

Articulation Agreement



The University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering & Clarion University of Pennsylvania

Overview of Program

The purpose of this document is to establish an Articulation Agreement between the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering and Clarion University of Pennsylvania (hereinafter, Clarion). Students are eligible under the guidelines of this Articulation Agreement if they have completed each of the following requirements:

- The student must have been enrolled at Clarion for at least the past two years.
- The student must have received cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher as calculated on a 4.0 scale. Students intending on applying to Bioengineering must have received a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- The student must have received a favorable recommendation from the Articulation Agreement Program Liaison at Clarion. This recommendation must be included in the student's application packet to the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
- The student must have successfully completed the specific science and math prerequisite courses for the intended major listed in the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide with a re-calculated GPA of 3.0 in these courses and a grade of C or better in each course.
- The student must have completed or plan to transfer back courses for the major requirement prescribed by Clarion for graduation.

Admission to the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering is dependent on meeting the above criteria and space being available in the student's applied engineering major at the junior-level.

Introduction

This agreement specifies the terms by which the University of Pittsburgh and Clarion agree to cooperate in facilitating the transfer of students to pursue dual baccalaureate degrees from the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering and Clarion.

The articulation agreement program between the University of Pittsburgh and Clarion will normally consist of three years of instruction at Clarion followed by instruction at the University of Pittsburgh. While some students may be able to complete the prescribed engineering courses in four semesters (two years), certain engineering degree programs may necessitate attendance for additional terms to complete all degree requirements. Due to this fact, this agreement is not a 3/2 agreement.

Provided that all stipulated criteria have been met, the student will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in an area designed/defined by Clarion and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh.

The Swanson School of Engineering offers B.S. degrees in Bioengineering, Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Engineering Science, Industrial Engineering, Materials Science and Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

Students from Clarion who will be transferring to the University of Pittsburgh as part of this agreement will also be eligible to participate in the School's other education enhancement programs including the Cooperative Education Program and the Engineering International Program. Students may also choose to pursue either a minor or certificate in another engineering or arts and sciences area. Participation in these optional programs may require additional time to graduate. Interested students should consult the University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Bulletin for more information (<http://www.bulletins.pitt.edu/undergrad/>).

Any and all modifications of this document must occur through formal notification and revision of this agreement.

Recruitment

The availability of the articulation agreement program between the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering and Clarion will be included in literature developed and distributed by both institutions. Clarion is encouraged to develop brochures and other suitable material outlining the course content and the features of this program. Such information concerning the program may be distributed through Clarion's Office of Admissions. Clarion will be primarily responsible for student recruitment for this articulation agreement program. As required, the appropriate Swanson School of Engineering faculty and staff will be available by telephone and e-mail to assist Clarion students, faculty and staff.

All descriptive literature, promotional material or advertising material developed by Clarion describing or discussing this articulation agreement program should be submitted to the Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering for review and approval prior to publication and distribution. Approval by the University of Pittsburgh for such material and literature will not be unreasonably delayed.

Application for Admission

Students admitted to this program should have a strong background in science and mathematics in order to be competitive for transfer to the University of Pittsburgh. They should complete the prescribed courses from the Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide at Clarion during their first three years at Clarion in order to be able to complete the University of Pittsburgh course work in the appropriate time.

A transfer application for admission should be requested from:
The Office of Admissions and Financial Aid
4227 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213
(412) 624-PITT

A transfer application may also be accessed on-line from <http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/transadm.aspx>.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.oafa.pitt.edu/>

Completed application materials must indicate that the student is following the terms of this articulation agreement and must be submitted by July 15 for consideration for Fall semester admission, October 31 for Spring admission and March 15 for Summer admission. A recommendation from the Clarion Articulation Agreement Program Liaison is also required and should be sent along with the application materials.

Ideally, the student should indicate interest in the program during his/her first year at Clarion. He/she should consult with the Articulation Agreement Program Liaison to make sure that the appropriate courses are taken. During the student's second year, the Clarion Articulation Agreement Program Liaison should inform the Swanson School of Engineering of the student's intent to transfer and indicate the engineering program of interest.

Candidate Selection

The Swanson School of Engineering agrees to review in an expeditious and non-prejudicial manner those students who follow the articulation agreement between the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering and Clarion.

To be admitted to the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering, students must meet the following requirements:

- The student must have been enrolled at Clarion for at least the past two years.
- The student must have received an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher as calculated on a 4.0 scale. Students intending on applying to Bioengineering must have received a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- The student must have received a favorable recommendation from the Articulation Agreement Program Liaison at Clarion. This recommendation must be included in the student's application packet to the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.
- The student must have successfully completed the specific science and math prerequisite courses for the intended major listed in the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide with a recalculated GPA of 3.0 or higher in these courses and a grade of C or better in each course.*
- The student must have completed or plan to complete the major requirements prescribed by Clarion for graduation.

Students must complete their last thirty credits at the University of Pittsburgh. A grade of "C" or better must be earned in the prescribed courses in order to receive transfer credit and be eligible to fall under this agreement. Courses in which a grade of C- or lower was received will not be counted for transfer credit.

****Students Unable to Complete Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide***

If a student is unable to complete the prescribed curriculum at Clarion due to the fact that some courses are not offered at Clarion, students will still be considered for admission based on the University of Pittsburgh Office of Admissions and Financial Aid's transfer student guidelines. Information regarding the standard transfer student guidelines may be obtained by the University of Pittsburgh's Office of Admissions and Financial Aid.

Statute of Limitations

All course work must be completed within the 12-year statute of limitations for the University of Pittsburgh.

Course Selection

The University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering will provide an Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide to guide students at Clarion regarding their course selection.

Clarion Articulation Agreement Program Liaison should work to make sure that the students interested in this program are taking the appropriate courses as prescribed in the Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide. Questions about transferability of courses should be made to the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering's Coordinator of Transfer Student Services.

The University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering's Coordinator of Transfer Student Services will update Clarion of all curriculum changes as related to the Articulation Agreement Curriculum Guide. The provisions and contents of this document are subject to change at any time at the University of Pittsburgh's sole discretion. The University of Pittsburgh will make reasonable efforts to allow students already in the articulation agreement program at the time changes are made, to complete the program under the conditions in effect at the time of their enrollment in the program.

Advising Services

Clarion's appropriate advisors and associated faculty will advise students during the first three years. Students may also contact the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering's Coordinator of Transfer Student Services for appropriate advisement regarding transferability of courses.

Student Services

Students transferring from an articulation program to the University of Pittsburgh, Swanson School of Engineering will be treated on an equal basis with current Swanson School of Engineering students with regard to selection of courses and other student services. Transferring students will also have the Coordinator of Transfer Student Services available for questions regarding their assimilation to the University of Pittsburgh. Transfer students are also encouraged to enroll in an Engineering Transfer Seminar during their first semester at the University of Pittsburgh.

Terms of the Agreement

The liaisons from both institutions will review this agreement annually, revising it if necessary. An extensive review will take place five years from the date of signing. Attachments regarding curriculum requirements should be reviewed as required. This agreement shall not exceed a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature.

Lacking such a review, the agreement will continue until either the Dean of Clarion or the Dean of the Swanson School of Engineering receives written notification of termination. Students enrolled in this program at the time of termination shall be allowed to proceed according to the policies outlined previously in this agreement.

Mutual Terms and Conditions

- a. *Nondiscrimination.* The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination based on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Clarion students are protected by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The University of Pittsburgh Swanson School of Engineering agrees to cooperate with Clarion in its investigation of claims of discrimination or harassment.
- b. *Reporting of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment.* Both universities shall report any incident in which a student is the victim of sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, stalking or sexual harassment to the appropriate university's Title IX Coordinator:

Clarion:
Dr. Susanne Fenske
Vice President of Student Affairs
840 Wood Street, 103 Carrier
Clarion, PA 16214
814-393-2351

University of Pittsburgh:
Office of Diversity and Inclusion
500 Craig Hall, 200 South Craig Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15260
412-648-7860
titleixcoordinator@pitt.edu

- c. *Interpretation of the Agreement.* The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.
- d. *Modification of Agreement.* This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.
- e. *Relationship of Parties.* The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.
- f. *Liability.* Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this contract. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant to any provisions of this contract. This provision shall not be construed to

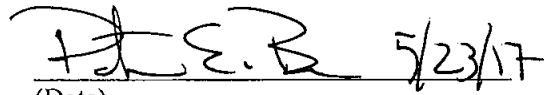
limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education or the University.

- g. *Entire Agreement.* This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regard to this relationship.

Acting for our respective institutions, we accept the terms of the above agreement.

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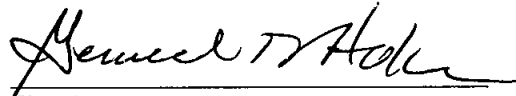
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University of Pittsburgh

Approved As To Form and Legality

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