

**DUAL ADMISSIONS PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**FOR  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**BETWEEN**

**MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**AND**

**NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY**

**EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 2020**

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## **MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY**

### **I. Purpose and Goals**

This program is designed to offer students a unique opportunity to complete a Bachelor of Science degree “seamlessly” at two institutions of higher learning. Under this agreement, students will enter into a sequential degree program wherein a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S.) degree at New Jersey City University (NJCU) is predicated upon conferral of an Associate of Science (A.S.) or Associate of Arts (A.A.) degrees at Mercer County College (MCCC). Students who participate in this program will be initially identified by MCCC, who will provide notification to NJCU prior to the completion of the designated A.S./A.A. degree programs. MCCC will monitor the academic progress of students covered by this Dual Admissions Program Agreement. Students who subsequently complete their A.S./A.A. degree program and fulfill all criteria of this Dual Admissions Program Agreement will enter NJCU as fully matriculated students.

### **II. Benefits / Advantages of This Program**

- Creation of a plan for completing the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Criminal Justice degree (a full-time student can graduate with an A.S./A.A. degree and a B.S. in Criminal Justice in four years with each program taking approximately two years to complete);
- Provision of early planning with MCCC counselors to ensure a smooth transfer;
- Prospective students will be offered admissions and financial aid advising through scheduled visits to the MCCC campus by NJCU admissions and financial aid representatives;
- Ability to earn both associate’s and bachelor’s degrees while maximizing transferability of credits;
- A guarantee that students who meet the stated criteria as outlined in section III will be “seamlessly” admitted to the Criminal Justice program at NJCU;
- Graduation requirements at NJCU will not change as long as the student meets the criteria outlined in section V: Time Limits;
- Access to NJCU financial aid counselors to facilitate early financial planning and estimates of financial aid and scholarships while students are enrolled at MCCC;
- A welcome to NJCU from Admission’s with notification of a student's acceptance into the Dual Admissions Program.

### **III. Requirements for Admission to NJCU under the Dual Admissions Program**

Admission to NJCU is contingent upon a student's:

- Admission to MCCC;
- Completion and submission of the Dual Admissions Program Application any time prior to his / her last semester at MCCC;
- Academic Record Release Form at time of acceptance to MCCC;
- Attainment of a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher at MCCC;
- Meeting the general admission criteria of NJCU;
- Submission of official transcripts of MCCC;
- Submission of official transcripts of all previous college work at each institution attended and/or a WES evaluation.

### **IV. The Dual Admissions Program Application Process and Procedures**

1. The NJCU College of Professional Studies, Dean's Office staff will mail MCCC Dual Admissions Program applicants a letter of welcome with notification of his / her acceptance into the Dual Admissions Program upon receipt of the Dual Admissions Program Application. NJCU will waive the application fee as well the admissions essay. The notification letter will outline the parameters and guarantees of the program and include instructions the student must follow to maintain eligibility in the program. Students will be assigned an advisor at each of the participating institutions.
2. MCCC will maintain records of students enrolled in the program and will provide NJCU, free of charge, with copies (preferably electronic) of student transcripts on or about February 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the student's graduation (October 1<sup>st</sup> for those students intending to enroll in the spring semester). A final, official student transcript will also be sent to the NJCU Undergraduate Admissions Office upon graduation. NJCU will provide MCCC with aggregate data on retention and graduation rates for students who transfer to NJCU under this Dual Admissions Program Agreement.

### **V. Time Limit**

Students completing the A.S./A.A. degree coursework at MCCC and matriculating at NJCU within four years of the student's first enrollment in a course at MCCC will follow the undergraduate college degree requirements in place at NJCU at the time of initial enrollment in a course at MCCC. If more than four years elapses between the date of initial enrollment in a course at MCCC and the date of matriculation at NJCU, the student must fulfill the degree requirements in place at the time of entrance to NJCU.

### **VI. Transferability of Credits**

Dual Admissions Program students entering NJCU with an A.S./A.A. degree will receive credit for all NJCU general education requirements. Students who have earned an A.S./A.A. degree from MCCC and meet all criteria set forth in **Section III. Requirements for Admission to NJCU** will receive up to 60 credits at NJCU toward the bachelor's degree.

## **VII. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Curriculum Requirements, Equivalents and Course Descriptions**

Requirements for each participating program are mapped and included in this Agreement under APPENDIX A. Programs may be added to this agreement at any time by adding articulation maps to APPENDIX A and the subsequent signatures of all parties in **Section XI. Approvals**.

Students must successfully complete 120 college credits in order to receive the B.S. in Criminal Justice. Students can complete the remaining 60 credits required for the B.S. in Criminal Justice degree as part- or full-time students. A minimum of 39 credits in Criminal Justice must be taken in residency at NJCU.

- Attachment A, entitled, "Associate in Criminal Justice to Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice."
- Attachment B, entitled: "Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Program - Course Requirements"

## **VIII. Institutional Responsibilities**

MCCC and NJCU agree to promote the Dual Admissions Program in appropriate college publications and at recruitment and outreach activities.

MCCC and NJCU will appoint a program coordinator who will have a direct relationship with the chairperson of the respective program.

All students in the MCCC A.S./A.A. degree program will be advised by MCCC faculty / staff. Once MCCC students in the dual admit program graduate from MCCC and enter NJCU all students will be advised by Criminal Justice faculty.

All MCCC General Education requirements will be considered satisfied according to this agreement as long as the student satisfies the requirements for the A.S./A.A. degree at MCCC (English, History, Math, Humanities, etc.)

## **IX. Agreement Review**

MCCC and NJCU will notify one another of curricular changes upon institutional approval. The Dual Admissions Program Agreement shall be reviewed and modified at least every three years or more often if agreed upon by officials at MCCC and NJCU.

This agreement represents the entire agreement between MCCC and NJCU through their authorized agents and will be deemed fully executed on the date of the last signature. All negotiations, oral agreements, and understandings are merged herein and any change(s) in the terms must be made in writing and signed by all parties.

## **X. Anticipated Date of Implementation**

The terms of this Agreement become effective May 1, 2020.

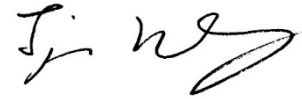
**XI. Approvals**

For **Mercer County Community College**



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Dr. Robert Schreyer  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mercer County Community College

Date: May 22, 2020



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Dr. Jianping Wang  
President  
Mercer County Community College

Date: May 26, 2020

For **New Jersey City University**

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Dr. Tamara Jhashi, Provost  
Senior Vice President and Provost  
New Jersey City University

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. Sue Henderson  
President  
New Jersey City University

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX A  
NEW JERSEY CITY UNIVERSITY  
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

<b>Associate in Criminal Justice to Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice</b>		
<u><b>NJCU Requirement</b></u>	<u><b>MCCC Equivalent</b></u>	<u><b>Credits</b></u>
<i>General Education program</i>	<i>Completion of A.S. or A.A.</i>	<i>waived</i>
<b>REQUIRED</b>		
CJ 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRJ 101	3
CJ 112 Crime and Delinquency	CRJ 105	3
CJ 215 Police Organization and Administration	CRJ 206	3
CJ 217 Correctional System and Administration	CRJ 103	3
CJ 305 Criminal Law	CRJ 202	3
<b>ELECTIVE</b>		
CJ 115 Juvenile Justice	CRJ 212	3
CJ 205 Community Corrections	CRJ 211	3
CJ 260 Criminal Investigation	CRJ 207	3
CJ 275 Police in the Community	CRJ 102	3
Total transferred credits:	60 (includes all above)	
Credits remaining to degree from NJCU:	60 (outlined below)	
<u><b>Courses to be taken at NJCU to complete the B.S.:</b></u>		<u><b>Credits</b></u>
<b>REQUIRED</b>		(24)
CJ 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice		3
CJ 112 Crime and Delinquency		3
CJ 215 Police Organization and Administration		3
CJ 216 Court System and Administration		3
CJ 217 Correctional System and Administration		3
CJ 305 Criminal Law		3
CJ 372 Criminal Justice Research		3
CJ 463 Management of Public Safety Agencies		3
<b>ELECTIVES</b>		(15)
CJ 115 Juvenile Justice		3
CJ 120 Careers in Criminal Justice		3
CJ 130 Writing for Criminal Justice		3
CJ 201 Law, Order and Justice in Society		3
CJ 205 Community Corrections		3
CJ 210 Crime Prevention		3
CJ 250 Crisis Intervention		3

CJ 260 Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 275 Police and Community	3
CJ 300 Victimless Crimes/Organized Crime	3
CJ 301 Terrorism	3
CJ 302 White Collar Crime	3
CJ 303 Women and Criminal Justice	3
CJ 306 Crime and the Movies	3
CJ 308 Multi-Cultural Law Enforcement	3
CJ 310 Hate Crimes Seminar	3
CJ 311 Violence and Victim-Offender Dynamics	3
CJ 315 Seminar in Criminal Justice Problems	3
CJ 325 Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 340 Criminal Evidence	3
CJ 360 Victims of Crime	3
CJ 370 Minorities and Criminal Justice	3
CJ 420 International Criminal Justice	3
CJ 444 Criminal Justice Ethics	3
CJ 464 Management Information Systems	3
Total credits needed in major (Students majoring in Criminal Justice will be required to complete 39 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses in residence at NJCU):	39
Total additional free-elective credits needed for NJCU degree completion:	21

**ATTACHMENT B**  
**Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Program - Course Requirements**  
**(Sample Design for Students Entering NJCU as a Junior in the Fall Semester, having**  
**completed 60 Credits and Required Core Course Equivalencies at MCCC.)**

<b>Semester and Course</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Junior - Fall Semester</b>	
CJ 216 Court System and Administration	3
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
Elective Course/ Minor Course	3
	15
<b>Junior - Spring Semester</b>	
CJ 372 Criminal Justice Research	3
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
	15
<b>Senior – Fall Semester</b>	
CJ 463 Management of Public Safety Agencies	3
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
	15
<b>Senior – Spring Semester</b>	
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
CJ Elective Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
Elective Course/Minor Course	3
	15
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>120</b>