

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY**  
**DIVISION OF JUSTICE STUDIES (Legal Studies)**  
**And**  
**PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

This Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and transition of legal assisting/paralegal students (the "students") from PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE ("PBCC") into the BS in Legal Studies Program in the Division of Justice Studies of FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY ("FGCU"). It is intended to provide students the opportunity to continue their college education at the university level, while recognizing the achievements of those students in the community college setting.

**ARTICULATION FROM**  
**PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY**

PBCC and FGCU agree to the following to facilitate transfer of students from the PBCC Legal Assisting/Paralegal Associate in Science Degree Program into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program:

- A. As part of acceptance into the FGCU B.S. in Legal Studies Program, a student must have received an Associate in Science degree from FCCJ which includes the completion of certain program core course work as set forth in Appendix A.
- B. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 on all previous coursework is required for acceptance into FGCU.
- C. Any student admitted into FGCU from the PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE Legal Assisting/ Paralegal Program and following the specifications in Appendix A of this agreement will be accepted into the FGCU Legal Studies Program as a Junior. Once accepted at FGCU, the student will need to successfully complete a minimum of 48 credits at FGCU at a 3000 level or higher. Students must also satisfy the state-mandated 36 hour general education requirement. Students may complete their general education requirements in the following manner:
  - (1) Prior to admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted, or
  - (2) while enrolled at FGCU as an upper division student by meeting FGCU general education requirements, or
  - (3) after admission to FGCU as evidenced by an official transcript so noted.
- D. FGCU will accept in transfer a maximum of 72 credit hours from the PBCC student's Associate of Science degree in Legal Assisting/Paralegal and general education coursework.
- E. Students remain subject to all other state and FGCU admission and graduation requirements as specified in the FGCU catalog.

This Agreement will be in force continuously beginning with the 2003-2004 academic year at both institutions and for each successive year unless otherwise canceled by either institution. Program changes by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties. If this Agreement is canceled, it will affect only future students, and not any students who have already been enrolled in and accepted into either program with the understanding that current AS students must exercise their right to transfer within two years of the effective date of cancellation.

FLORIDA GULF COAST UNIVERSITY

PALM BEACH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dr. William C. Merwin, President

Dr. Dennis P. Gallon, President  
Effective: (date) 6/16/04

**APPROVED AS TO FORM**  
**AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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Legal Counsel

Signed agreement on file in PBCC Academic Services office.

**APPENDIX A**  
**Associate of Science Degree in**  
**Legal Assisting**  
**Articulated Program with Florida Gulf Coast University**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree in Legal Studies**

**FGCU Program Core**

Course Number	Course Title	Type of course	Semester Hours
CCJ 4215	Constitutional Criminal Law	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3202	Courtroom Techniques	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3700	Ethics for Legal Assistants	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3763	Law Office Management	Core Requirement	3
PLA 3803	Family Law Issues	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4116	Research & Document Drafting	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4603	Florida Trusts, Estates & Probate	Core Requirement	3
PLA 4612	Commercial & Residential Real Estate Transactions	Core Requirement	3
XXXX	Upper Division Communications	Core Requirement	3
XXXX	Select from approved list of PLA electives	Major Elective	15
IDS 3920	University Colloquium	University Requirement	3
PLA 4850	American Jurisprudence Seminar	University Requirement	3

**TOTAL FGCU PROGRAM CORE 48 CREDIT HOURS**

**PBCC Coursework**

Course Number	Course Title	Semester Hours
BUL 2241	Business Law I	3
BUL 2242	Business Law II	3
PLA 1003	Introduction to Paralegalism	3
PLA 2483	Administrative Law	3
PLA 1273	Preparing Negligence Cases	3
PLA 2611	Real Estate Law and Property Transactions	3
PLA 2600	Administration of Estates	3
PLA 2635	Administration of Guardianships	1
PLA 2209	Court Systems: Procedures & Pleadings I	3
PLA 2229	Court Systems: Procedures & Pleadings II	3
PLA 1104	Legal Writing and Research I	3
PLA 2114	Legal Writing and Research II	3
PLA 2630	Real Estate Closing and Document Preparation	2

**TOTAL PBCC PROGRAM**

**36 CREDIT HOURS**

**Note:** PLA 2405-Bankruptcy Law and Procedures and/or PLA 2841-Immigration Law, may be substituted for any of the above, up to 36 credit hours.

**General Education Credits**

**36 CREDIT HOURS**

**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**

**120 CREDIT HOURS**