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**Memorandum of Understanding between
Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology
And the Governing Council of the University of Toronto as
Represented by the University of Toronto Mississauga**

Introduction and Definitions

This memorandum of understanding will serve to establish the principles, guidelines, and procedures governing the application, admission and assessment of transfer credit of academically qualified students into an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree program (hereafter referred to as HBA) at the University of Toronto Mississauga (hereafter referred to as UTM) following the completion of the two-year General Arts and Science – Degree Transfer diploma (hereafter referred to as GAS-DT) at Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology (hereafter referred to as Niagara College). Only Niagara College students enrolled in the GAS-DT (hereafter referred to as “students”) are eligible for consideration under this agreement. Academically qualified students, as determined by the terms outlined in this agreement, will be identified by a Niagara College GAS-DT team of faculty and administrative staff (hereafter referred to as the Niagara Promotions Committee).

Objectives

The objectives of this understanding between UTM and Niagara College include, but are not limited to:

- establishing a seamless admission/transfer process between the two institutions which provides academically qualified students from Niagara College with a clearly defined option for continuing their education in an HBA at UTM;
- outlining the process for gaining admission into the HBA at UTM;
- outlining the number of transfer credits earned based on specific studies completed in the GAS-DT at Niagara College; and,
- ensuring and facilitating the ongoing academic coordination and collaboration of this agreement.

Terms of the Agreement

1. Admission to the Niagara GAS-DT will be in accordance with the existing Niagara College admission criteria and procedures.

2. Only students who complete the Niagara GAS-DT and who have the recommendation of the Niagara Promotions Committee will be eligible for the benefits of this understanding. Other applicants to UTM with prior education at Niagara College will be considered for admission and transfer credit under the usual UTM policies for transfer.
3. After completing the first two semesters of the Niagara GAS-DT, excellent (CGPA of at least 3.5) students will be identified by the Niagara Promotions Committee, and, with the permission of the student, reported to UTM Office of the Registrar as eligible to attend as visiting students in a designated summer session course should they chose to do so. In such cases, students will complete a General Arts and Science Summer Visiting Student Application, available online at the UTM Office of the Registrar website. Summer session course options available to GAS-DT students will be posted at that website prior to the start of each summer session. After transferring to UTM, all courses completed by visiting students under this agreement will be retained as part of their academic record at UTM.
4. Excellent students (CGPA of at least 3.5), who are enrolled in the final semester of the Niagara GAS-DT, will be identified by the Niagara Promotions Committee, with the permission of the student, and reported to UTM Office of the Registrar as eligible for consideration for admission to begin their degree level studies early, in the summer session at UTM. Such students will be given priority consideration for early admission and, provided all final grades are received before Summer Session begins, will be permitted to begin degree level studies in First Semester of Summer should they choose to do so.
5. Prospective transfer candidates enrolled in the second year of the Niagara GAS-DT should indicate their interest in being considered for admission to UTM through this transfer understanding by completing the 105 application form on the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC) website and completing the UTM Transfer Student Application (online through the UTM Office of the Registrar website) no later than March 1st of any particular year.
6. Students in the Niagara GAS-DT will be considered for admission to an HBA at UTM, once they have applied through the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC), based on their full academic record. If admitted, they will be eligible for degree level studies at UTM in all respects.
7. Admission to an HBA at UTM will require students to complete the Niagara GAS-DT and achieve a minimum CGPA of 3.0. This requirement will be reviewed annually in accordance with UTM admission requirements for HBA programs.
8. UTM will award transfer credit to students upon their admission to an HBA at UTM as follows:
 - Academically qualified students may earn up to a maximum of 5.0 transfer credits at the 100 level based on the academic work completed in the Niagara GAS-DT.
 - Transfer credit will be awarded based on the chart of equivalencies provided in Appendix A.

- Students must have achieved a mark of at least C - or 60% in any Niagara College course in order for it to be considered for transfer credit.
 - Each Niagara GAS-DT course listed in Appendix A can only be used once toward transfer credit.
 - The equivalencies listed in Appendix A are subject to review during the life of this agreement.
9. Both Niagara College and UTM agree to regularly engage in discussions to review the potential for increasing the number and particulars of transfer credits in this Memorandum of Understanding. The goal is to work towards facilitating the transition from the GAS-DT to university level studies and the successful completion of a University of Toronto Honours Bachelor of Arts degree.
10. A joint UTM – Niagara College Monitoring Committee will oversee the implementation of this transfer program and resolve any issues that may arise. This may include revisiting the assessed transfer credit equivalencies in the event of curricular changes at either institution. This Monitoring Committee will consist of the following representatives:
- UTM Registrar (or representative);
 - UTM Dean and VP Academic (or representative);
 - Niagara College Registrar (or representative);
 - Niagara College Dean, Liberal Arts and Sciences (or representative).
11. This understanding includes a commitment to the exchange of information between the two institutions, with the informed consent of participating students, for the sole purposes of monitoring student progress and to facilitate periodic review of the jointly sponsored, facilitated transfer agreement.
12. Students enrolled in the Niagara GAS-DT during the academic year in which notice of any material change or notice of termination of this understanding is given will have access to the admission/transfer process specified in the original terms of this agreement.
13. Parties to this agreement must provide notice in writing to the joint UTM-Niagara College Monitoring Committee at least six months prior to the proposed date of implementation of any material change to this agreement.
14. This agreement will remain in place for a five-year period, from September 2, 2014 to August 31, 2019. The parties agree to revisit the terms of this agreement on an annual basis in order to assess whether it is attaining its stated objectives, and whether the agreement should be renewed. The parties also retain the right to give to the joint UTM-Niagara College Monitoring Committee, at any point during the term of this agreement, six months' notice in writing of the proposed termination of this agreement.

Signatures to the Memorandum of Understanding

For Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology

For Niagara College Rep

For Niagara College Rep

For the University of Toronto

Professor Amy Mullin
Vice-Principal, Academic and Dean, University of Toronto Mississauga

Professor Sioban Nelson
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Date

Appendix A

Niagara College to UTM Equivalencies Chart

Niagara College Courses (Bolded courses are mandatory for the Diploma)	UTM Equivalency
ENGLISH	
WRIT 8132** - Academic Reading, Writing and Research ENGL 8020 - English Literature Form & Focus: Prose ENGL 8300 - English Literature Form & Focus: Poetry & Drama OR WRIT 8132** - Academic Reading, Writing and Research And one of: ENGL 8020 - English Literature Form & Focus: Prose ENGL 8300 - English Literature Form & Focus: Poetry & Drama	ENG110Y5 or ENG140Y5 ENG1**H5
PHILOSOPHY	
PHIL 8110 - Critical Thinking The Study of Argument & Persuasion PHIL 8211 - Introduction to Philosophy: Objective Self PHIL 8313 - Introduction to Philosophy : The Subjective Self OR Any two of: PHIL 8110 - Critical Thinking The Study of Argument & Persuasion PHIL 8211 - Introduction to Philosophy: Objective Self PHIL 8313 - Introduction to Philosophy : The Subjective Self	PHL105Y5 PHL1**H5
POLITICAL SCIENCE	
POLI 8205 - The Structure of Politics POLI 8305 - The Content of Politics	POL1**H5 <i>Fulfills half of first year pre-requisite for second year POL courses</i>
SOCIOLOGY	
SOCL 8226 - Principles in Sociology: Basic Concepts SOCL 8334 - Principles in Sociology: Institutions & Social Change SOCL 8411 - Cultural Diversity OR Any two of: SOCL 8226 - Principles in Sociology: Basic Concepts SOCL 8334 - Principles in Sociology: Institutions & Social Change SOCL 8411 - Cultural Diversity	SOC100H5 & SOC1**H5 SOC100H5

HISTORY	
HIST 8203 - Modern History HIST 8317 - Contemporary World History	HIS101H5 <i>Please Note: In order to receive HIS101H5, students must successfully pass WRIT 8132 with a 60% or higher. HIS1**H5 will be awarded if this condition is not met.</i>
OTHER SOCIAL SCIENCE	
SCIE 8209 - Science and the Environment SCIE 8305 - Science and Society MGMT 8404 - Leadership Studies	SSC1**Y5
AND/OR	
IDPL 8109 - Concepts in Social Sciences And one of: PSYC 9102 - Psychology: Fact and Fiction SCIE 9105 - Conservation Biology ARTS 9105 - Social Justice and the Arts PSYC 9121 - Persuasion: Psychology and Advertising	SSC1**H5
OR	
IDPL 8109 - Concepts in Social Sciences And two of: PSYC 9102 - Psychology: Fact and Fiction SCIE 9105 - Conservation Biology ARTS 9105 - Social Justice and the Arts PSYC 9121 - Persuasion: Psychology and Advertising	SSC1**Y5
OTHER HUMANITIES	
IDPL 8104 – Concepts in Humanities and one of: HIST 9201 – Canadian Studies: Regions of Canada PHIL 9201 – 20 th Century Philosophy ARTS 9106 – Hispanic Studies HIST 9108 – Out of Eden: An Environmental History of the World	HUM1**H5
OR	
IDPL 8104 – Concepts in Humanities and two of: HIST 9201 – Canadian Studies: Regions of Canada PHIL 9201 – 20 th Century Philosophy ARTS 9106 – Hispanic Studies HIST 9108 – Out of Eden: An Environmental History of the World	HUM1**Y5

Notes:

- Courses may only be counted once
- Course equivalencies are continually updated and are subject to change
- ** - WRIT 8132 may be counted only once.

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