

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BILATERAL AGREEMENT

For students taking courses at another institution for transfer to East Carolina University

THIS BILATERAL AGREEMENT (Agreement) is made as of the date of the last signature below (the Effective Date) by and between **EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY (ECU)**, a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina on behalf of the

(1) <u>Harriot College of Arts & Sciences</u>	and (2) <u>Geography, Planning & Environment</u>	and (3) <u>Edgecombe Community College</u>
Name of College	Department	Agency

WHEREAS, Students desire to take courses (the Courses) at the Agency and have those courses transfer to ECU and,

WHEREAS, Agency agrees to allow students to take courses as indicated on Exhibit B, which Exhibit B as defined in Section 3 below; and,

WHEREAS, ECU will allow students to transfer the Courses to ECU.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and covenants made each to the other, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The term of this Agreement (Term) shall begin on the Effective Date and shall continue for a period of three (3) years. Either party may terminate this Agreement, with or without cause, by providing 30 days written notice to the other party. Additionally, this Agreement may be terminated as outlined herein or because of breach. However, any students who have matriculated at ECU pursuant to this Agreement shall be continued through completion of the Degree Program.
2. Attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit A", which outlines all academic requirements for admission into the University and specific requirements for admission into the program (reference current catalog).
3. Also attached hereto, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set out, is "Exhibit B", which contains the transfer course table.
4. Agency certifies that instructors teaching courses listed in the Exhibit B transfer course table meet the minimum faculty credentialing requirements for ECU's regional accrediting body, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.
5. ECU and Agency shall each appoint a designated representative to coordinate the requirements of this agreement.
6. Each party shall keep the other party informed of changes in curriculum, program and staff that may affect the requirements of this agreement. If courses listed in "Exhibit B" change, the parties will review the changes and, if acceptable, a new "Exhibit B" reflecting those changes may be substituted. The parties shall indicate on the new "Exhibit B" the effective date of the changes. If

the changes are not acceptable to either party, then this Agreement may be renegotiated or terminated.

7. Agency shall not discriminate on the basis of race/ethnicity, color, gender identity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, veteran status, political affiliation, genetic information, or disability.
8. The ECU Bilateral Agreement Committee (Committee) shall review the Program biennially to determine its effectiveness. The Committee's review will be in accordance with the standards set out in Section 3 of ECU Regulation No. 02.07.04, Approval and Review of Bilateral Agreements.
9. Agency shall be considered an independent contractor and as such shall be wholly responsible for its work in accordance with this Agreement. Nothing herein is intended or shall be construed to establish any agency, partnership, or joint venture between Agency and ECU.
10. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the liability of ECU, as an agency of the State of North Carolina, for any injury or damage arising out of ECU's, its employees' or agents' performance under this Agreement is subject to the limitations of the North Carolina Tort Claims Act, N.C.G.S. §143-291, *et. seq.* (the "Act"). ECU does not waive any rights or defenses under the Act or the rights and authority of the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina to represent ECU.
11. Agency shall indemnify and hold ECU, its trustees, officers, employees and agents harmless for any and all claims, loss, liability, demands, or damages, including attorney's fees and court costs, due to the negligent acts of Agency's employees or agents in Agency's performance of this Agreement. This Section 11 shall not apply if the Agency is an agency of the State of North Carolina covered under the Act.
12. ECU has determined that Agency is a school official with a legitimate educational interest under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). If ECU provides Agency with "personally identifiable information" from a student's education record as defined by FERPA, 34 CFR §99.3, Agency hereby certifies that collection of this information from ECU is necessary for Agency's duties and responsibilities under this Agreement. Agency further certifies that it shall maintain the confidential status of the education records in their custody, and that it shall maintain the personally identifiable information as directed by FERPA. Failure to abide by FERPA may result in the interruption, suspension and/or termination of the relationship with Agency for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of the violation. If Agency experiences a breach relating to this information or if Agency re-discloses this information, Agency shall immediately notify ECU. To the extent allowed by law, Agency shall indemnify ECU for any breach of confidentiality or failure of its responsibilities to protect confidential information. Specifically, these costs may include, but are not limited to, the cost of notification of affected persons as a result of its unauthorized release of ECU data provided to Agency pursuant to this Agreement.
13. During the Term of this Agreement, Agency shall, at its sole cost and expense, purchase and maintain general liability insurance with combined single limits coverage for bodily injury and property damage of not less than \$1,000,000.00 dollars per occurrence, \$2,000,000.00 dollars aggregate. Such insurance shall be issued in the name of the Agency with ECU and the State of

North Carolina named as additional insureds or loss payees, using ISO Form 2026, or equivalent. Agency shall provide each policy or certificate of the policy issued on Accord Form 25 or equivalent, together with evidence of payment of premiums to ECU not less than 10 days after the Effective Date, and upon renewal of the policy, not less than 30 days prior to expiration of the term of the policy. Additionally, each policy shall have an endorsement that the policy shall not be cancelled or materially changed without at least 30 days prior written notice to ECU and an endorsement to the fact that no act or omission of Agency shall invalidate the interest of ECU. The policy shall be issued by an insurance company with an A. M. Best rating of "A" or better, and shall be issued by a company qualified to do business in the State of North Carolina. This Section 13 shall not apply if the Agency is an agency of the State of North Carolina or if Agency is self-insured, provided Agency shall provide proof of self-insurance in accordance with the notice requirements of this Section 13.

14. Notices: Any notices or other communications between the parties shall be in writing and shall be given effectively if: posted by certified United States Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested or delivered by an overnight delivery service that keeps proof of delivery. Any notice or communications shall be addressed as follows or at such other address as may be from time to time designated in writing in accordance with this Section 14:

If to ECU: (4) East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27858-4353


With a copy to: University Attorney 215
Spilman Building East
Carolina University
Greenville, NC
27858-4353

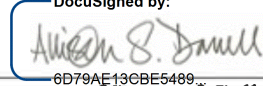
If to Agency: (5) VP of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer
Edgecombe Community College
2009 W Wilson St
Tarboro NC 27886


15. The place of this Agreement, its sites and forum, shall be Pitt County, North Carolina, and in said County and of said State such matters whether sounding in contract or tort relating to the validity, construction, interpretation, or enforcement shall be determined.
16. This Agreement contains the entire agreement of the parties and there are no representations, inducement, or other provisions other than those expressed herein. All changes, additions or deletions to this Agreement shall be in writing and executed by authorized representative(s) of each party.
17. The Auditor of the State of North Carolina and/or ECU's internal auditor shall have access to persons and records as a result of all agreements entered into by ECU in accordance with N.C.G.S. §147-64.7.

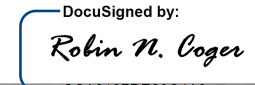
IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals, one of which is retained by each of the parties, effective as of the date of the last signature below.

East Carolina University


(6) 
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 Signature of Department Chair
 (7) Print Name: Jeff Popke
 (8) Date: 9/24/2024 | 8:37 AM EDT


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 Signature of Dean of College
 (10) Print Name: Allison S. Danell
 (11) Date: 9/24/2024 | 9:20 AM EDT


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 Signature of Chair, University Bilateral
 Agreements Committee
 (13) Print Name: Cyndi Bellacero
 (14) Date: 9/24/2024 | 9:52 AM EDT


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 Signature of Provost & Senior Vice Chancellor
 for Academic Affairs
 (16) Print Name: Robin N. Cogger
 (17) Date: 10/1/2024 | 8:49 AM EDT

(18) Edgecombe Community College
Agency

(19) 
 Signature of authorized Agent of Agency*
 (20) Title: Chair, Information Technology Studies
 (21) Print Name: Trey Cherry
 (22) Date: 19 AUGUST 2024


 Signature of additional authorized Agent of Agency
 (if desired or required by agency)
 Title: Dean, Technical and Continuing Education
 Print Name: Michael Starling
 Date: 19 AUGUST 2024


 Signature of additional authorized Agent of Agency
 (if desired or required by agency)
 Title: Vice President of Instruction
 Print Name: Bruce Panneton
 Date: 19 AUGUST 2024


 Signature of additional authorized Agent of Agency
 (if desired or required by agency)
 Title: President
 Print Name: Gregory McLeod
 Date: 19 AUGUST 2024

*Person signing warrants that he/she is authorized to bind Agency to this Agreement.

(23) EXHIBIT A

Academic requirements for admission into the University and specific requirements for admission into the program.

This Agreement governs Edgecombe Community College (ECC) students earning the degree of Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science who pursue the Bachelor of Science (BS) in Geographic Information Science and Technology.

Although AAS degree programs were not designed for transfer, ECC and ECU have worked together to establish an agreement that allows students to finish their AAS degree in Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science and complete their BS in Geographic Information Science and Technology at ECU. The purpose of the Agreement is to facilitate professional development of AAS Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science graduates who wish to continue their education by earning the baccalaureate degree. This Agreement applies to these two programs and no other programs at either institution.

Community College students will be advised that the AAS Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science was not designed for transfer to a four-year institution. However, with careful planning students can fulfill AAS degree requirements and receive 60 transfer credits towards the baccalaureate degree for ECU.

Contents of this Agreement are based on the ECU Undergraduate Catalog and the ECC catalog.

1. To be eligible for participation in this articulation agreement, students must have successfully completed the AAS in Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science program meeting the graduation requirements at ECC with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
2. A grade of C or better is needed for courses to transfer from ECC to ECU.
3. The following EXHIBIT B outlines transferable credit from ECC to ECU for general education and for requirements within the AAS Geospatial Technology - Geographic Information Science program to the major in Geographic Information Science and Technology at ECU.

(24) EXHIBIT B**GIST BS Course Articulations****General Education Courses- 40 hours**

East Carolina University		Edgecombe Community College	
Course Title	Credit Hours	Course Title	Credit Hours
English (6 hours)			
ENGL 1100 English Composition (WI)	3	ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3
ENGL 2201 Writing Across the Disciplines	3	ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Discipline	3
Math (3 hours) Choose 1 at ECC:			
MATH 1050 or MATH 1065	3	MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy OR MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra*	3/4
Social Sciences (9 hours) Take one at ECC:			
GEOG 2100 World Regions: Developed Countries	3	GEO 111 World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 1000, 1250, 2300, or 2350	3		
GEOG 1000, 1250, 2300, or 2350	3		
Humanities & Fine Arts (9 hours) Choose 1 at ECC:			
PHIL 1175 Intro to Ethics OR PHIL 1180 Intro to Critical Reasoning	3	PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics OR HUM 115 Critical Thinking	3
Humanities	3		
Fine Arts	3		
Any General Elective class (3 hours)			
Any general elective	3		
Natural Science (7 hours)			
Natural Science course	3		
Natural Science course + lab	4		
Health and Exercise Sport Science (3 hours)			
KINE 1000	1		
HLTH 1000	2		
General Education Hours Required	40	Allowed Transfer Hours	15-16

*Take MAT 171 if interested in minoring in forensic science (will add more time to 4-year degree plan)

GIST Major- 55 Hours

East Carolina University		Edgecombe Community College	
Course Title	Credit Hours	Course Title	Credit Hours
GEOG 2420	3		
GEOG 2400	3		
GEOG 4999 Geography Professional Seminar	1		
GEOG 3420 Remote Sensing of the Environment I	3	GIS 249 Remote Sensing	3

GEOG 3430 Geographic Information Systems I	3	GIS 111 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOG 3450 Introduction to the Global Positioning System	3	GIS 112 Introduction to GPS	3
GEOG 3460 GIS Applications Programming	3	GIS 261 Programming in GIS	3
GEOG 4410 Advanced Cartographic Design and Production	3		
GEOG 4430 Geographic Information Systems II	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
GEOG Elective	3		
Cognate	3		
Cognate	3		
Cognate	3		
Major Hours Required	55	Allowable Transfer Hours	12

General Elective Courses-29 hours

East Carolina University		Edgecombe Community College	
Course Title	Credit Hours	Course Title	Credit Hours
General Elective (COAD 1XXX)	1	ACA 122 College Transfer Success	1
General Elective (MIS 2223)	3	CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	3
General Elective (ITEC 1xxx)	3	GIS 120 Introduction to Geodesy	3
General Elective (BITE 1xxx)	3	CIS 115 Intro to Prog & Logic	3
General Elective (ITEC 1xxx)	3	CTI 110 Web, Pgm, & DB Foundation	3
General Elective (ITEC 1xxx)	3	GIS 121 Georeferencing & Mapping	3
General Elective (ITEC 1xxx)	3	DBA 120 Database Programming	3
		GIS 215 GIS Data Models	0
		GIS 235 Raster GIS	0
		GIS 245 Intro to Spatial Analysis	0
		GIS 222 Internet Mapping	0
General Elective (ITEC 2xxx)	3	GIS 230 GIS Data Creation	3
General Elective (ITEC 2xxx)	3	GIS 255 Advanced Spatial Analysis	3
General Elective Hours Required	25	Allowable Transfer Hours	25
Degree Completion Requirements	120	Total Allowable Transfer Hours	52-53

A degree from East Carolina University requires a minimum of 120 semester hours. A minimum of 25 percent of the credit hours required for the degree and at least 50 percent of the total hours required in the major must be completed through enrollment in East Carolina University. ([East Carolina University 2022-2023 Undergraduate Catalog](#))

College of Arts & Sciences					
Department of Geography, Planning and Environment					
A.A.S. Edgecombe CC transfer to ECU B.S. Degree in Geographic Information Science & Technology					
Please note that this is a recommended sequence.					
Check catalog for prerequisites.					
Course availability may vary from semester to semester.					
Edgecombe CC FIRST YEAR					
Fall Semester	ECC credit	ECU credit	Spring Semester	ECC credit	ECU credit
ACA 122 (=General Elective)	1	1	GEO 111 (=GEOG 2100) (gen ed/geog elective)	3	3
CIS 110 (=MIS 2223)	3	3	CIS 115 (=General Elective)	3	3
ENG 111 (= ENGL 1100 (WI))	3	3	CTI 110 (=General Elective)	3	3
GIS 111 (=GEOG 3430)	3	3	GIS 112 (=GEOG 3450)	3	3
GIS 120 (=General Elective)	3	3	GIS 121 (=General Elective)	3	3
	13	13		15	15
Edgecombe SECOND YEAR					
Summer	ECC credit	ECU credit			
ENG 112 (= *ENGL 2201 (WI))	3	3			
MAT 171 (=MATH 1065)	4	3			
	7	6			
Fall Semester	ECC credit	ECU credit	Spring Semester	ECC credit	ECU credit
DBA 120 (=General Elective)	3	3	GIS 222	3	0
GIS 215	3	0	GIS 230 (=General Elective)	3	3
GIS 235	3	0	GIS 249 (=GEOG 3420)	3	3
GIS 245	3	0	GIS 255 (=General Elective)	3	3
Humanities/Fine Arts (=HUM 1xxx or PHIL 1180 or PHIL 1175)	3	3	GIS 261 (=GEOG 3460)	3	3
	15	6		15	12
ECU SUMMER SESSION					
Gen Ed Science	3				
WI choice	3				
Cognate	3				
	9				
ECU JUNIOR YEAR					
Cognate	3		Cognate	3	
Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3		GEOG 2400	3	
GEOG 1000 (Gen Ed Social Science/geog elective)	3		GEOG 4430	3	
KINE 1000	1		Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3	
HLTH 1000	2		Cognate	3	
GEOG 1250 + lab (gen ed/geog elective)	4			15	
	16				
ECU SUMMER SESSION					
Gen Ed Humanities/Fine Arts	3				
Gen Ed Social Science	3				
Cognate	3				
	9				
ECU SENIOR YEAR					
GEOG 2420	3		GEOG elective	3	
GEOG 4410	3		GEOG elective	3	
GEOG elective	3		GEOG elective	3	
GEOG elective	3		GEOG elective	3	
GEOG elective	3		GEOG 4999	1	
	15		GEOG WI Elective	3	
				16	
*ART 111, ART 114, ART 115, HUM 115, MUS 110, MUS 112, or PHI 240					
***The Global Diversity (GD) requirement must be taken in a Fine Arts, Humanities, or Social Science class.					
Criminal Justice majors and minors must pass all required criminal justice courses with a minimum grade of "C" (2.0)					
APPLY FOR GRADUATION ONLINE ONE YEAR BEFORE GRADUATION					
This plan reflects the degree program's requirements published in the 2023-2024 university catalog. All guides are meant as an example of how a degree can be completed. Course availability, prior credit, course prerequisites, major requirements, and student needs must be considered in developing an individual academic pathway. Following the Degree Plan does not guarantee admission to ECU or guarantee an AAS or BS degree will be conferred. Students should seek academic advising to determine the best course of study to meet educational goals and degree requirements.					