

Articulation Agreement

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Introduction

This articulation agreement contains programs of courses appropriate for transfer for community/junior college students who attend Mississippi's eight public universities. At the bottom of each program are listed the universities which offer the baccalaureate degree program.

Each university will accept courses as listed on the particular transfer program without loss of credit toward the conclusion of the four-year degree. It is intended that this articulation agreement be a minimum program transfer for all students moving from the community/junior college to the university system, as well as moving between universities in the system, acting as a "safety net" for transfer students. It is not intended to replace any individual articulation agreement between a particular community/junior college and a university which would allow additional courses to transfer into a specific program of study.

It is vital that the programs of study be reviewed periodically and that revisions be made where appropriate. The revision process will encompass the following:

- 1) make editorial changes as needed;
- 2) further standardize the format for programs of study;
- 3) update offerings by universities as needed; and
- 4) keep appropriate officials abreast of changes made by the universities.

It is understood that accreditation agencies expect colleges and universities to evaluate course offerings. It is further understood that community/junior colleges and universities are expected to comply with accreditation requirements and that a cooperative spirit will prevail in working through any needed changes.

There will be an IHL Articulation Subcommittee of the University Chief Academic Officers' Council with Community and Junior College representatives to serve on this subcommittee as nonvoting members for information purposes.

Editorial changes made by the Articulation Subcommittee shall need no further approval; however, any proposed changes in course offerings or transfer hours shall be made in accordance with the following procedures:

- 1) In consultation with Chief Academic Officers, each institution shall identify proposed articulation agreement changes to IHL through its Articulation Subcommittee representative by May 15 each year.
- 2) The IHL Articulation Subcommittee representative and representatives of each academic department/dean's office which offers the program involved shall discuss articulation agreement changes between May 16 and June 10.

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- 3) Proposed changes approved by the IHL Articulation Subcommittee will be shared by IHL with the community/junior college representatives. Community/junior college representatives will have until June 30 to review and comment on the proposed articulation changes.
- 4) The IHL Articulation Subcommittee and community/junior college representatives will meet to discuss proposed articulation changes. This meeting will take place between July 1 and July 31. This meeting will include IHL and CJC articulation committee members.
- 5) The IHL Chief Academic Officers will consider approval of proposed articulation changes at their August meeting.
- 6) Articulation changes shall be communicated to universities and community/junior colleges (presidents and chief academic officers) by September 30 for changes which are to be implemented the following fall semester. Any changes to these published dates are subject to approval by the IHL Chief Academic Officers and the Mississippi Community and Junior Colleges Academic Officers Association.

Upon approval, the changes will be published and distributed to the universities and community/junior colleges. It is intended that the document be used as a minimum program of transfer and not replace articulation agreements between individual universities and community/junior colleges.

Transfer of the Associate of Arts Degree

The Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees has approved a policy for student transferring to IHL universities with an AA degree from a Mississippi Community or Junior College. This policy includes the following specifications:

- 1) Students that graduate with an Associate of Arts degree from a Mississippi community/junior college and complete the 30-hour IHL Board core curriculum (Board Policy Section 512 "Core Curriculum") with a grade of "C" or better in each core course will satisfy the IHL Core curriculum requirement at each IHL institution. General education requirements for baccalaureate programs at the receiving institutions may exceed the minimum IHL core curriculum. In such cases, transfer students may need to take additional courses to satisfy these requirements.
- 2) All non-IHL core curriculum courses in the AA degree program may be assigned to fulfill the pre-major or elective requirements, dependent upon the non-IHL core curriculum courses taken within the AA degree program and the declared major that the IHL institution.

Please note that certain undergraduate degrees have pre-major course requirements and other pre-requisites that will not necessarily be satisfied by the AA degree. The Articulation Agreement serves as a valuable resource to help the Mississippi community and junior college students and advisors identify the pre-major courses as well as other course recommendations that will help position potential transfer student for entrance into a particular major at one or more of the IHL institutions.

In addition, the IHL Articulation Subcommittee strongly suggests that potential transfer students avoid taking courses that are considered to be equivalent or highly similar. For example, many of the IHL universities cannot apply both BIO 1114 and BIO 1134 to a degree plan.

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