

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
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AND
THE DIVISION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES**

A Statement of Philosophy and Intent

The State of Florida, long a national leader in higher education, has given broad policy directions to the system of postsecondary education with regard to transfer and articulation between and among two- and four-year institutions. A statewide articulation agreement exists in Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code to establish an effective and orderly transfer process for students entering a Florida College System institution, completing an Associate in Arts degree, and transferring to a state university or another Florida College System institution. Florida Statutes also encourage collaboration between the public and independent sectors of postsecondary education.

An articulation agreement was initiated between the State Board of Community Colleges and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida in 1992, updated in 1997, and updated again in 2006. This 2013 update of the articulation agreement reinforces the commitment to cooperation and articulation between public and independent sectors of higher education.

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the uniform conditions regarding articulation between the Florida College System and the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and to provide the procedures whereby member institutions of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida participate.

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This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 8th day of February, 2013, by and between the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Division of Florida Colleges.

WHEREAS, the parties desire to coordinate curricula so as to assist students in transferring from a Florida College System institution to an Independent College and Universities of Florida institution, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to promote the most efficient and effective use of their resources and to offer students the broadest possible range of educational opportunities, and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to encourage and facilitate the establishment of specific articulation provisions between the member institutions of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Florida College System, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of qualified Associate in Arts students from Florida College System institutions to the member institutions of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, through this agreement, will cooperate in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

I. The participating Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida (ICUF) institutions shall recognize the Associate in Arts degree as a transfer degree from the Florida College System.

II. The participating independent institutions shall specify and publish the programs articulated with the Associate in Arts degree, including the course requirements and related prerequisite courses for each program. This required information for each articulated program will be updated by the participating ICUF institution and submitted to the Division of Florida Colleges by July 15 each year. The Division of Florida Colleges shall provide all participating institutions, by April 1 of each year, specifications for submitting this information.

III. The participating independent institutions shall develop course equivalency tables, specifically for program prerequisites and course requirements, insofar as it is reasonable and

necessary to do so. Courses that are designated as equivalent are to be treated as equivalent to courses within the statewide course numbering system for all Florida College System institutions.

IV. The participating ICUF institutions and the Division of Florida Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:

A. Florida College System students who transfer with an Associate in Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing provided that transfer students shall meet the same standards and program requirements as native students.

B. Florida College System students who transfer under the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as having completed the general education requirements of the receiving ICUF institution. The receiving institution may specify additional courses that must be completed prior to the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. These courses may be completed at either institution unless otherwise specified in the articulation manual.

C. A Florida College System student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the receiving institution's catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a Florida College System institution, provided the student: 1) maintains continuous enrollment as defined by the receiving institution, 2) receives an Associate in Arts degree, and 3) transfers to the receiving institution within four years of initial enrollment in a Florida College System institution. The student will also have the option of graduating under the catalog in effect at the time of transfer. However, all students are subject to changes imposed by state law or rule as long as those changes are imposed on native students who began initial enrollment at the same time as the transfer students.

D. Admission of a Florida College System student to a participating ICUF institution will depend on the number of spaces in each academic year and the continuation of the program. Program discontinuance will remove any obligation of the participating institution to comply with the provisions of the Articulation Agreement relative to the discontinued program.

E. For the students accepted for transfer, the grade of "D" will be treated the same as grades of "D" obtained by native students at the receiving independent institution. The receiving institution may require a grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0 overall or a grade of "C" or better in all prerequisite courses, provided the same policy is applied equitably for native and transfer students.

F. The participating ICUF institution shall accept no less than 60 credits to be transferred and applied toward the awarding of the baccalaureate degree, except that no institution will be required to accept any grade not accepted for native students. However, the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of the receiving institution, which

may mean extending the number of credit hours to earn the degree, if the 60 hours transferred and applied do not include all of the degree prerequisites.

G. Credit awarded by a Florida College System institution as experiential credit and/or credit awarded by exam, such as College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program, and Advanced Placement (AP), while acceptable to satisfy Associate in Arts degree requirements, may or may not satisfy specific requirements of the baccalaureate degree. Each participating ICUF institution shall specify and publish its policy on accepting credits awarded as experiential credit and credit by exam.

H. The grade forgiveness policy for the receiving institution shall prevail.

I. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with the participating ICUF institutions.

V. During the period of this Agreement, the Division of Florida Colleges shall:

A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in the Florida College System via the Florida Virtual Campus website as well as other Department of Education and Division of Florida Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.

B. Make available to Florida College System faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within the Florida College System, the participating independent institutions' admission requirements; preferred general education requirements; program prerequisite courses and other related requirements; and the course equivalency lists. This will be done via the Florida Virtual Campus website.

C. Accept the Participation Agreements submitted by participating independent institutions and foster communication between the Division, institutions within the Florida College System, and the participating independent institutions.

VI. Both parties agree:

A. To encourage the development of scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for Florida College System transfer students who are directly affected by this Agreement.

B. To encourage the continued development of local articulation agreements, which provide for articulation in one or more specific program areas between one ICUF institution and a partner college. This statewide agreement is not intended to supersede or replace those local agreements.

VII. Participation Agreements.

A. Each ICUF institution that elects to participate shall submit to the Division of Florida Colleges a Participation Agreement. The Participation Agreement shall be in effect until terminated.

B. Proposed modifications, additions, or deletions to a Participation Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties.

C. Termination of a Participation Agreement must be submitted in writing to the Division of Florida Colleges prior to April 1 of each year. The termination of the agreement will be in effect beginning with the following Fall term. The independent institution shall abide by the terms and conditions of the Articulation Agreement and the Participation Agreement for all students who were enrolled in a Florida College System institution on or before the effective date of termination, except with regard to terminated programs.

VIII. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

IX. Modifications. Any modifications, additions, or deletions to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives are the President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Chancellor for the Division of Florida Colleges.

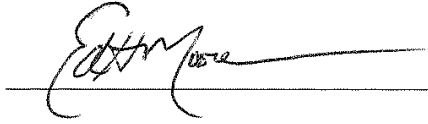
X. Termination of the Articulation Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party. The notice shall state the effective date of termination which shall be at least one year after the date on which the notice is received by the other party. The termination of this Agreement shall annul all Participation Agreements existing on the effective date of termination. Any student enrolled in an ICUF institution during the time this Agreement is in effect shall continue to receive the benefits of the Agreement until the effective date, one year after notification, provided all conditions contained herein are met by the student.

XI. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

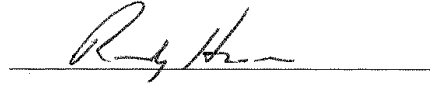
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Both parties agree to notify the other of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers.

This Articulation Agreement between the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Division of Florida Colleges was accepted and approved by:



President, Independent
Colleges and Universities of Florida



Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges