



## **Act 76 Transfer Information for Penn Highlands Students Interested in IUP's Bachelor of Science in Communications Media, Media Studies Track**

This document is provided in fulfillment of the requirements of Pennsylvania Act 76 to fully disclose the terms of the articulation agreement between Penn Highlands Community College and Indiana University of Pennsylvania for the Bachelor of Science in Communications Media, Media Studies Track. In addition to the articulation agreement itself, the following links and course mapping guidelines may be helpful for students who want to apply to this program.

- **Detailed program information on the IUP website**

<https://www.iup.edu/academics/find-your-degree/programs/comm/ug/communications-media-bs.html>

- **Specific course map for PHCC transfer students**

[Click here for coursework guide](#)

- **How to apply to IUP as a transfer student**

<https://www.iup.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply-next-steps/transfer/index.html>

- **Articulation agreement between PHCC and IUP**

**Pennsylvania Highlands Community College**  
**Media Production AAS**  
**Articulation with IUP**  
**Bachelor of Science in Communications Media, Media Studies Track**

Requirements for Pennsylvania Highlands Community College	IUP Equivalent	Courses to be Taken at IUP
<b>LIBERAL STUDIES CURRICULUM</b>		
<b>ENGLISH COMPOSITION – 6 credits</b>		
ENG 110 English Composition I	ENGL 101 Composition I	
ENG 205 Research Writing	ENGL 202 Composition II	
<b>MATHEMATICS – 3 credits</b>		
MAT 116 Math Concepts and Applications	MATH 101 Foundations of Mathematics	
<b>HUMANITIES – 9 credits</b>		
<b>HISTORY – 3 credits – (choose one)</b>		
		HIST 196 Explorations in US History
		HIST 197 Explorations in European History
		HIST 198 Explorations in World History
<b>LITERATURE – 3 credits – (choose one)</b>		
		ARHU 122 Big Ideas I: Ancient to Enlightenment
		ARHU 123 Big Ideas II: Enlightenment to present
		ENGL 121 Humanities Literature
		FNLG 121 Humanities Literature
		ENGL 255 Introduction to Literature by Women
		ENGL 256 Videogames and Digital Literature
<b>PHILOSOPHY/RELIGIOUS STUDIES – 3 credits – (choose one)</b>		
		PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy
		PHIL 101 Critical Thinking

		PHIL 122 Contemporary Moral Issues
		PHIL 130 Introduction to Biomedical Ethics
		PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life
		RLST 100 Introduction to Religion
		RLST 110 World Religions
		RLST 120 Comparative Religious Ethics
<b>FINE ARTS – 3 credits – (choose one)</b>		
		ARHI 101 Introduction to Art
		DANC 102 Introduction to dance
		FIAR 101 Introduction to Fine Arts
		MUHI 101 Introduction to Music
		THTR 101 Introduction to Theatre
<b>SOCIAL SCIENCE – 9 credits</b> <b>3 credits must be from Global Multicultural Awareness offerings (GMA)</b>		
PSY 100 General Psychology	PSYC 101 General Psychology	
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology	SOC 151 Principles of Sociology	
		Global Awareness Course
<b>Natural Science Lab options (1 or 2 courses) – 7 – 8 credits</b>		
Science Lab or Non-Lab		
		Science Lab if non lab taken at PHCC. – Can also be taken if Lab was taken at PHCC.
<b>Non-Lab options (If only one lab course is taken)</b>		
		Science Non-Lab (only an option if Lab taken at PHCC)
<b>DIMENSIONS OF WELLNESS * 3 credits (choose one)</b>		
LIF 111 Health and Wellness	KHSS 143 Physical Well-Being	
<b>LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVES – 6 credits</b>		
CIT 100 Microcomputer	COSC 101 Computer Literacy	

Applications		
		Choose one course among Liberal Studies Elective list in catalog
<b>FREE ELECTIVES – 7-8 credits</b>		
ACP 100 Academic and Career Planning	DVST 1xx- elective	
MPR 290 Media Literacy	COMM 2xx - elective	
		3-4 credits needed at IUP. Whatever is needed to reach 120 credits.
<b>MAJOR Required – 9 credits</b>		
COMM 200 Media and Society	COMM 101 Intro to Communications Media	
MPR 100 Introduction to Production	COMM 150 Media Aesthetics	
		COMM 400 Professional Preparation
<b>Writing Intensive Communication Course – 3 credits</b>		
MPR 200 Scripting for Television and e-media	COMM 303 Scriptwriting	
<b>Media Studies Courses – 12 Credits</b>		
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<b>Production Courses – 6 credits</b>		
MPR 130 Radio Production	COMM 249 Basic Audio Recording Techniques	
MPR 150 Television Production	COMM 251 Television Production	
<b>Controlled Electives – 15 credits</b>		
MPR 270 New Media Production	COMM 207 Online Media Production	
MPR 160 Intro to Photography	COMM 271 Beginning Photography	
		Comm Elective Course (300 level or higher)
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<b>Outside Concentration- 21 credits</b>		

<b>Courses taken in consultation with an advisor (minor encouraged)</b>		
COM 101 Public Speaking	ENGL 310 Public Speaking	
BUS 230 Principles of Marketing	MKTG 320 Principles of Marketing	
MPR 230 – Basic News Writing	JRNL 2xx- elective	
		Elective course
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		Elective Course (300 level or higher)
<b>Course not used toward graduation</b>		
MPR 299 Media Production practicum	COMM2xx- Elective	

*\* Credit also available for Military Service*

*Articulation  
Agreement*

*between*

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

*and*

Pennsylvania Highlands Community  
College

*January 2020*

GENERAL GUARANTEED ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND  
PENNSYLVANIA HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT hereafter "Agreement", dated the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, is made by and between, Pennsylvania Highlands County Community College, located at 101 Community College Way, Johnstown, PA 15904, and Indiana University of Pennsylvania, part of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, an agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania located at 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705, hereinafter called "IUP".

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Highlands Community College (hereafter "Penn Highlands") offers associate's degrees in several academic programs; and

WHEREAS, Indiana University of Pennsylvania ( hereafter "IUP") offers bachelor's degree programs in related academic programs; and

WHEREAS, both institutions desire to facilitate the transfer of graduates from associate's degrees in disciplines at Penn Highlands to subsequent bachelor's degrees at IUP; and

WHEREAS, subject to the terms of this Agreement, Penn Highlands student who has earned an associate degree in program designated in this Agreement shall be guaranteed admission with advanced standing at the junior level to IUP.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual promises hereinafter expressed and intending to be legally bound, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Admission.** In order to qualify for the Guaranteed Articulation Program, students must be admitted to Penn Highlands in a program that has been articulated with IUP as further detailed in Paragraph 8 and Exhibit A of this Agreement.
- 2. Tuition and Fees.** Pennsylvania Highlands Community College tuition and fees will be charged to students for Penn Highlands courses. IUP tuition and fees will be charged to students for IUP courses. Each institution will be responsible for collection of tuition and fees for courses transcribed by their institution. Financial Aid will be issued by Penn Highlands until the student transfers to IUP as a junior year transfer student. Once the student transfers to IUP, he/she will receive financial aid through IUP. Until that time, it is the student's responsibility to inform the Penn Highlands financial aid office when he/she is enrolled in an IUP course.
- 3. Admission of Transfer Student.** One semester prior to articulation at IUP, the Penn Highlands student must submit the transfer admissions application with appropriate fee. Admission to most IUP programs is assured with the completion of an associate's degree and compliance with standards specified in the articulated program. However, some competitive



programs require a higher cumulative average as well as compliance with other special admissions requirements.

**4. Acceptance into Bachelor's Degree Program.** Upon formal acceptance into a specific major, IUP will acknowledge the student's intent to enroll and the student must submit appropriate advanced deposits that will be credited toward first semester fees.

**5. Student Transcript.** The student must forward to the IUP Office of Admissions an official final Penn Highlands transcript verifying receipt of the associate degree prior to registering at IUP. Costs associated with the transcript will be paid by the student.

**6. Academic Policies and Requirements.** The student while enrolled either at Penn Highlands or IUP shall comply with each school's academic policies and requirements. However, the specific academic policies in effect for the bachelor's degree as awarded by IUP will be as such during the time of the student's enrollment into the program.

**7. Discipline Policies.** The student while enrolled either at Penn Highlands or IUP shall comply with each school's discipline policies and requirements. However, the specific discipline policies/requirements in effect for the bachelor's degree as awarded by IUP will be as such during the time of the student's enrollment into the program.

**8. Transfer Credit.** Attached hereto and, incorporated herein as part of this Agreement is an articulated program designed by representatives of Penn Highlands and IUP. This Agreement confirms that IUP accepts credits toward Liberal Studies requirements as well as the major and free electives as designated by the articulated programs in Exhibit A. In addition, the Agreement is in alignment with Pennsylvania's Title 24 P.S Education, Chapter 1, Public School Code of 1949, Article XX-C Transfer of Credits between Institutions of Higher Education. These courses must be completed to be awarded the bachelor's degree from IUP.

**9. University Representatives/Monitors.** Representatives from both institutions will be appointed to evaluate the Agreement in operation.

**10. Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall be five years from the date of execution. This Agreement may not exceed a period of five years at which time it will be reviewed.

**11. Termination of Agreement.** Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason with ninety (90) days' notice. In the event of a substantial breach, either party may terminate this agreement upon the occurrence of the breach by written notice that may be less than 90 days. In no event shall the termination of this Agreement by either Party take effect before the end of a then current academic term or adversely impact any student who may be participating in the reverse transfer program by way of continuous enrollment already begun at IUP.



**12. Nondiscrimination.** The parties agree to continue their respective policies of nondiscrimination and related procedures to insure such based-on Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 in regard to sex, age, race, color, creed, national origin, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and other applicable laws, as well as the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990.

**13. Compliance with Laws and Policies.** The Parties shall at all times under this Agreement comply with all Federal, State, and local laws and respective institutional policies. To earn an IUP degree, at least 30 of the last 45 credits must be taken from IUP. In addition, students will take at least 50% of credits required for the Major from a Pennsylvania State System university. This is in accordance with the State System's academic residency policy and related Board of Governors' policies.

**14. Interpretation of the Agreement.** The laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania shall govern this Agreement.

**15. Modification of Agreement.** This Agreement shall only be modified in writing with the same formality as the original Agreement.

**16. Relationship of Parties.** The relationship between the parties to this Agreement to each other is that of independent contractors. The relationship of the parties to this contract to each other shall not be construed to constitute a partnership, joint venture or any other relationship, other than that of independent contractors.

**17. Liability.** Neither of the parties shall assume any liabilities to each other. As to liability to each other or death to persons, or damages to property, the parties do not waive any defense as a result of entering into this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the Commonwealth's rights, claims or defenses which arise as a matter of law pursuant or pursuant to any provisions of this Agreement. This provision shall not be construed to limit the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth or of the State System of Higher Education.

**18. Entire Agreement.** This Agreement represents the entire understanding between the parties. No other prior or contemporaneous oral or written understandings or promises exist in regard to this relationship.

**19. Confidentiality.** The parties shall protect the confidentiality of student records as dictated by the Family Educational Records and Privacy Act (FERPA) and shall release no information absent written consent of the student unless required to do so by law or dictated by the terms of this agreement.

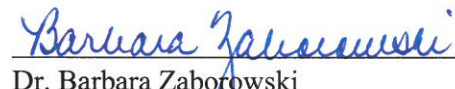
**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the authorized representatives of the parties have executed this Agreement as of the final date indicated below.**

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College



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Dr. Steve Nunez  
President



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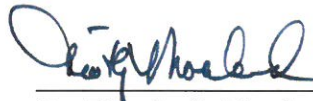
Dr. Barbara Zaborowski  
Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

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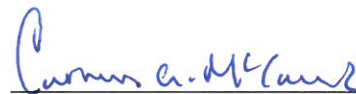
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Dr. Timothy S. Moerland  
Provost and Vice President for  
Academic Affairs

Reviewed and approved as to form and legality:

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Legal Counsel



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University Legal Counsel

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Effective Date

EFFECTIVE DATE
MAR 6 2020
OF CONTRACT