

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY COLLEGES
AND
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-SAINT LOUIS**

OVERVIEW:

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by University of Missouri Saint Louis, hereinafter referred to as UMSL, and the Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as MCC. By this agreement MCC and UMSL express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree.

PURPOSE:

This agreement provides students who have earned an Associate in Arts/Science Degree the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree at UMSL. Any MCC student who has earned an Associate in Arts/Science Degree oriented towards a baccalaureate degree will be admitted to UMSL in junior standing. Students fulfilling the general education requirements as outlined by the Missouri Coordinating Board of Higher Education and certified by the sending institution will have met the lower division general education requirements at UMSL. UMSL will apply such to the baccalaureate degree in a manner that is consistent with the treatment of UMSL students.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

Section 1: Admissions and Matriculation

MCC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as UMSL students.

Criteria for acceptance into UMSL will be the same for transfer as for UMSL students.

MCC, upon request of students, will provide transcripts to UMSL's Office of Admissions/Registration. The UMSL Degree Audit Reporting (DARS) office will evaluate the transcript of students transferring from MCC.

Transfer students from MCC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services on the same basis as UMSL students.

Minimum grade standards for academic progress and graduation from MCC will be subject to no further review by UMSL with the exception a D grade. If the MCC student used a grade of D to complete the Associate Degree and it is a pre-requisite to future coursework at UMSL, the MCC student must retake the pre-requisite course as UMSL students are required to do.

UMSL will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to MCC transfer students as those applicable to UMSL students.

Section II: Transfer of Credit

A maximum of 64 credit hours will be accepted by UMSL from MCC to be applied to the baccalaureate degree. Acceptance of more than 64 hours of credit from MCC may be considered when program -to- program articulation agreements between MCC and UMSL have been established; however, in such cases the transferring student must complete all core requirements for the baccalaureate degree.

MCC students who have completed the 42 credit hours of Missouri's general education competency –based curriculum will be accepted as having fulfilled UMSL lower division general education requirements.

Associate in Arts/Science Degree transfer students from MCC, upon acceptance into the baccalaureate degree program, will have junior standing at UMSL.

Section III: Program Plan

Focused program agreements will be incorporated as addenda to this agreement. Each will specify student degree course plan and credit transfer requirements. Such addenda will be effective when signed by the Chief Academic Officer of each institution

TERMS OF AGREEMENT:

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year of 2003-2004 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to regular review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

SIGNATURES:

The Junior College District of Metropolitan Kansas City, Missouri (MCC) and University of Missouri-Saint Louis (UMSL) hereby enter into this program articulation agreement leading from the Associate in Arts/Science Degree to a baccalaureate degree by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

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Date

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Chancellor
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Date