



Monroe Community College
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK



SUNY EMPIRE
STATE COLLEGE

Pathways Transfer Program Articulation Agreement in Security Studies

Homeland Security (A.S.) to Security Studies (B.S.)
(with guaranteed admission)

Empire State College (SUNY Empire) and Monroe Community College (MCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Security Studies. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to SUNY Empire, and:

- Ease the transition process for MCC graduates to an educational model comprised of online courses, independent study and small group seminars;
- Ensure a smooth transfer for MCC graduates to SUNY Empire;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for MCC transfer students who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for MCC graduates to follow during the transition.

SUNY Empire will offer Homeland Security graduates with an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the B.S. in Security Studies program. Each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their A.S. degree program to SUNY Empire, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program (see appendix B for additional details).

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works:

During their first year at SUNY Empire, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, cross-register for additional credits at MCC beyond the associate degree. These lower-division credits will be applicable towards a bachelor's degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements, or needed prerequisite courses.

SUNY Empire requires 124 credits for a bachelor's degree, of which MCC transfers must complete a minimum of 31 credits (in residency) at SUNY Empire. A minimum of 45 upper-division credits, 24 of which must be in the concentration, are required consistent with SUNY Empire's requirements for a bachelor's degree. The remaining 79 lower-division credits can be transferred in through transcribed credit or prior learning assessment.

Additional sources of advanced standing credits may include:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA)
- Transcript credit from a regionally accredited college or university
- Standardized exams, such as CLEP or other exams
- Military credit evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE)
- Licenses or training evaluated by SUNY Empire

Benefits for MCC Transfer Students:

SUNY Empire will provide the following benefits for participating MCC students:

- Guaranteed admission to the Security Studies B.S. degree program
- Provision of a one-time \$100 *Better Together* transfer scholarship
- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee
- Waiver of the admissions application essay

To be eligible, MCC transfer students must have completed the associate degree program in Homeland Security or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing the program.

A unique application code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by SUNY Empire and provided to appropriate staff members in the transfer advisement office at MCC for distribution.

Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

SUNY Empire has a long-standing commitment of supporting active military, veterans and family members, and enthusiastically pledges to maintain its commitment to provide the following benefits and services to military-aligned students, and as they may be amended from time to time by SUNY Empire:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived fees include: orientation fee, college fee, student activity fee, technology fee, health and wellness fee, portfolio (assessment) fee, and program amendment fee.
- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) fees are waived for military members
- Support military-aligned students through Veterans Affairs (VA) and Tuition Assistance (TA) funding processes
- Access to the Office of Veteran and Military Education (OVME) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

Benefits for Employees of Monroe Community College

Employees of MCC may participate in the Pathways Transfer Program and become students at SUNY Empire by way of this Agreement. Employees who already hold an associate degree are eligible for the benefits as listed above for transfer students, regardless of when they received their degree. Further, employees who hold a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue a graduate degree at SUNY Empire are eligible for the following benefits:

- Waiver of the \$50 graduate admission / orientation fee
- \$100 graduate student scholarship in the first term of matriculated enrollment in the School for Graduate Studies
- A single point of contact at the School for Graduate Studies to guide new students through the admissions, enrollment and orientation process. As of the signing of this Agreement, the contact person is:
Evan Reese
Graduate Outreach and Academic Advisement Coordinator
Evan.Reese@esc.edu
(800) 847-3000 ext. 2904

For a complete list of graduate level degree and certificate programs offered by SUNY Empire, or to apply, please go to <https://www.esc.edu/graduate-studies/>.

Guidelines of the Agreement:

As part of the agreement, SUNY Empire will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all transferring Homeland Security students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at MCC to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at MCC, at SUNY Empire locations, and online.

Monroe Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways transfer students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any college publications where such agreements are listed (i.e. college catalog, website, transfer office brochures).

Homeland Security (A.S.) to Security Studies (B.S.) students may enroll at SUNY Empire on a full or part-time basis. With advisement from their faculty mentor at SUNY Empire, students may elect to design a degree program similar to the sample provided in Appendix A.

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, and remains in effect for five years from that date (of last signature). The agreement may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

For Further Information:

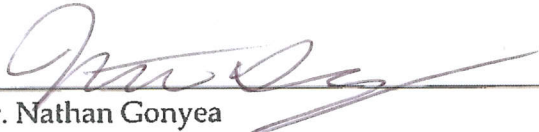
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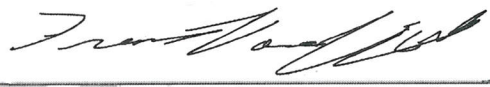
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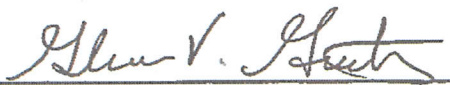
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**Appendix A:
Sample Degree Plan - Security Studies, B.S.**

Monroe Community College – Homeland Security, A.S.

CPT 120 Introduction to Cybersecurity	4
CPT 125 Physical Security	3
HSM 101 Introduction to Emergency Management	3
HSM 102 Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HSM 103 Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Terrorism and Homeland Security	3
HSM 107 Social Media: Issues and Impacts	3
HSM 108 Introduction to Intelligence Processes	3
HSM 202 Organizational and Facility Security	3
SCR 211 Computer Security I	3
Program elective (choose from CRJ 101, 102, 103, 104; FPT 101, 105; others with approval of HSMI Director)	3

ENG 101 College Composition or ENG 200 Advanced Composition	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 101 Introductory Psychology	3
PHL 108 World Religions: Western Traditions	3
POS 102 American National Government	3
POS 206 International Politics	3
SPC 141 Interpersonal Speech Communication	3
SPC 144 Communication and Crisis	3
SUNY General Education elective – Mathematics	3
SUNY General Education elective – Natural Science	3-4
General Education elective – Health and Wellness	2

MCC degree total 63-64

Potential additional lower-division credits at MCC²

Liberal Arts and Sciences electives	8-9
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Empire State College – Security Studies, B.S.

INFT 2020 Intro to Digital Crime and Digital Terrorism	4
PAFF 1005 Introduction to Security Studies	4
PAFF 4000 International Dimensions of Security	4
PAFF 4005 Counterterrorism in a Changing World	4
PAFF 4132 Legal and Ethical Foundations of Public Service	4
INFT 3020 Cyber Crime and Computer Forensics	4
SOCI 4035 Privacy, Security & Freedom: Social Concerns for the 21 st Century	4
Select 3 from the following: CRJS 3020 Crime and Intelligence Analysis EMGT 3030 Leadership and Management in Disaster Response PAFF 3003 Security Implications of Global Climate Change SOCI 3045 Disaster and Society SOCI 3065 Perspectives on Terrorism	12

EDPL 3998 Educational Planning	4
SOSC 3025 Social Science Research Methods	4
POLI 3065 International Politics & Relations	4

**Total Empire State College Credit 52
Degree Program Total 124**

² Any of these credits not completed at MCC will be completed at SUNY Empire. Students should seek advisement from a SUNY Empire advisor in advance of selecting which courses to take to ensure they will fit into their baccalaureate degree plan.

Appendix B: SUNY Empire Policies and Procedures for Transfer

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. degree will be able to transfer to SUNY Empire all credit earned for the associate degree, including “D” grades that are part of the completed degree.
2. The residency requirement for a 124 credit bachelor’s degree is 31 credits. In many cases, students may transfer in the remaining 93 credits (up to 79 lower-division credits) through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment.³ A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
3. Any courses taken at MCC beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the degree program based on SUNY Empire’s advanced standing policies.
4. There is no statute of limitations regarding the age of acceptable learning substantiated by transcript except in some areas, technologies and science for instance, where that learning may be outmoded and may not be accepted if it is crucial to the structure of a degree program concentration.
5. Students earning a bachelor’s degree from SUNY Empire must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which 24 are in the concentration. SUNY also requires the completion of 30 general education credits across seven of 10 designated areas, including mathematics and basic communication.
6. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to SUNY Empire. Students must submit the SUNY Empire Application for Admission form along with an official transcript(s) of their completed coursework to the Office of Admissions, SUNY Empire, 111 West Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.esc.edu/admissions.

Active, Reserve and Guard Army soldiers should apply and register through Army IgnitED at - www.armyignited.com/app. Soldiers may contact the Office of Veteran and Military Education for assistance at military.programs@esc.edu or 518-587-2100 ext. 2779.

7. Both colleges acknowledge the confidential nature of student information that may be exchanged between them. As such, both colleges agree that this information must be kept secure, confidential, and only disclosed for academic reasons. Student information will not be shared with third parties, and all FERPA regulations will be adhered to.

³ Prior learning assessment includes NYSED-approved degree granting institutions, pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, SUNY Empire PLE) and other approved sources. For full list, visit: <http://www.esc.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/evaluation-prior-college-level-learning/>.

**Appendix C:
Course Equivalencies
Homeland Security (A.S.)**

Monroe Community College Courses

CPT 120 Introduction to Cybersecurity	4
CPT 125 Physical Security	3
HSM 101 Introduction to Emergency Management	3
HSM 102 Introduction to Homeland Security	3
HSM 103 Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Terrorism and Homeland Security	3
HSM 107 Social Media: Issues and Impacts	3
HSM 202 Organizational and Facility Security	3
SCR 211 Computer Security I	3
Program elective	3
ENG 101 College Composition or ENG 200 Advanced Composition	3
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
PSY 101 Introductory Psychology	3
PHL 108 World Religions: Western Traditions	3
POS 102 American National Government	3
POS 206 International Politics	3
SPC 141 Interpersonal Speech Communication	3
SPC 144 Communication and Crisis	3
General Education elective - Mathematics	3
General Education elective - Natural Science	3-4
General Education elective - Health and Wellness	2

SUNY Empire Course Equivalencies

TCSC 1xxx Transfer Computer Science	4
TCSC 1xxx Transfer Computer Science	3
EMGT 2005 Intro to Emergency Management	3
PAFF 2005 Intro to Homeland Security	3
TPAF 1xxx Transfer Public Affairs	3
TRNS 1xxx Transfer Course	3
TRNS 2xxx Transfer Course	3
TIFT 2xxx Transfer Information Technology	3
Elective	3
COMW 1005 College Writing or COMW 2005 Effective Academic Writing	3
SOCI 1005 Exploring Society: Sociology	3
PSYC 1005 Introduction to Psychology	3
TPHI 1xxx Transfer Philosophy	3
TPOL 1xxx Transfer Political Science	3
TPOL 2xxx Transfer Political Science	3
COMM 1010 Interpersonal Communication	3
TCOM 1xxx Transfer Communication	3
General Education elective - Mathematics	3
General Education elective - Natural Science	3-4
Elective	2