

- 2.7.4** The institution provides instruction for all course work required for at least one degree program at each level at which it awards degrees. If the institution does not provide instruction for all such course work and (1) makes arrangements for some instruction to be provided by other accredited institutions or entities through contracts or consortia or (2) uses some other alternative approach to meeting this requirement, the alternative approach must be approved by the Commission on Colleges. In both cases, the institution demonstrates that it controls all aspects of its educational program. (See *Commission policy "Core Requirement 2.7.4: Documenting an Alternate Approach."*) **(Coursework for Degrees)**

Judgment of Compliance

Compliance

Narrative

Albany State University controls all aspects of its educational program in that it provides all coursework for all degree programs that it offers, with the exception of or contractual arrangements for instruction by other accredited institutions or entities.

1. Darton College is a two-year unit of the University System of Georgia located less than five miles from the Albany State University Campus. In order to better serve students in the Southwest Georgia Region with seamless transfer opportunities in the local area, Albany State University and Darton College have entered into four agreements that extend the existing University System of Georgia common core curriculum [\[1\]](#). These agreements have various titles including Memo of Understanding, Collaborative Agreement, Articulation Agreement but all have a common outcome: seamless transfer of Darton College two-year degree students to Albany State University four-year degree programs. Agreements have been established to include programs in Biology, Nursing, Forensic Science, and Military Science [\[2\]](#). All courses for these degrees are also offered by Albany State University.
2. Bainbridge College, another two-year unit of the University System located in Southwest Georgia, has Memoranda of Understanding with Albany State University allowing students to transfer into two programs. The programs are a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. In both Memoranda of Understanding, students earn an associate's degree at the Bainbridge College campus and transfer seamlessly into a baccalaureate degree program taught by Albany State University faculty using Albany State curricula on the Bainbridge College campus [\[3\]](#)
3. Waycross College, another two-year unit of the University System located in Southern Georgia, has a Memorandum of Understanding with Albany State University allowing students to transfer into the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program. Students earn an associate's degree in sociology or psychology at the Waycross College campus and transfer seamlessly into a baccalaureate degree program taught by Albany State University faculty using Albany State curricula on the Waycross College campus [\[4\]](#)

4. Albany State University has signed six agreements with Albany Technical College to support seamless educational progress with minimal repetition of courses [5]. All courses for all programs included in the agreements are also offered at Albany State University. Primarily in the form of articulation agreements, each document describes the specific courses that are accepted for transfer, the maximum number of hours accepted for transfer, and quality control mechanisms for each program. The programs are:
- Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Technology Management that allows a maximum of as a cooperative program between Albany State University and Albany Technical College that allows qualified students to transfer 9 semester hours of general education courses and 27 semester hours of technology courses earned at Albany Technical College to Albany State University to complete the requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Science degree with emphasis in Technology Management.
 - Bachelor of Science in Accounting that allows students to transfer a maximum of 60 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University
 - Bachelor of Applied Science in Computer Information Systems that allows qualified students to transfer a maximum of 60 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University.
 - Bachelor of Science in Marketing that allows qualified students to transfer a maximum of 60 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University.
 - Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education that allows qualified students to transfer a maximum of 35 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University.
 - Bachelor of Criminal Justice that allows qualified students to transfer a maximum of 27 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University.
 - Bachelor of Criminal Justice that allows qualified students to transfer a maximum of 12 semester credit hours from a Georgia Department of Corrections training program as a portion of the maximum of 27 semester hours from Albany Technical College to Albany State University.

In order to maintain academic quality of the program, the following guidelines are followed in all programs:

- a. Albany Technical College will provide adequate documentation for faculty persons teaching transfer courses annually.
- b. Albany State University will conduct annual evaluations of the credentials of Albany Technical College faculty members teaching all transfer courses to ensure that faculty members are appropriately qualified. The COC credential guidelines will be followed to assess faculty qualifications, in addition to other quality factors that demonstrate teaching competence.
- c. Albany Technical College will provide syllabi of all transfer courses annually.
- d. Albany State University will conduct an annual review of course syllabi of all transfer courses from Albany Technical College to ensure that all transfer courses are comparable in content to Albany State University courses.

5. The University has a collaborative agreement with Fort Valley State University to offer an external Master of Business Administration [\[6\]](#). This degree is wholly controlled by Albany State University and includes identical degree requirements as the on-campus program.
6. The University has a collaborative agreement with the Turner Job Corps Center to offer programs to teachers at the center [\[7\]](#). These programs are the same as the on-campus programs that lead to teacher certification and include identical curricula and degree requirements but are offered in support of teachers at the Turner Job Corps Center.
7. The University has a collaborative agreement with the West Los Angeles Community College District [\[8\]](#) to offer seamless transfer for students in that district. The university reviewed the curricula of colleges within the district and determined equivalency of core curriculum courses.

Albany State University (ASU) also recognizes the transferability of coursework taken at other institutions and has published policies and procedures that govern the successful transfer of coursework taken elsewhere. Policies, requirements and procedures are also detailed in the ASU's Undergraduate Catalog [\[9\]](#).

Supporting Documentation

- [1] [University System of Georgia Guaranteed Transferability of Core Curriculum, Academic Affairs Handbook Section 2.04.04](#)
- [2] [Collaborative Agreements, Darton College Agreements](#)
- [3] [Collaborative Agreements, Bainbridge College Memoranda of Understanding](#)
- [4] [Collaborative Agreement, Waycross College Memorandum of Understanding](#)
- [5] [Collaborative Agreements, Albany Technical College](#)
- [6] [Collaborative Agreement, Fort Valley State University](#)
- [7] [Collaborative Agreement, Turner Job Corps Center](#)
- [8] [Collaborative Agreement, West Los Angeles Community College District](#)
- [9] [Transfer Guidelines, Undergraduate Catalog, page 19](#)