)</b>	12	3 of the 4 business electives will fulfill the remaining 3 criminal justice electives at SUO. The fourth criminal justice elective taken at AU would transfer as a general elective at SU.	12
<b>Optional Concentration Requirements (12 Credits)</b>	12	Would transfer as general electives	12

<b>Argosy: Information Technology BS to SUO Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics BS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
<b>Argosy Course Requirements</b>			
IST101 - Information Technology Foundations	3	IS140 - Information Systems Architecture and Design	3
IST102 - Information Technology Foundations II	3	IS135 - MS Office Applications	3
IST201 - Network Fundamentals	3	IS231 - Network Technologies	3
IST211 - Ethics and IT Governance	3	CDF290 - Legal Aspects of Cybersecurity	3
IST241 - Security Fundamentals	3	CDF251 - Network Security	3
IST301 - Operating System Fundamentals	3	CDF240 - Linux Administration	3
IST351 - Database Fundamentals	3	IS252 - Advanced SQL Query Design & SQL Server	3
IST353 - Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity	3	IS399 (upper level IS elective)	3
IST405 - Mobile Computing	3	IS387 - Wireless Technology Solutions for the Office	3
IST411 - Cloud Computing	3	IS 499 (upper level IS elective)	3
IST415 - Virtualization	3	IS499 (upper level IS elective)	3
IST499 - Information Technology Capstone	3	IS475 - Special Topics in Information Systems	3
<b>Argosy Network Security Concentration</b>	3		3
IST243 - Cyber Crime	3	CDF110 - Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics Fundamentals	3
IST344 - Digital Forensics	3	CDF391 - Incident Response and Investigation Methods	3
IST345 - Computer Penetration Security	3	CDF271 - Intrusion and Penetration Testing	3
IST347 - Application Security	3	IS349 - Service-Oriented Architecture and Dynamic Web Development; could also be substituted for IS380 - Information Security for the Organization	3
IST443 - Case Studies in Computer Security	3	IS499 (upper level IS elective)	3
<b>Argosy Web Development Concentration</b>			
IST251 - Introduction to Web Design and HTML	3	IS299 (lower level IS elective) or GDES208 - Web Design I	3
IST343 - Web Development with HTML 5	3	IS343 - Web Architecture and Design Technologies	3
IST355 - Web Development wand Cascading Style Sheets	3	IS399 (upper level IS elective) or IAD 380 - Advanced Interactive Studio	3
IST356 - Web Authoring Tools	3	IS399 (upper level IS elective)	3
IST387 - JavaScript Development	3	IS345 - Java Programming	3

<b>Argosy RN to BSN to SUO RN to BS from Argosy Programs that are CCNE accredited: Argosy-Atlanta, Argosy-Dallas, Argosy - Denver, and Argosy-Hawaii</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
NURS 304 - Information Technology in Healthcare	3	NURS 315 - Information Technology in Nursing and Health Care	3
NURS 306 - Nursing Research in Evidence-Based Practice	3	NURS 418 - Nursing Research for RNs	3
NURS 402 - Comprehensive Health Assessment	3	NURS 312 - Health Assessment and Pathophysiology	3
NURS 407 - Nursing Leadership and Health Care Management	3	NURS 414 - Nursing Leadership for RNs	3
<b>In the case of the following two courses, if a student has both of the following at Argosy, they could transfer as both of the following at SU</b>			
NURS 301 - Professional Nursing Practice	3	NURS 313 - Professional Seminar I	3
NURS 406 - Trends and Issues in Professional Nursing	3	NURS 415 - Professional Seminar II	3

<b>Argosy Liberal Arts BA to SUO Professional Studies BS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credits</b>
HUM440 - Critical Thinking: Common Sense and Everyday Life (3) <sup>†</sup>	3	GPS 200 Adult Learning Theory & Practice (3)	3
BUS320 - 21st Century Leadership and Beyond (3)	3	PRST 310 Creative Leadership (3)	3
BUS423 Business Psychology (3)	3	MGT 310 Organizational Behavior (3)	3
MGT411 - Human Resource Management (3)	3	MGT 408 Human Resource Management (3)	3
COM450 - Communication, Gender, and Culture (3) <sup>†</sup>	3	CM 310 Conflict Resolution and Negotiation (3)	3

<b>Argosy Health Services Management MS to SUO Healthcare Management MS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credits</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credits</b>
HM6020 - Accounting and Finance for Managers	3	HCM 652 Health Care Finance: Challenges	3
HM6040 - Healthcare Organizations and Administration	3	HCM 605 Healthcare Management and Administration	3
HM6050 - Healthcare Policy and Analysis	3	HCM 612 Healthcare Policy, Law, and Ethics	3
HM6080 - Health Planning and Marketing	3	HCM 557 Project and Resource Management	3
HM6100 - Leadership in Organizations	3	HCM 635 Innovative Leadership & Management	3
HM6110 - Management and Organizational Behavior	3	HCM 650 Organizational Behavior in Healthcare	3

<b>Argosy Organizational Leadership MS to SUO Community-Based Education &amp; Leadership MA</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
B6027 - Perspectives in Change Leadership	3	CBEL 616- Community Engagement and Leadership	3
B6731 - Understanding and Managing Human Differences	3	ED 606 Socio-political and Cultural Influences on Families, Communities, and Organizations	3
MS6900 - The Functional Contribution to Organizational Success (Capstone)	3	CBEL 720 Capstone	3
B6120 - Communications Strategies for Managers	3	CBEL 672 Advocacy in Community-Based Organizations	3

<b>Argosy Organizational Leadership MS to SUO Business Technology and Management MS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
B6027 - Perspectives in Change Leadership	3	BTM635 - Innovative Leadership and Management	3
B6731 - Understanding and Managing Human Differences	3	BTM635 - Innovative Leadership and Management	3
MS6900 - The Functional Contribution to Organizational Success (Capstone)	3	No equivalency	E
B6120 - Communications Strategies for Managers	3	No equivalency	3
MS6014 - Financial Practices for Managers	3	BTM672 - IT Financial Management	3
MS6020 - Contract Law and Professional Ethics	3	BTM663 - Technology Law & Enforcement Activities	3

<b>Argosy Management MS to SUO Business, Technology and Management MS</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
B6026 - Marketing Planning and Strategy	3	BTM670 - Competitive Theory	3
B6027 - Perspectives in Change Leadership	3	BTM635 - Innovative Leadership and Management	3
BS6029 - Operations Management: Solutions to Business Challenges	3	BTM604 - Cognitive Science for Requirements Analysis	3
MS6014 - Financial Practices for Managers	3	BTM672 - IT Financial Management	3

<b>Argosy MA Teaching and Learning to SUO Community-Based Education and Leadership MA</b>			
<b>Argosy Course</b>	<b>credit</b>	<b>Equivalent SUO Course</b>	<b>credit</b>
E6100 - Research in Education (3)	3	ED 608 Action Research	3
E6420 - Multicultural Education in Contemporary Society (3)	3	LTED 621 Culturally Responsive Literacy	3
E6434 - Community Relations and Collaboration (3)	3	CBEL 616 Community Engagement and Leadership	3
E6501 - Current Trends in School Curriculum (3)	3	CBEL 612 Innovative Teaching and Learning for 21st Century Skills	3
E6840 - Reflections in Practice (3)	3	CBEL 710 Capstone	3
E6361 - Foundations of Exceptional Student Education (3)	3	ED 630 Special Education	3
E6443 - Assessments and the ELL/ESL Student (3)	3	ED 615 Principles and Practices of Assessment	3

4. The Qualifying Student shall not pay, and SUO shall not charge to the student, any tuition or fees in excess of the amount the student would have paid to Argosy to complete the program pursuant to the student's enrollment contract with Argosy. If SUO's tuition and fees are lower than the amount the student would have owed under the student's enrollment agreement with Argosy, then SUO shall charge the student at its normally applicable tuition and fees.
5. If additional books, materials, or industry test exams are required to complete the program, the Qualifying Student shall be given the choice of purchasing these through the SUO, or through other sources.
6. SUO must ensure that the Qualifying Student signs an enrollment agreement with the SUO before enrolling. The enrollment agreement shall disclose the program for which the student will be enrolled in, the Argosy courses for which the student will receive credit for, and the tuition to be charged, which shall not exceed the maximum permitted amount under Paragraph 4, above.
7. SUO shall enroll the Qualifying Student only in a program comparable to the one that the student was unable to complete at Argosy, as stated under Paragraph 2. Enrollment in a non-comparable, different program is not covered by the terms of this Agreement.
8. SUO shall designate, and shall provide to MHEC the contact information for, a staff person at SUO who is responsible for the oversight of the transfer of Qualifying Students.

Name of Contact Person:	Amanda Millar
Title of Contact Person:	Director, SUO Admissions
Email Address of Contact Person:	amillar@stevenson.edu
Phone Number of Contact Person:	443.352.4243

9. If the Qualifying Student is using federal Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits), SUO shall adhere to all applicable U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' regulations, including the regulations governing the awarding prior credit, as regulated under Title 38, Code of Federal Regulations, Sections 21.4253(d)(3) and 21.4254(c)(4).
10. SUO shall enroll a Qualifying Student who is using Title 38 VA Education Benefits (GI Bill® Education Benefits) only in a VA-qualified program or educational institution.
11. Regarding GI Benefits, SUO understands that courses that were successfully completed by the Qualifying Student at Argosy generally may not be certified again for VA purposes if the courses are repeated. However, if a student failed a course, or if a program requires a higher grade than the one achieved in a particular course for successful completion, then SUO may be able to re-certify the course in accordance with applicable federal regulations.
12. SUO shall require each Qualifying Student to sign an acknowledgment that the student has been provided with information regarding the U.S. Department of Education's loan discharge policy by SUO. SUO will not advise Argosy students regarding whether the student is eligible for loan discharge.

**C. Duties of Maryland Higher Education Commission**

1. MHEC shall provide to SUO the contact information of MHEC staff members who are coordinating the transfer options for Argosy students, including the contact information of a staff person from whom to obtain Qualifying Students' transcripts.

2. MHEC shall provide to Qualifying Students information concerning the transfer opportunity with SUO.

**D. Termination**

1. MHEC or SUO may, at its sole discretion, terminate this Agreement upon delivering 30 days written notice to the other party.
2. Upon any termination, Sections G, I (if applicable), and J shall survive the termination of this Agreement and remain in full force and effect.

**E. Amendment**

1. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of MHEC and SUO with respect to their rights and obligations in carrying out the terms of the Agreement, and supersedes any prior or contemporaneous agreements or understandings.
2. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both parties.

**F. Term of Agreement**

This Agreement is for a term commencing on the date that this Agreement has been executed by both parties (the "Effective Date"), and shall terminate upon: (1) either party delivering notice to the other pursuant to the terms of Section D of this Agreement; or (2) the program completion of all Qualifying Students at SUO.

**G. Governing Law**

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

**H. Counterparts.**

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement.

**I. Indemnification (NOTE – This Section is inapplicable to public institutions of higher education.)**

To the extent permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Maryland, SUO shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the State of Maryland, its officers, and employees, and MHEC, its commissioners, employees, and contractors, from and against all claims, actions, suits, demands, proceedings, costs, damages, and liabilities, including without limitation attorneys' fees and court costs, arising out of, connected with, or resulting from any acts or omissions of SUO or any agent, employee, or subcontractor of SUO in the execution or performance of this Agreement.

**J. Representations and Warranties of the Parties**

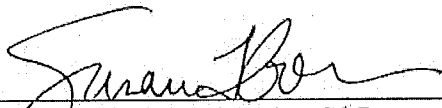
Both parties to this Agreement represent and warrant that the following shall be true and correct as of the Effective Date of this Agreement, and shall continue to be true and correct during the Term of this Agreement:

1. The parties are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
2. Each party has taken all action necessary for the approval and execution of this Agreement, and execution by the persons signing on behalf of each party is duly authorized and has been made with complete and full authority to commit the party to all terms and conditions of this Agreement, which shall constitute valid, binding obligations of each party.

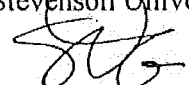
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives.

Stevenson University Online

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
COMMISSION

By:   
Susan Thompson Gorman, PhD  
EVP Academic Affairs and Provost  
Stevenson University

By: Dr. James D. Fielder  
Secretary  
Maryland Higher Education Commission


  
Signature

  
Signature

03/22/2019  
Date

3/25/19  
Date

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By:   
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