

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Ranken Technical College

And

**The Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of
the University of Missouri-St. Louis**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines a cooperative agreement between Ranken Technical College (hereinafter referred to as "Ranken") and the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri-St. Louis (hereinafter referred to as UMSL), both of St. Louis, Missouri.

WHEREAS, Ranken and UMSL are important educational, technological, and cultural resources for the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, Ranken and UMSL desire to cooperate and build academic partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Ranken and UMSL wish to stimulate communication, cooperation and interchange between the faculty and students of the two educational institutions and thus enhance the academic quality of both institutions; and

WHEREAS, the cooperation and coordination outlined in this agreement will be an ongoing, continuous process that can expand and grow over time;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree to cooperate in the following ways to articulate programs so that students may take full advantage of the educational opportunities best suited to their individual needs.

ARTICLE I: PURPOSE

For the purpose of facilitating student articulation, Ranken and UMSL agree in principle to maintain transfer guidelines outlining policies, procedures, program transfers and, where possible, specific course equivalencies for students transferring into baccalaureate programs at UMSL. Both UMSL and Ranken will make available to all interested students the appropriate transfer information as outline in these guidelines.

ARTICLE II: GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE AGREEMENT

During the period of this agreement, UMSL agrees to accept in direct-transfer graduates of Ranken who have completed the Associate of Science (A.S.) or the Associate of Technology (A. T.) degree, with the following privileges and conditions:

1. Associate Degrees

UMSL will provide full transfer of all coursework successfully completed as part of the associate's degree at Ranken. Students will be required to complete UMSL's graduation requirements as stipulated in the Bulletin at the time of the student's admission to UMSL.

2. General Education

UMSL and Ranken administrative staff and faculty will cooperate to identify Ranken courses that are equivalent to UMSL general education courses. During the period of this agreement, UMSL and Ranken will maintain regular updates to reflect curricular changes at both institutions. Students who have completed a 42-credit general education program of study equivalent to that of UMSL will have met UMSL's general education requirement. Ranken students who have completed their degree along with the approved 42 hour general education core will be allowed to transfer credit of more than 64 hours only if the additional hours are applicable to the baccalaureate degree or are lower division prerequisites to upper division courses. Students who have not completed this general education requirement prior to their transfer to UMSL will have their courses evaluated by UMSL to determine which courses taken prior to transfer are equivalent to those general education courses sponsored by UMSL.

3. Course Equivalencies

To further assist students, UMSL and Ranken will maintain guidelines identifying appropriate course equivalencies between the associate degree and the baccalaureate degree in selected programs (e.g., engineering computer science, and business)

4. Other Conditions

- a. Associate degree students graduating from Ranken and transferring to UMSL after December 31, 2002, will follow the terms of this articulation agreement. Other students, including students already enrolled at UMSL, will continue to follow the terms and requirements in effect at their time of enrollment at UMSL.
- b. The grading policies as established by Ranken and the grades given will be honored by UMSL and the grade point average will not be recalculated, nor grades changed in determining admissions to UMSL. Grades of D or better earned at Ranken or other regionally-accredited or approved institutions of higher education will receive full credit when transferred to UMSL. The University, however, will treat all grades on courses attempted on the same basis as that of an UMSL student (e.g. if an UMSL student is required to repeat a specified course, having earned a D grade, a Ranken transfer student will also be required to repeat the same course if it carried a D grade.)
- c. A Ranken student who seeks transfer without completion of the associate degree from Ranken will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis, with a

maximum transfer award of 64 credit hours. Students must also complete UMSL's general education requirement (as noted in #2 above), and all other requirements outlined in the current University Bulletin.

ARTICLE III: CONDITIONS

a. Equal Opportunity:

The parties agree to provide equal opportunity to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability or marital status during the term of this agreement, thus implementing and/or following all rules and regulations of national, state, regulatory or other applicable licensure regulations or statutes.

b. Third Party Obligations:

This agreement is made solely for the benefit of UMSL and Ranken and their students, and is not intended to create third party beneficiaries.

c. Applicable Law, Licensure, Accreditation:

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Missouri, and any applicable statutes of the respective institution's regulatory agencies. This agreement is contingent on Ranken and UMSL securing and maintaining all necessary approvals, accreditation and/or licensure standards associated with this agreement at their respective institutions.

d. Parties Bound:

This agreement shall apply to and bind the parties hereto identified, together with their respective heirs, successors, and assigns.

e. Total Agreement:

This agreement shall supersede all other proposals and/or negotiations between Ranken and UMSL. Other programmatic articulation agreements including international education initiatives, study abroad, faculty exchanges, and joint programs, may be further developed. These further agreements only require the approvals of respective UMSL and Ranken administrators. This agreement is made solely for the benefit of UMSL and Ranken and their students, and is not intended to create third party beneficiaries.

f. Modifications:

Modifications, additions or deletions from this agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. Ranken and UMSL will maintain designated representatives to approve and administer any changes or additions to this agreement. These modifications may be added to this agreement as approved Attachments.

g. Further Agreements and Collaborations:

Ranken and UMSL may develop further formal relationships, alliances, exchanges, or agreements. These collaborations may also be attached to this agreement in the form of an “Attachment” when signed by both parties.

ARTICLE IV. TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT:

This agreement between UMSL and Ranken shall be continuous from the date first shown on the approvals below this agreement. The initial term of this agreement shall be for five (5) years. Both parties shall meet periodically to review this agreement, to verify current status of the alliance, and to update program offerings. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party. Every effort will be maintained to satisfactorily complete all student transfers in process at the time of termination.

Additional copies of this agreement may be requested through the UMSL Office of Transfer Services and Articulation, 225 MSC, 314-516-5162

APPROVALS:

THIS AGREEMENT entered between Ranken Technical College and UMSL University to form this educational partnership and articulation is thus approved by the following officials of these institutions:

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