

Kansas Independent Colleges & Kansas Community Colleges Global General Education & Program to Program Articulation Agreement
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Preamble:

The institutional members of the Kansas Independent College Association (KICA) and the institutional members of the Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT) share a commitment to the academic and personal development of each individual student who enters our respective institutions. We establish this memorandum to demonstrate our shared intent to improve the ability of transfer students to complete a high-quality bachelor's degree, to minimize disruptions faced by transfer students in pursuit of such degrees, and to foster a smoother, and thereby more affordable, pathway to a bachelor's degree at a Kansas independent college for students transferring from a Kansas community college.

Satisfaction of General Education Requirements ("Junior Status"):

Any student who applies for, is accepted, and enrolls as a transfer student into a bachelor's degree program at any independent non-profit institution which is a party to this agreement (hereafter the "receiving institution"), and who has been awarded an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) from any other public or independent non-profit institution which is a party to this agreement (hereafter the "originating institution"), provided both institutions are accredited, shall be deemed as having fulfilled the general education requirements of the receiving institution, except for up to a total of nine (9) credit hours in theology, religion, moral philosophy, or similar disciplines, or courses specific to the receiving institution's mission and culture, provided such credit hours are part of a general education curriculum required for all students to receive a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) at the receiving institution.

Any transfer student exempted from the general education requirements of the receiving institution pursuant to this agreement shall be considered having been granted "junior status" for the purpose of student life and financial aid privileges and opportunities granted by the receiving institution to first-time students who have completed the necessary academic credits to be considered a "junior." Such privileges may include, but are not limited to, student housing options, financial aid awards, study abroad programs, and student activity opportunities. However, the receiving institution may determine whether such transfer students qualify for dual major opportunities or other academic privileges based on general education completion on a case-by-case basis and at the sole discretion of the receiving institution. Any privileges granted based on this extension of "junior status" require the student meet all other eligibility

requirements of the receiving institution, including, if relevant, remaining in good standing with the receiving institution's student conduct policies.

Except for contents of this agreement, any transfer student exempted from the general education requirements of the receiving institution pursuant to this agreement must still meet all other degree requirements at the receiving institution, including but not limited to the credit hour and distribution requirements for the student's declared major field of study, minimum number of total credits required, and minimum number of in-residence credit hours required. The receiving institution may, on an individual student basis, determine to waive any of these additional requirements at its discretion.

Program & Course Articulation ("Course-to-Course Transfer"):

Any student transferring between two institutions in this agreement, both of which are accredited, and who has earned at least 24 credit hours from their "originating" institution shall be permitted to transfer those earned credits according to the Systemwide Transfer course (SWT) list approved and maintained by the Kansas Board of Regents as of the date the student was admitted to the receiving institution. Provided that the receiving institution offers the equivalent course recognized in the SWT directory, the student's credit for that course at the originating institution shall satisfy the specific program or major requirements toward which that course counts at the "receiving" institution.

Use of the SWT course list for the purpose of this agreement shall not extend to any courses in theology, religion, moral philosophy, or similar disciplines, unless the receiving institution agrees separately to allow articulation of such courses.

The decision to count lower-division courses (i.e. 200-level and below) toward upper-division courses (i.e. 300-level and above) shall be at the discretion of the "receiving" institution.

Publicity:

All institutions party to this agreement agree to publish and promote both the "Junior Status" and "Course-to-Course Transfer" components of this agreement on the institutions' respective websites and regularly via other appropriate marketing and publicity methods.

All institutions party to this agreement agree to promote attendance by staff responsible for advising transfer students to an annual workshop to be coordinated by KICA and KACCT.

Other Policy Obligations and Procedures:

Nothing in this agreement shall supersede the receiving institution's policies regarding costs and procedures for application, admission, or submission of transcripts. Unless such policies state otherwise, the participating student is responsible for all costs incurred for transmission of transcripts required to obtain the benefits designated by this agreement.

This agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the policies of the respective institutions and applicable State and Federal regulations; and shall not be an exclusive relationship between the parties.

Effective Term and Renewal:

Parties to this agreement commit to implementing it, in full, no later than September 1, 2023.

This agreement will be reviewed biennially by both KICA and KACCT, whose staff shall recommend any improvements to their respective institutions.

Definitions:

Accredited: Is accredited by an institutional accrediting body recognized and approved by the United States Department of Education for the period in which the credits were earned by the student.

In-residence: The definition of an "in-residence" course shall be consistent with that used in the receiving institution's academic policies.