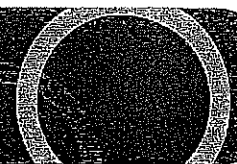# Academic Common Market Program
Fact Sheet

General Description and Purpose

The Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and the state higher education agencies of the participating states administer the Academic Common Market (ACM) program. The program operates on the premise that if public institutions in a student's home state do not offer a degree program (undergraduate or graduate) that a student intends on pursuing, then he/she may attend a participating out-of-state institution offering the degree of interest and be granted a waiver of out-of-state tuition charges. Private institutions do not participate in the ACM program.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Academic Common Market:

The academic major must:
- Not be offered at a Virginia public institution; and
- Be approved by the Virginia ACM Coordinator and the out-of-state institution.

The student must:
- Be a domiciliary resident of Virginia as defined by the Code of Virginia § 23.1-502;
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen; and
- Be unconditionally admitted and enrolled full-time in an approved ACM major available to Virginia residents at a participating out-of-state institution.

Participating States*

Alabama	Florida	Mississippi	Tennessee	West Virginia
Arkansas	Georgia	Oklahoma	Texas	
Delaware	Maryland	South Carolina	Virginia	

Florida and Texas participate in the ACM at the graduate level only. Also, not all institutions participate and some place restrictions on ACM access.

Popular ACM Programs

Undergraduate
- Aerospace Engineering/Mechanical Engineering
- Digital Media
- Marine Science
- Public Health
- Recording Industry
- Retail Management
- Risk Management and Insurance
- Sport Studies (Sport & Exercise Psychology)
- Supply Chain Management

Graduate
- Human Resources
- Library and Information Science
- Mass Communications
- Medical Illustration
- Nursing Informatics
- Public Health

Next Steps

Determine if your program is offered through the ACM and available to Virginia residents:
- Go to www.schev.edu/index/tuition-aid/academic-common-market.
- Select the "Programs Available for Virginians" tab to search for eligible programs at participating institutions.
- If you find your program, complete the "Application for Participation" using the link on the ACM homepage. Make sure to thoroughly review the application process and supporting documentation sections of the application.

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