

# **Memorandum of Degree Completion Agreement Between Harper College (HC) and Dominican University (DU) in Apparel Design and/or Merchandising**

## **INTRODUCTION**

This Degree Completion Agreement is simultaneously entered into by HC and DU in order to create a smooth and seamless process by which eligible HC students will ultimately be able to complete a **Bachelor of Science degree in Apparel Design or Merchandising** at DU. This agreement requires the completion of an **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Fashion Design or Merchandising** at HC.

This aforementioned agreement is intended to foster and promote continued communication between HC and DU in order to develop and perfect additional opportunities for faculty exchanges, team teaching and other pedagogical initiatives, as well as joint use of lab and lecture space.

As part of this Degree Completion Agreement, DU will automatically accept, in its entirety, the AAS degree in Fashion Design or Merchandising earned at HC. In addition to completing the remainder of the Apparel Design or Merchandising major at DU, students will be required to complete two (2) Liberal Arts and Sciences Seminars, an Information Access Workshop, and any unfulfilled core classes as identified below (i.e., Foundation, Area, and/or Multicultural Requirements). Completing the aforementioned AAS degree at HC is required for students to enter DU under the terms of this agreement. Participating HC students may contact the Director of Transfer and Adult Admission for more specific information concerning these courses. All policies and procedures of this Degree Completion Agreement will be governed by the duly appointed representatives from the aforementioned parties.

## **STUDENT ELIGIBILITY**

Students may apply to DU at any time during their attendance at HC; it is recommended that students apply for admission to DU at least one semester prior to completing the degree at HC. Students must meet all applicable admission requirements at DU, and must maintain a 2.0 GPA at HC to remain eligible for this degree completion program. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5/4.0 is required for admission to DU. A student whose GPA is below 2.5 is required to have the Director of Transfer and Adult Admission present the file to the DU Committee on Admissions and Financial Aid for a decision. In some cases, such a student may be asked to submit an official high school transcript and ACT/SAT scores. Students' eligibility for continued study at either HC or DU will be governed by each institution's policies on enrollment of probationary, dismissed and re-entering students.

At any time before the completion of the aforementioned AAS degree at HC, students may officially rescind the stipulations of the Degree Completion Agreement and transfer to DU, or any other institution of higher education, under the usual procedures.

### **STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Under this agreement, a student is exclusively enrolled at DU once the student has completed the aforementioned AAS degree at HC and has been accepted to DU via the admission criteria above. After matriculation at DU, the student's subsequent progress toward the bachelor's degree is governed solely by DU's academic standards. HC students must request a final, official transcript to be sent to DU after completing the aforementioned AAS degree at HC for final verification.

### **RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS**

DU will generally accept a maximum of sixty-eight (68) semester hours from a community college. If a student exceeds sixty-eight (68) hours, DU will accept the most useful courses from the official transcript, not to exceed sixty-eight (68) semester hours towards the 124 minimum hours required for the bachelor's degree.

### **CORRESPONDENCE AND ADVISING**

The Director of Transfer and Adult Admission at DU will provide participating students with the advising materials, including model plans of recommended study and coursework specific to their intended academic program at DU. Students will notify HC and DU of major/minor changes for advising purposes. Students who have expressed their desire to cancel their participation in the Degree Completion Agreement will notify HC and DU of their decision. In order to develop subsequent program guides for HC students, the Director of Transfer and Adult Admission at DU will inform HC of any changes to the core or major curricula that may affect the integrity of this agreement.

### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The details of this agreement between the **Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Design or Merchandising at HC** and the **Bachelor of Science in Apparel Design or Merchandising at DU** are as follows:

**B.S. in Apparel Design or Merchandising:** Upon completion of the aforementioned degree program at HC maximum of sixty-eight (68) semester hours of credit would transfer from HC to DU. The sixty-four (64) hours of the AAS in Fashion Design or the sixty (60) hours of the AAS in Fashion Merchandising would be applied to the total hours required for the Apparel Design or Merchandising bachelor's degree at DU. Thus, students would need to complete a minimum of twenty-nine (29) additional hours specifically in the Apparel Design major at DU, and a minimum total of sixty-one (61) hours for the bachelor's degree. Students would need to complete a minimum of thirty-two (32) additional hours specifically in the Apparel Merchandising major at DU, and a minimum total of seventy-three (73) hours for the bachelor's degree.

Students should take the following HC courses and consult Nupur Sharma, Program Coordinator, Fashion Department for this articulation. Advising may be given for courses taken outside of HC intended for transfer.

**I. Suggested Curriculum for the Associate of Applied Science in Fashion Design or Merchandising HC in conjunction with the Bachelor of Science in Apparel Design or Merchandising at DU:**

**AAS in Fashion Design at HC**

1 <sup>st</sup> 8 weeks	2 <sup>nd</sup> 8 weeks	credits
<b>FALL I</b>		
FAS 100 Industrial Sewing Methods		3
	FAS 113 Advanced Industrial Sewing Methods	3
FAS 101 Flat Pattern Design and Draping I		3
	FAS 102 Flat Pattern Design and Draping II	3
FAS 112 Fashion Basics		3
		<b>15</b>
<b>SPRING I</b>		
FAS 104 Apparel Design and Construction		3
FAS 105 Fashion Design Illustration I <i>spring only class</i>		3
FAS 107 Textiles I		3
ENG101 Composition		3
FAS201 Flat Pattern Design and Draping III <i>spring only class</i>		3
		<b>15</b>
<b>FALL II</b>		
FAS109 Fashion Arts and Design <i>fall only class</i>		3
FAS110 Costume History <i>fall only class</i>		3
ENG 102 Composition		3
GRA101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology		3
MATH ELECTIVE ( <i>HC Math 103 recommended</i> )		3
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE 1		3
		<b>18</b>
<b>SPRING II</b>		
FAS 208 Computer- Aided Patternmaking <i>spring only class</i>		3
FAS 210 Fashion Design Illustration II <i>spring only class</i>		3
FAS 204 Senior Collection <i>spring only class</i>		4
SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE		3
HUMANITIES ELECTIVE 2		3
		<b>16</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>64</b>

## AAS in Fashion Merchandising at HC

	credits
<b>FALL I</b>	
ENG 101 Composition	3
FAS110 Costume History <i>fall only class</i>	3
GRA101 Introduction to Graphic Arts Technology	3
FAS 112 Fashion Basics	3
MGT 111 Introduction to Business Organization	3
	<b>15</b>
<b>SPRING I</b>	
ART 105 Intro to Visual Arts	3
MGT 150 Business Math	3
FAS 107 Textiles I	3
PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3
MKT 106 Retail Merchandising	3
	<b>15</b>
<b>FALL II</b>	
FAS 230 Fashion Forecasting <i>fall only class</i>	3
FAS 212 Visual Fashion Merchandising <i>fall only class</i>	3
FAS 220 Apparel Analysis <i>fall only class</i>	3
MKT140 Principals of Professional Selling	3
SPE 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
	<b>15</b>
<b>SPRING II</b>	
FAS 116 Fashion Industry Career Practicum and Seminar	3
FAS 225 Global Sourcing in Apparel and Textile Industry <i>spring only class</i>	3
FAS 229 Promotion of Fashion <i>spring only class</i>	3
MKT 245 Principles of Marketing	3
SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE	3
	<b>15</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>

### II. The following courses are required at DU in order to complete the Bachelors of Science degree in Apparel Design or Merchandising:

#### DU Foundation Requirements

ENG 102 (Merchandising majors only)*	3
Math (Merchandising majors only) +	3
Modern Foreign Language (101-102) +	8
CIS 120+	3

*\*Please note: ENG 190 – Intermediate Composition may also be required pending the result of the Intermediate Composition exam*

*+A proficiency exam is available to potentially be waived from this requirement*

DU Area Requirements

History	3
Literature (Merchandising majors only)	3
Natural Science	3
Philosophy	3
Theology	3
Multicultural Requirement	3

DU Liberal Arts and Sciences Seminars

Junior Seminar	3	
Senior Seminar	3	(32 hours of Core; 41 for Merchandising)

DU Major Requirements in Apparel Design:

ART 105	Fundamentals of Drawing	3
APRL 200	Cultural Perspective in Dress	3
or		
APRL 290	Social Psychology of Dress	3
APRL 361	Contemporary Dress	3
APRL 440	Specialty Markets	3
or		
APRL 442	Fashion Markets	3
APRL 445	Senior Collection	3
APRL 446	Apparel Design Seminar	3
APRL 455	Internship	2-8

One course from among the following:

ART 201	Life Drawing: Anatomy	3
ART 202	Life Drawing: Portrait	3
ART 203	Life Drawing: Figure in Space	3

DU Major Requirements in Apparel Merchandising:

APRL 200	Cultural Perspective in Dress	3
or		
APRL 290	Social Psychology of Dress	3
APRL 440	Specialty Markets	3
or		
APRL 442	Fashion Markets	3
APRL 446	Apparel Design Seminar	3
APRL 455	Internship	2-8

Two courses from among the following:

APRL 260	Fashion Styling	3
APRL 281	Retail Social Media and Branding	3
APRL 330	Special Topics in Fashion Design	3
APRL 340	Special Topics in Fashion Merchandising	3
APRL 371	Retail Buying	3

Additional Requirements (may be taken at HC):

ECON 190	Microeconomics (HC ECON 211)	3
ECON 191	Macroeconomics (HC ECON 212)	3
BAD 345	Principles of Management (HC MGT 270)	3

### PERIODIC REVIEW AND REVISION

To maintain the integrity of this agreement into the future, the principle liaisons will subject the document to periodic review and potential revision as courses/degree requirements change at HC and/or DU.

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto executed this Agreement on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016, by and through their duly authorized representatives as set forth below.***

Signed Judith Marwick  
Dr. Judy Marwick  
Provost  
Harper College

Date 10/18/16

Signed Jeffrey R. Breese  
Jeffrey Breese, Ph.D.  
Provost  
Dominican University

Date 10-4-16