

## **Articulation Agreement – Western Technical College A.A.S. Legal Studies/Paralegal to Viterbo University B.S. Ethics, Culture, and Society**

**This Articulation Agreement** (the “Agreement”) by and between Viterbo University (“VU”), with its principal address at 900 Viterbo Drive, La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Western Technical College (“Western”), with its principal address at 400 7<sup>th</sup> Street North, La Crosse, Wisconsin, is entered to facilitate the seamless transfer of students between Western and VU and to raise students’ awareness of the opportunities afforded by this Agreement. Accordingly, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, VU and Western (collectively “the Parties”) agree as follows:

### **Terms of the Agreement**

1. Western students who have successfully completed an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Legal Studies/Paralegal who apply for admission and meet VU’s standard admission requirements are guaranteed acceptance of 43 core legal studies/paralegal content courses and 18 credits of programmatic general studies courses for a total of 61 credits. Students must have completed the VU requirements as shown on the transfer guides. VU and Western will collaborate to ensure continued alignment of lesson plan templates and curriculum components.
2. The student must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.25 on a 4.0 scale at Western in order to receive the benefits of this articulation agreement.
3. Students who have not completed the associate of applied science degree will be evaluated on an individual basis.
4. In order for courses to transfer, the student must have completed the courses within the last five (5) years prior to being admitted to VU.
5. VU requires, among other requirements, that all of its candidates for the bachelor’s degree accomplish the following:
  - a. fulfill its core curriculum/general education requirements;
  - b. complete all courses required for its major(s) and minor(s), if applicable
  - c. earn a minimum of 120 credits;
  - d. earn a minimum of 40 upper-division credits (courses numbered 300 and higher)
  - e. achieve a minimum grade point average of 2.0; and
  - f. complete a minimum of the last 30 consecutive credits at Viterbo University, excluding alternative credits (e.g., CLEP, portfolio).

#### **Services Provided to Western Technical College by Viterbo University**

- Onsite or online advising services
- Annual updates to the transfer guide

#### **Services Provided to Viterbo University by Western Technical College**

- The opportunity for representatives to meet with Western students on an ongoing basis
- Assistance in the distribution of updated degree and transfer materials to alumni and current students
- Posting of the transfer guides and other college information on the transfer website to market opportunities for students

#### **Longevity of Agreement and Conditions for Change**

1. This agreement shall remain in force until terminated by either party, with or without cause, upon 90 days written notice to the other party. Upon termination of this agreement, students previously admitted to VU pursuant to this Agreement shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement and the applicable VU catalog for a period not to exceed four (4) years. Proposed changes in policies or curricula by either party will be communicated annually.
2. Transfer guides and literature will be updated on an annual basis. In the event of cancellation of this articulation agreement, 90 day notice must be given and both parties agree to continue to honor the terms of this agreement until any cohorts that are currently taking classes have completed their sequence of courses.

**Effective Date:** This agreement is effective on the date fully executed below and takes effect for students beginning January 2025.

**Addendum "A" to Articulation Agreement**  
**Viterbo University (VU) and Western Technical College (Western)**  
**January 2025**

**Western Program: Paralegal**

**Viterbo University Program: BS in Ethics, Culture, and Society (ECAS)**

**Format: In-Person**

**Minimum GPA for admission: 2.25**

**Initial effective date: Fall 2024**

Western Technical College Course Requirements		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits
10110101	Intro to Paralegal and Ethics	3
10110102	Civil Litigation 1	3
10110104	Legal Research	3
10801136	English Composition 1	3
10103111	Computer Apps for Business	3
10890106	Strength Seminar	1
10101108	Intro to Accounting	3
10110103	Civil Litigation 2	3
10110107	Legal Aspects of Business Orgs	3
10804123	Math w/Business Applications	3
10110135	Legal Technology	3
10110106	Family Law	3
10110110	Real Estate Law	3
10110168	Criminal Procedures	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
10809166	Intro to Ethics	3
10110105	Legal Writing	3
10110114	Administration of Estates	3
10110143	Paralegal Internship/Field Study	3
10809196	Intro to Sociology	3
10809198	Intro to Psychology	3
<b>Total program credits:</b>		<b>61</b>

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Courses Needed at Viterbo University -		
Course No.	Course Title	Credits
	Natural Science	4
	Natural Science or Math (College Algebra - 20-804-212)	4
ARTS 2XX	Artistic Engagement (20-801-240, 20-805-227, 20-815-200)	3
HIST 3XX	Historical Analysis	3
ENGL 2XX	Literary Analysis (20-801-217 or 20-801-218)	3
RLST 342	Theology of Contemporary Culture	3
RLST XXX	Integrating Faith & Practice	3
VUSM SJE	Social Justice and Equity	3
VUSM 400	VU Mission Seminar - The Ethical Life	3
<b>Program</b>		
ECAS 100	Truth, Beauty, Goodness	3
ECAS 310 or 311	Collaborative Problem Solving	3
ECAS 400	Capstone	3
	Advocacy and Social Change Elective <sup>1</sup>	6
	Area of Concentration 1 Elective <sup>2</sup>	12
	Area of Concentration 2 Elective <sup>2</sup>	9
	Minor/Immersion Experience/Foreign Language	0-9
<b>Total credits needed to complete degree at VU:</b>		<b>65-74</b>
<b>Total credits accepted at Viterbo University:</b>		<b>61</b>
		Credit total: 126-135



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**Advocacy and Social Change Elective<sup>1</sup> Course Options**

HIST 359 – The 20th Century

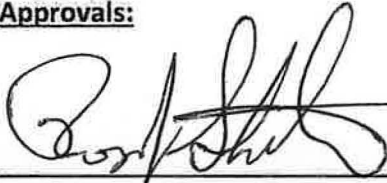
PHIL 360 – Political Philosophy

RLST 343 – Theology of Justice and Peace (CCWOT IFP)

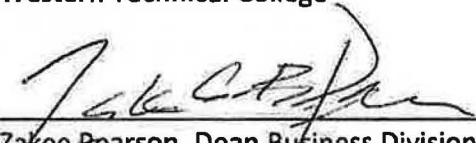
SOCL 354 – Social Change and Social Movements

**Area of Concentration Courses CAN Co-Count with Core Courses<sup>2</sup>**

**Approvals:**



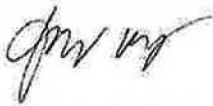
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