

**Valley Forge Military College and Saint Francis University  
Core-to-Core and Guaranteed Admissions  
Articulation Agreement**

## **I. PURPOSE**

This Articulation Agreement is entered into by and between **Valley Forge Military College**, herein referred to as "VFMC" and **Saint Francis University**, herein referred to as "SFU," to facilitate the transfer of students who have completed associate degrees and to ensure a smooth transition into bachelor's degree programs at SFU.

The purpose of this Agreement is to:

1. Establish clear transfer policies.
2. Promote academic cooperation.
3. Encourage student success and retention.
4. Minimize duplication of coursework and academic advising.

## **II. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION**

1. Students who complete an **Associate of Arts (AA)** or **Associate of Science (AS)** degree at VFMC with a **minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75** (unless otherwise stated for specific programs) will be guaranteed admission to SFU, subject to space availability in the intended major.
  - To be preliminarily accepted prior to graduation, VFMC students must:
    - i. Complete three semesters at VFMC with a minimum average GPA of 2.75
    - ii. Be enrolled in their final semester at VFMC with a clear pathway to graduation.
    - iii. Be on track to graduate with a total of 60 or more credits.
    - iv. Accepted students will have to provide SFU with their transcripts demonstrating graduation with an AA or AS degree or their admission will be rescinded.
2. Admission to selective or limited-access programs (e.g., Nursing, Engineering, Education) may require additional requirements such as:
  - Higher GPA thresholds
  - Prerequisite coursework
  - Supplemental applications or interviews

3. Students must complete all components of the SFU transfer admissions process and submit all required documentation.

### **III. TRANSFER POLICIES**

#### **1. General Transfer Guidelines:**

- SFU will accept **up to 80 semester credit hours** from VFMC associate degree programs.
- Courses passed with a grade of **C or higher** will be eligible for transfer.
- Students enrolling at SFU with an AA or AS degree will enter Core Complete. Any grade of C- or lower will not transfer.
- Only credits are transferred from VFMC to SFU. The grades for transfer courses are not calculated into the student's SFU GPA.

#### **2. Core-to-Core Transfer**

- Students who graduate with an AA or AS from VFMC will be acknowledged as having completed the SFU core curriculum requirements with the exception of theology courses required by the core.

#### **3. Transfer Student Scholarships**

- All Citizen Leader transfer students and Military College of Pennsylvania Educational Assistance Program students who intend to enroll as full-time students in the traditional daytime program at Saint Francis University will be considered for institutional financial aid based on a holistic review of their academic profile, demonstrated abilities, and documented financial need. Financial aid awards will be determined on a case-by-case basis through the standard SFU financial aid review process and are intended to help lessen the overall cost of attendance. Awards are subject to applicable eligibility requirements, continued full-time enrollment, and the availability of institutional funds.
- All Early Commissioning Students with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or above who intend to enroll as full-time students in the traditional daytime program at SFU will receive a scholarship equal to the cost of room and board at the time of matriculation. Each student will retain the same scholarship amount for as long as he/she continue to meet financial aid eligibility requirements. The VFMC/SFU scholarship is inclusive of all merit scholarships that students will receive at SFU. Scholarships are available independent of any need-based aid for which the student may also be eligible.

#### **4. MCAP Tuition**

- SFU agrees to charge graduates of the MCAP program who use the Education Assistance Program a tuition rate equal to the limits of the benefits available to these students.

#### **IV: COLLABORATION**

Both institutions agree to:

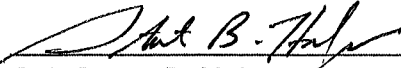
1. Consult with each other prior to implementing major changes in policy or curricula that directly affect students transferring under the terms of this agreement, and keep each other informed of any other changes to policy or curricula that affect those students.
2. Collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising about this agreement, SFU academic programs and requirements, and the process of transferring to SFU.
3. Exchange data and documents that will contribute to the improvement of this agreement, enhance the transfer process, and promote effective cooperation between institutions. These will consist of data about individual transfer students, including admissions information and grade point averages. When required by law, the institutions will exchange data only after obtaining appropriate permission from the student.
4. Facilitate and support consultation and collaboration between their faculties related to this agreement, general education, degree requirements, articulation, and program-to-program agreements, and other academic matters.

#### **V: REVISION, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION**


This agreement will be in effect as of the date of its signing, for eligible students entering SFU for or after the Spring 2026 semester. It will be reviewed annually by the respective institution representatives and renewed automatically until superseded by a new agreement or formally terminated. Either institution may terminate this agreement at any time by written notice at least one year in advance of the proposed date of termination. Should this agreement be terminated, it is understood that the termination will not apply to students already enrolled at SFU or accepted to SFU under the terms of this agreement, but not yet enrolled in classes at SFU.


#### **VI: APPROVALS**

The willingness of both institutions to enter into this agreement is indicated by the following signatures:

For VFMC –  2/4/26  
Col. Stuart B. Helgeson Date  
USMCR (Ret.)  
President

 2/4/26  
Dr. Robert F. Smith, Provost Date

For SFU –  2/3/26  
Very Rev. Malachi Van Tassell, T.O.R., Ph.D. Date  
President

 2 Feb 2026  
Dr. Michael McGinnis, VPAA Date