# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN**

## **GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY AND THE OCEAN COUNTY POLICE ACADEMY**

Georgian Court University (GCU) has agreed to award college credit for selected courses based upon instruction received at the Ocean County Police Academy (OCPA). Nonduplicative credit will be awarded to OCPA graduates for any or all of the courses identified below, provided the listed criteria are met.

Course Code	Course	Credits
CJ111	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
CJ210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ213	Criminal Law	3
200+ level CJ elective	CJ Elective (e.g., Juvenile Justice, Forensic Science)	3
300+ level CJ elective	CJ Elective (e.g., Criminal Investigation)	3
CM251 / CM252	Intercultural/Organizational Communication or equivalent	3
300+ CJ or BU elective	Flexible elective: CJ or BU upper-level	3

## Criteria

Graduates of the OCPA will be eligible to receive a maximum of 21 credits through this articulated process for the courses indicated above by meeting the following criteria:

- 1. Complete the OCPA's Basic Course for Police Officers (BCPO), which will be evidenced by submission of a certification provided by OCPA (e.g., SLEOII, BCPO)
- 2. Apply for admission to GCU and matriculate at GCU.
- 3. Enroll and complete twelve credits of GCU college-level (i.e., not skills development) courses with a C or better.

## **Process and Acceptance**

OCPA will maintain a record of recruits who have undergone the standardized training program (BCPO). Upon completion of training at OCPA and matriculation at GCU, these students will be awarded advanced standing in the degree or program in Criminal Justice. Advanced standing means that they will have only 27 credits left to complete the 45-credit major in CJ. All students bound by this agreement must matriculate at GCU and submit a notarized copy of their *Certificate of Completion* from OCPA for credits to be awarded.

#### Award of Credit

Once the criteria have been met; the student will be awarded the credits. The credit determination is based on the GCU Crime & Justice Studies department faculty evaluation

of instructional materials provided by OCPA and the Police Training Commission (PTC). Course credit gained through this articulation agreement will be placed on the student's academic transcript, but no grade will be assigned. Since these are transfer credits, there is no tuition charge for the credits. The credits can be used to meet degree requirements as outlined in the GCU catalog at the time of matriculation; 40% of the required coursework in the major must be completed at GCU.

#### Termination

This agreement will continue in effect annually but may be terminated by either party upon written notification of intent to terminate. Notice of termination must be submitted at least 120 calendar days before the effective termination date. Any student who commences enrollment at the OCPA before the termination date and has continuous enrollment that ends after the termination date will be eligible to receive the articulated credit.

## Participating Institutions

Each institution will put forth its best effort to independently publicize this agreement. Each institution will provide an advance copy to the respective public relations departments for approval prior to any release. Possibilities for joint publicity, such as a brochure, may at times be beneficial and the public relations department of both institutions will maintain contact to coordinate such efforts.

Each institution shall be responsible for informing the other of curriculum changes, as they occur, in their respective programs of course content or other instructional matters that could affect the basis for the evaluated credit or the award of those credits. Georgian Court University reserves the right to periodically, upon written notice, review instructional matterials and examinations used by the OCPA. Both parties agree that formal reevaluations will occur at intervals no greater than 4 years.

We, the undersigned, enter into this agreement in good faith, knowing that this educational partnership will benefit our respective students and our collective community. The agreement will commence effective March 1, 2025.

For: Georgian Court University Provost, Dr. Janice Warner

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For: Ocean County Police Academy Undersheriff Thomas J. Dellane Director-Ocean County Police Academy