

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
AND
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**

INTRODUCTION:

Southwestern University at Georgetown, TX (“SU”), accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (the “Commission on Colleges”) and comprised of the Brown College of Arts and Sciences and the Sarofim School of Fine Arts, enters into this Articulation Agreement with Austin Community College, Austin, Texas (“ACC”), also accredited by the Commission on Colleges.

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Austin Community College and Southwestern University share mutual interests about the availability and quality of higher education in central Texas. There is further shared interest in issues of access to higher education for all groups of Texans, to ensure a viable and strong future in the higher education environment for all who choose to participate.

ACC provides coursework at the freshman and sophomore levels for students in Austin, Texas and the surrounding area – this coursework leads to various certificates and associate degrees. SU offers undergraduate courses of study leading to baccalaureate degrees. The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to provide guidelines and areas of responsibility and to facilitate the successful transition of students from the ACC Honors Program (the “Honors Program”) to SU.

B. TERMS:

ACC and SU, the parties of this Agreement (the “Parties”), agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

- ACC and SU will cooperate in the identification of Honors Program course offerings that will facilitate the transfer of credit from ACC to SU to maximize the applicability toward the SU degree plan.
- ACC and SU will each designate an individual who will be responsible for the continued updating and sharing of information on Honors Program changes, new courses added to the Honors Program, transcript evaluation, and other projects as agreed to by ACC and SU.
- ACC and SU will share non-confidential information regarding program development, course development, and special activities related to the Academic Program at each institution.

- This Articulation Agreement shall be filed with the Office of Enrollment Services and the Office of the Provost at SU, and with the Articulation Office at ACC.
- This Agreement may be amended by mutual agreement in writing at any time; this Agreement may be terminated by either party by providing one year's written notice to the other party at the addresses referenced under Notices.
- This Agreement is contingent upon continued accreditation of both institutions.

Southwestern University agrees to:

- Provide ACC with non-confidential information regarding the SU Academic Program and provide updates in program changes or additions.
- Provide feedback on the progress of ACC Honors Program transfer students, as allowed by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) to the ACC designate. This data may be incorporated into ACC institutional effectiveness studies consistent with FERPA guidelines and regulations.
- Grant admission to SU to ACC Honors Program participants when students fulfill the SU Admission Conditions set forth in Section C in this Agreement.
- Assist ACC Honors Program transfer students who have been admitted to SU in the transition from the ACC Honors Program into SU. This will include: merit scholarship consideration, need-based financial assistance consideration (as applicable), registration assistance, transfer orientation, academic advising, and on-campus housing (based on SU's housing requirements).
- Assist ACC Honors Program transfer students who enroll at SU in completing their associate degree via SU courses.
- Annually review and update the course Equivalency Table in Addendum A.

Austin Community College agrees to:

- Promote this Articulation Agreement to students who seek a baccalaureate degree in a liberal arts learning environment.
- Provide the SU representative with a listing of Honors Program approved courses annually or upon request.
- The ACC Honors Program Director will provide the SU representative with a list of Honors Program students who are interested in transferring to SU. Such list will include student addresses and major areas of study while attending ACC. (This information shall be provided regularly within the provisions of FERPA.)

- Assist SU in arranging campus visits at SU for prospective Honors Program students.
- Schedule appointments for SU representatives with ACC students, faculty, and staff for the purpose of sharing information, discussing ideas, and other activities of mutual interest.
- Facilitate the completion of the *Intent to Apply* forms for ACC Honors Program students by distributing and verifying eligibility.

Austin Community College and Southwestern University jointly agree to:

- Work together to further the opportunity and access by qualified students through the cooperative efforts and ventures by both institutions.

C. SU ADMISSION CONDITIONS:

- The ACC Honors Program students must submit a timely application for admission and scholarship to SU. The students must also submit all official college transcripts, official high school transcript or GED Certificate, SAT or ACT scores as applicable, and transfer statement of good standing from ACC.
- The students should send all of the above-mentioned documents to SU by April 1st for fall admission or October 1st for spring admission.
- For ACC Honors Program students who apply for admission to SU under this Articulation Agreement who have completed 24 hours with one or fewer remedial courses and completed this work with at least a 3.4 cumulative GPA, SU will automatically grant admission upon submission and processing of an admission application and all required credentials, including a favorable *College Official's Report*.
- For ACC Honors Program students who do not meet the requirements described in the above item, but have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA are invited to submit an enrollment application, which will be reviewed by the SU admission committee with all other transfer applicants in a particular year. While admission to SU is not guaranteed, SU will work with students as additional space remains in the class.
- It is recommended that the student should have completed coursework as prescribed in Addendum A – *ACC Honors Equivalency Guide*.
- The SU Registrar's Office will be responsible for evaluation of the official transcripts and recommending transfer credit based upon the stated conditions in this Articulation Agreement.
- The student must have completed the courses for which transfer credit is being requested within 24 months of the request for credit.

- The student must complete specific courses in the *ACC Honors Equivalency Guide* with a grade of C minus or better for credit to be guaranteed.
- Courses taken outside the *ACC Honors Equivalency Guide* will be reviewed and credit awarded as appropriate.

D. NOTICES:

- All notices, demands, requests, and other communications required shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered by U.S. Mail as follows:

Austin Community College: Judy Sanders
Austin Community College
Honors Program Director
5930 Middle Fiskville Rd, Austin, TX 78752
Phone: 512.223.3249
Fax: 512.223.3049
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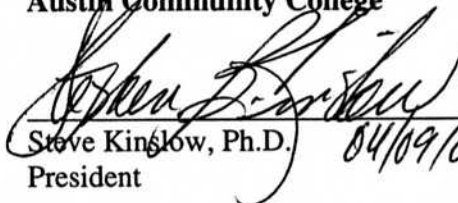
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- Either party may change the designated person to receive correspondence with written notice to the other party.

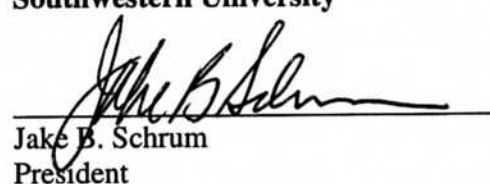
E. SIGNATURES:

The parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals on April 9, 2007. An original, signed copy of this Agreement shall be maintained by each institution at designated offices of the college and university presidents or designee.

Austin Community College


Steve Kinglow, Ph.D.
President
04/09/07

Southwestern University


Jake B. Schrum
President

Addendum A – ACC Honors Equivalency Guide

(Equivalency is guaranteed for students who have completed the “Intent to Apply” form by Aug. 1, 2008.)

Structure of the Curriculum at Southwestern University

The Southwestern University curriculum consists of three areas, each of which contributes an essential component to the student’s educational experience. Area One specifies courses common to all programs of study; Area Two provides breadth via distribution requirements; Area Three describes the general requirements for an area of study in depth (“the major”).

Note: Bolded course numbers indicate Honors coursework offered by Austin Community College. Courses in parenthesis are the equivalent courses at SU. The upper-level SU courses (200-level or above) listed below will not meet upper-level graduation requirements at SU. Area Three requirements vary by major. Please consult the Southwestern University on-line course catalog for more information on individual major requirements. Some Area One requirements are not listed below.

Courses taken outside of this *Equivalency Guide* will be reviewed and credit awarded as appropriate. Please consult the *Guide to Course Numbers Transferrable to SU*, found on the Registrar’s Office web page, at <http://www.southwestern.edu/academic/registrar/TCCNTREQ.pdf>

Area One
College Writing (one course, three hours required):
ENGL 1301 (UST05-113)
Mathematics* (one course, three hours required):
MATH 1332 (MAT52-103), 1342 (52-113), 2412 (52-123), 2413 (52-154)
Language (one language sequence, proficiency through fourth-semester level):
FREN 1511 (FRE11-014), 1512 (11-024), 2311 (11-113), 2312 (11-123); GERM 1511 (GER12-014), 1512 (12-024), 2311 (12-113), 2312 (12-123); SPAN 1511 (SPA15-014), 1512 (15-024), 2311 (15-113), 2312 (15-123)
Fitness and Recreational Activities (two one-hour courses):
KINE – take any two (different) physical activity courses (FRA47-XX1)

*Area One Mathematics requirement is separate from Area Two Natural Science requirement (cannot count in both areas).

Area Two – Division Requirements
Humanities (two courses, six hours required):
ENGL 1302 (ENG10-003), 2322 (10-153), 2327 (10-003), 2328 (10-003), 2332 (10-003), 2333 (10-003), 2342 (10-003); HIST 1301 (HIS16-223), 1302 (16-233); 2301 (16-003) PHIL 1301 (PHI18-133), 2306 (18-103)

Area Two – Division Requirements

Natural Sciences (two courses from different departments, at least one with experimental lab; minimum six hours required):

BIOL 1406 (BIO50-102,122), 1407 (50-112,162), **1408** (50-113);
CHEM 1411 (CHE51-153,151), 1412 (51-163,161);
MATH **1332** (MAT52-103), 1342 (52-113), 2412 (52-123), 2413 (52-154);
PHYS **1401** (PHY53-114), 1402 (53-124), 2425 (53-154), 2426 (53-164)

Social Sciences (two courses from different departments; six hours required):

ACCT 2301 (ACC36-113), 2302 (36-123);
ECON **2301** (ECO31-013), **2302** (31-103);
GOVT **2305** (PSC32-113), **2306** (32-003);
PSYC **2301** (PSY33-103), **2314** (33-223), 2316 (33-233), 2319 (33-463);
SOCI **1301** (SOC34-113), **2301** (34-243);
SPCH **1311** (COM75-003), **1318** (75-623)

Fine Arts Lecture (three hours required):

ARTS 1301 (ARH71-003), 1303 (71-003), 1304 (71-003);
MUSI 1116 (MUT76-101), 1117 (76-111), 1306 (MUL80-103), 1308 (80-003),
1309 (80-113), 1311 (76-103), 1773 (80-003);
DRAM 1310 (THE74-103)

Fine Arts Performance/Production (three hours required):

ARTS 1316 (ART70-203), 2356 (70-613);
MUAP 1101 – 1287 (APM8x-001) [x = instrument at SU, ex. A=Piano, B=Voice,
etc.], [MUAP 1173, 1273 will only count as SU elective];
DRAM 1341 (THE73-113), 1351 (73-183)

Note: SU -003 courses are "Special Topics" courses. Most -003 courses will count as elective requirements under Area Three.

Southwestern University

Application Intent Form

To the Applicant

This form should be completed by Austin Community College (ACC) Honors Program students who are interested in participating in the articulation agreement between ACC and Southwestern University (SU).

Student Information

Please Print

Mr./Ms./Mrs.: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: (_____) _____ [] Home or [] Cell

E-mail Address: _____

High School: _____

High School City: _____ State: _____ Graduation Year: _____

SAT CR: _____ M: _____ W: _____ ACT Composite: _____

Cumulative College GPA: _____ Number of College Hours Completed: _____

Academic Interest(s): _____

Special Interest(s): _____

I intend to Enroll: [] Fall or [] Spring Year: _____

Student Acknowledgement

To the Applicant

By completing this form, I acknowledge that I have reviewed the articulation agreement and understand that this information will be used to assist me in successfully completing my plan to transfer to SU. I understand that if I complete the requirements specified in this agreement, I can use courses from both ACC and SU to complete an Associate's Degree and Bachelor's Degree, and I will be guaranteed admission and given priority consideration for merit-based scholarships. I understand that I must complete the coursework and my application to SU within twenty-four months of signing this document to satisfy the terms outlined in the ACC/SU articulation agreement, including transfer coursework equivalencies as outlined in the ACC Honors Equivalency Guide. Finally I understand that while I have agreed to the aforementioned conditions, I am not obligated to apply to or enroll at SU.

Signature: _____ Date: _____