

**Articulation Agreement
between
Southwestern Illinois College
and
the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of
the University of Missouri-St. Louis**

This formal articulation agreement is made and entered into by University of Missouri – St. Louis, hereinafter referred to as UMSL, and Southwestern Illinois College, hereinafter referred to as SWIC. By entering into this agreement, SWIC and UMSL express our mutual commitment to serve students in the St. Louis metropolitan area by providing high quality educational programs and services. This agreement provides information for transfer of the general transfer degree program.

PURPOSE:

These two institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree by clarifying transfer policies and procedures between programs. Both institutions recognize the value and benefit of the completion of the AA/AS degree as the first two years of a baccalaureate degree prior to transfer. Participation in this agreement requires commitment on the part of the student and both institutions involved.

Any SWIC student admitted to UMSL and holding an associate degree oriented toward the baccalaureate degree will be accepted in junior standing. Students fulfilling the general education requirements outlined by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) 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 consistent with the treatment of UMSL students.

For SWIC students entering focused programs, UMSL will credit designated SWIC courses as defined in an addendum to this agreement.

Any SWIC student who has earned an Associate in Applied Science degree may be covered by a program addendum or have courses evaluated by UMSL on a course-by-course basis.

CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:

Section I: Admissions and Matriculation

SWIC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as UMSL students enrolled under a specific catalog.

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

Upon request of students, SWIC will provide verification of completed courses to the UMSL Admissions/Registration Office.

SWIC students who have completed the AA/AS degree or the general education competency-based curriculum will transfer and have full acceptance into their designated UMSL program. This acceptance is contingent upon students following the guidelines of the program and conditions of this articulation agreement.

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

When the AA/AS degree is presented intact, UMSL will conduct no additional review of individual course grades with the exception of a D grade. If the SWIC student used a grade of D to complete the Associate Degree and it is a pre-requisite to future coursework at UMSL, the SWIC 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 students who transferred from SWIC as those applied to UMSL students.

SWIC and UMSL will cooperatively develop, regularly review, and update advisement materials. This will enable students to meet the terms of this agreement and transfer to UMSL with maximum ease.

SWIC will advise interested students on the availability of the articulation agreement and the opportunities available to them by participating.

SWIC and UMSL will publicize the existence of the articulation agreement.

Section II: Transfer of Credit

SWIC students completing an AA/AS degree that includes the IAI approved general education core will be allowed transfer credit of more than 64 hours only if the additional lower division credits are applicable to the baccalaureate degree or are prerequisites for upper division courses in the major.

SWIC students who have completed the 42 credit hours from the Illinois Articulation Agreement competency-based curriculum using the attached addendum will be accepted as having fulfilled UMSL lower division general education requirements provided that this or her transcript verifies completion of the general education requirements at the sending institution.

Representatives of the advisement staffs of SWIC and UMSL will develop and annually review Transfer Guides that will provide information on programs and requirements. The Transfer Guides are a part of this agreement and provide degree opportunities covered by this agreement.

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 2006 and remains in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both institutions. Both institutions hereby indicate full agreement to the terms and conditions included above and the honoring of the course, program and other requirements outlined in the Transfer Guides attached as appendices to this agreement. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both institutions and is subject to review every five years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either institution desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

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

SIGNATURES:

Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC) and University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) hereby enter into this articulation agreement leading from the Associate in Arts/Science to a baccalaureate degree by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.

OR

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