

**Articulation Agreement
Between
EC-Council University
and
United States University**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this transfer agreement between EC-Council University (ECCU) which is located at 101C Sun Avenue NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 and United States (USU) which is located at 7675 Mission Valley Road, San Diego, CA 92110 is to establish transfer criteria for courses earned at USU that can be applied to online degree programs at ECCU and ECCU courses that can be accepted at USU.

2. Background

EC-Council University is licensed by the New Mexico Higher Education Department. The institution was created to educate and train cyber security professionals. Cyber security involves in-depth knowledge of a wide array of hardware and software systems as well as the skills and techniques to negotiate them. EC-Council, a world leader and creator of cyber-security certifications used throughout the globe, is the parent company of EC-Council University. EC-Council University Chairman of the Board Sanjay Bavisi believes that cyber security professionals must not only have skills and techniques, but they must be educated to step into leadership and managerial roles in their companies, agencies, and organizations. This belief led to the establishment of the Master of Science and Bachelor of Science in Cyber Security program. EC-Council University is licensed by the New Mexico Higher Education Department at 2048 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA and is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC).

United States University (USU) is a regionally accredited institution of higher learning by WASC, Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). United States University is a private institution and is approved to operate by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) in the State of California. USU offers degrees in information technology, business, education, health sciences and nursing with a mission to serve underserved groups through campus and online courses that are affordable, accessible, and relevant.

3. Articulation Agreement

ECCU recognizes the professional integrity and academic stature of USU. Likewise, USU does and will continue to offer quality courses.

ECCU and USU prospective student information:

ECCU will provide USU students information regarding ECCU's online degree program requirements. This information is located on the ECCU website (www.eccu.edu) and in the University Catalog. All ECCU certificate and degree programs are eligible for transfer credit review. The USU website is located at <https://www.usuniversity.edu> and provides students information through the website and in the University Catalog.

ECCU will not charge USU students and prospective students or alumni an application fee, nor will USU charge an application fee to ECCU students.

Students entering either university will be required to meet the admission requirements of each entity. (Students must have a 2.0 GPA for Undergraduate and a 3.0 GPA for Graduate and must have met the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy to transfer into the ECCU program. Completing with "C" grade or better for each undergraduate course.)

There will be reciprocal agreement for transfer of credit policies as listed in each university's catalog. Students will be awarded the maximum transfer credit allowed, per transfer credit regulations.

While in either university, the students will be required to follow all institutional policies and procedures outlined in each University Catalog. Students who want to transfer to ECCU bachelors program must have completed the equivalent of an associate degree or 60 semester credit hours as measured by the Carnegie unit (one credit/semester hour is 15 hours of academic engagement and 30 hours of preparation for a total of 45 hours.) General education requirements are a minimum of 15 credit hours (25%) of the 60-credit hour equivalency program which must include one college level Math and one English class.

Both ECCU and USU reserve the right to modify degree program requirements at any time to preserve the Universities' best practices and program integrity. Both parties also acknowledge that polices, regulations, procedures, and curricula are subject to change without prior notice, if necessary, to keep both universities in compliance with regulations of the accrediting bodies and the federal and state governments.

4. Commitment

EC-Council University and United States University are committed to serve our students in achieving their educational goals. Both parties are committed to serve students and use technology to facilitate the transfer of students between institutions.

Both institutions acknowledge that each are committed to providing educational opportunities and services. Each institution shall not discriminate and is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, color, age, national origin, medical disabilities/conditions (as defined by law) or any basis prohibited by law.

This Agreement will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date of the signature. It will be reviewed for renewal every two (2) years and/or upon significant changes to either curriculum. The agreement will automatically renew unless either party chooses to terminate the agreement in writing at the close of any school year (June 30) with at least a 60-day notice.

This review may include review of program or course learning outcomes.

Both universities will review the agreement annually to determine whether it is achieving its purposes and continuing to meet each institution's needs. This agreement may be executed by duly authorized representatives of each party, either by electronic facsimile or other digital means, each of which will be considered as original.

This agreement will allow ECCU students or graduates to transfer to USU. This agreement also allows United States University (USU) students or graduates to transfer to EC-Council University (ECCU).

Course mappings are included as example appendixes to this agreement. These will serve as a guide to equivalency crosswalks for each program.

Credits for coursework from ECCU are unconditionally recognized by and transferrable to USU for students who satisfy USU's transfer policy and meet the admission's requirements and a reciprocal agreement is in place for USU coursework transferring to ECCU. An official transcript must be received before credit may be granted towards a student's program.

USU agrees to accept the maximum transfer credits allowed by accreditation and other regulatory agencies, using the appropriate documentation as does ECCU for USU transfer.

5. It is further agreed that:

- A. USU will:
 - a. Officially designate ECCU as a learning partner.
 - b. Inform all employees, graduates, and students of this learning partner relationship.
 - c. Allow ECCU to promote ECCU programs through USU website and course catalog, especially new program development, etc.
 - d. Provide ECCU with promotional material and information on USU courses and programs.
 - e. Assist ECCU with the marketing of USU courses and programs to ECCU faculty, staff, students, and graduates.

- B. Involvement by ECCU will include the following:
- a. The designating of USU as a learning partner on the ECCU website. This designation will include the USU logo and a link to the USU website being displayed on the ECCU website.
 - b. Marketing to USU employees, students, and graduates through emails to USU.
 - c. Providing USU with promotional material and information on ECCU.
 - d. Assist USU with the marketing of ECCU courses and programs.
 - e. Inform all employees, graduates, and students of this learning partner relationship.

6. Additional Requirements:

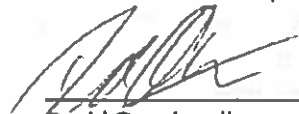
- A. Each party will designate a qualified person to act as a direct liaison to fulfill the above agreement and all related issues.
- B. This agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties. All amendments and/or changes shall be in writing and agreed to by both parties.

7. Signatures:

EC-Council University and United States University are committed to serve our students and use technology to facilitate the transfer of students between universities. Students participating in the programs of each entity must meet all criteria for admissions and comply with all requirements in the awarding of a degree.

This articulation agreement of: October 30, 2019
between EC-Council University and United States University.

EC-Council University



David Oxenhandler 11/7/19
Vice President Date

United States University



Dr. Steven A. Stargardter 11/11/19
President Date

United States
University

General Education Area - Written Communication	<i>Credit</i>
ENG130 English Composition and Reading	3
General Education Area - Oral Communication	
COM104 Speech	3
General Education Area - Critical Thinking	
ENG140 English Composition and Critical Thinking	3
General Education Area - Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning (select two)	
MAT105 College Algebra	3
MAT245 Discrete Mathematics	3
MAT252 Pre-Calculus	3

General Education Area - Natural Sciences	
AT101 Astronomy	3
General Education Area - Arts and Humanities	
ART137 Art Appreciation	3
HUM499 Senior Seminar: Humanities	3
General Education Area - Social and Behavioral Sciences (select three)	
COM105 Intercultural Communications	3
HIS120 United States History I	3
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3
SSC499 Senior Seminar: Social Sciences	3

General Education Area - Information Literacy	
ENG205 Information and Media Literacy	3
Total General Education Credits	39

BIS101 Introduction to Business Information Systems	3
CCS101 Programming Fundamentals	3
CCS280 Data Structures or CCS285 Cloud Foundations and Emerging Technologies	3
CIS101 IT Fundamentals	3
CIS106 Computer Hardware and Systems Administration I	3
CIS110 Fundamentals of Web Systems	3
CIS205 Computer Hardware and Systems Administration 11	3
CIS310 IT Infrastructure	3
CNT100 Fundamentals of Networking	3
Total Major Credits	27

Total USU Credits **63**