

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE FLORIDA DIVISION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
AND
STRAYER UNIVERSITY

A Statement of Philosophy and Intent

The State of Florida, a national leader in higher education, has given broad policy direction 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 state community college, completing an Associate in Arts degree, and transferring to a state university. Florida Statutes also encourage collaboration between the public and independent sectors of postsecondary education.

Strayer University is an independent proprietary institution, established in 1892, that offers associate in arts, bachelor of science, master of science, and master of business administration degrees. The main campus is located in Washington, D.C., and is regionally accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. With two branch campuses located in Tampa, Florida, Strayer University is licensed by the State of Florida.

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the uniform conditions regarding articulation between the Florida Community College System (FCCS) and Strayer University. It is intended to increase the options available to Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate in Applied Science (AAS) graduates of the Florida Community College System who are seeking further educational opportunities via the traditional classroom setting or online instruction. This agreement serves as an overarching statement of cooperation between the FCCS and Strayer University, thus benefiting FCCS graduates in all degree programs. However, it is not intended to supersede more specific college and program articulation agreements as developed in geographic areas served by campuses of Strayer University. This articulation agreement between the FCCS and Strayer University was established in 2007.

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This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 15th day of May, 2007, by and between the Florida Division of Community Colleges and Strayer University.

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 Florida's public community colleges and Strayer University, and

WHEREAS, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of associate degree students from Florida's public community colleges to Strayer University,

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree to cooperate in articulating programs in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

I. Strayer University shall recognize the Associate in Arts degree as the "2+2" transfer degree from the Florida Community College System. However, other associate degrees shall be recognized and transfer on a course-by-course basis as further clarified in this document.

II. Strayer University shall publish an Articulation Manual that specifies the programs articulated with the associate degree, including the course requirements and related prerequisite courses for each program. This Articulation Manual will be made available to students, faculty, and advisors through the FACTS.org website and updated on an annual basis.

III. Strayer University 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 in objectives, content, and credit hours must be treated as equivalent for all community colleges.

IV. Strayer University shall annually provide data to the Division of Community Colleges on the number of FCCS graduates by academic term who enroll under the provisions of this agreement and graduate with the baccalaureate degree.

V. Strayer University and the Division of Community Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:

Associate in Arts Degree Articulation

A. Community college students who transfer with the Associate in Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing and all credit awarded by a community college will transfer to Strayer University, which includes a minimum of 60 credits earned at the community college. However, the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of Strayer University, 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 or graduation requirements.

B. Community college students who transfer with the Associate in Arts degree under the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as having completed the general education requirements of Strayer University. However, Strayer University may specify additional courses that must be completed prior to the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. These courses may be completed at either institution.

Associate in Science Degree Articulation

C. Appropriate courses within the Associate in Science degree will articulate to baccalaureate degree programs when applying to a related degree program at Strayer University. Courses taken as part of the Associate in Science degree to meet the general education requirements of the community college will transfer and apply toward the Strayer University general education credit hours required for the baccalaureate degree. No additional general education credit hours can be required except to complete the total general education hours required by Strayer University. Related degree programs offered by the FCCS that are covered under this agreement include but are not limited to:

- Accounting Technology
- Business Administration & Management
- Financial Services
- Marketing Management
- Travel & Tourism Industry Management *
- Hospitality & Tourism Management*
- Culinary Management*
- Database Technology
- Computer Information Technology
- Computer Programming & Analysis
- Networking Services Technology

*Pending approval of Strayer University's BBA option in Hospitality Management.

Other degree programs not listed herein will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Associate in Applied Science Degree Articulation

D. Appropriate courses within the Associate in Applied Science degree will articulate to baccalaureate degree programs when applying to a related degree program at Strayer University. Related degree programs offered by the FCCS that are covered under this agreement include but are not limited to:

- Accounting Technology
- Business Administration & Management
- Financial Services
- Marketing Management
- Travel & tourism Industry Management*
- Hospitality & tourism Management*
- Culinary Management*
- Database Technology
- Computer Information Technology
- Computer Programming & Analysis
- Networking Services Technology

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Other degree programs not listed herein will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

General Articulation Provisions

E. Transfer students shall meet the same standards and program requirements as native students. This includes admissions requirements (i.e., standard high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or other credential as authorized by Florida Statutes), college placement testing, and prior successful completion of all college preparatory coursework as mandated by state approved assessments and standards. Failure to demonstrate adherence to agreed-upon standards of individual student college readiness may abrogate guarantees for transfer of credit for specific students or termination of this agreement.

F. A community college student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the Strayer University catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a community college, provided the student receives an associate degree and transfers to Strayer University within six years of initial enrollment in a community college. The student also will have the option of graduating under the catalog in effect at the time of transfer.

G. Admission of a community college student to Strayer University will depend on the number of spaces in each academic year or an academic program and the continuation of the program. Program discontinuance will remove any obligation (beyond those protections afforded to native students) of Strayer University to comply with the provisions of the Articulation Agreement relative to the discontinued program.

H. Strayer University requires a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0 for admission purposes. However, for those students who have earned the associate degree and who have been admitted to Strayer University, course grades of "C-" or "D" will transfer in as part of the degree program.

I. Credit awarded by a community college 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 degree requirements, may or may not satisfy specific requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

J. Programmatically, the forgiveness policy for Strayer University shall prevail.

K. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with Strayer University.

VI. During the period of this Agreement, the Division of Community Colleges shall:

A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in the Community College System via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support as well as other Department of Education and Division of Community Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.

B. Make available to community college faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within the Florida Community College System, the Strayer University admission requirements; preferred general education requirements; program prerequisite courses, other related requirements, and the course equivalency lists. This will be done via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support.

VII. Both parties agree:

A. To cooperate on curricular and advising issues that will facilitate future student transfer.

B. To encourage the development of scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for community college transfer students who are directly affected by this Agreement.

C. To foster communication between Strayer University, the Division, and Florida's Community College System. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

<p>Florida Division of Community Colleges:</p> <p>Dr. Judith Bilsky Executive Vice Chancellor Florida Division of Community Colleges 325 W. Gaines Street, #1314 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400 (850) 245-9452 or judith.bilsky@fldoe.org</p>	<p>Strayer University:</p> <p>Lloyd B. Tredwell National College Relations Manager Strayer University 431 Maple Avenue Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 306-4242 or lloyd.tredwell@strayer.edu</p>
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Both parties agree to notify the other of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers.

D. To provide for periodic review of the Agreement to strengthen articulation between the Florida Community College System and Strayer University. A review should be initiated by the Division at the end of the first year following initial implementation of the Agreement and every three years thereafter.

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

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 Strayer University and the Chancellor for Florida Community 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. Any student enrolled in a community college 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.

This Articulation Agreement between Strayer University and the Division of Community Colleges was accepted and approved by the participating entities this 15th day of May, 2007.

By: Joel O. Nwagbara By: J. Bilsky
President, Strayer University Chancellor, Florida Community Colleges

THIS AGREEMENT shall take effect immediately, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.