

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**Between**  
**Ozarks Technical Community College**  
**And Missouri State University**

**Honors Program to the General Honors Program or the Accelerated Honors Program**

**OVERVIEW:**

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by Missouri State University, hereinafter referred to as MSU, and Ozarks Technical Community College, hereinafter referred to as OTC. By this agreement OTC and MSU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to and success in higher education.

By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement facilitates the transfer of **Honors Program** students from OTC into either the **General Honors Program or the Accelerated Honors Program** at MSU.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

**Application Process**

OTC Honors Program students who complete the requirements of the OTC Honors Program, and graduate with their Associate degree, are eligible for acceptance to the MSU Honors College's Accelerated Honors Program.

OTC students who graduate with an Associate degree and complete credits with OTC's Honors Program but do not complete the program, are also eligible for the MSU Honors College, provided they have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Depending on the number of credits transferred, these students will be placed either in the **MSU General Honors Program**, or the **MSU Accelerated Honors Program**.

OTC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as native MSU students enrolled under the same catalog.

OTC, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to MSU through OTC's Office of the Registrar. The transcripts of students transferring from OTC will be evaluated by the Office of Admissions at MSU through the regular admissions process.

Transfer students from OTC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services on the same basis as native students.

When beneficial to the student, co-enrollment will be facilitated between institutions.

OTC students will be allowed to register with native students based on credit hours earned.

OTC Honors students who choose to participate in MSU's Honors College Accelerated Honors Program must meet all the requirements of MSU's honors program in order to graduate in the Honors College. Specifically, the MSU Honors College Accelerated Program requires a minimum of nineteen hours of honors course work. These nineteen hours must include both a three hour colloquium course (UHC 397) and a three hour capstone course (UHC 410) which addresses MSU's public affairs mission, and both of these courses must be completed through MSU.

OTC Honors Program students who transfer into the MSU Honors College's Accelerated Honors Program will be, in the process of completing their 19 credits, eligible for receiving the MSU Honors College Departmental distinction in their individual majors.

MSU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to OTC transfer students as those applicable to native students at MSU and transfer credit will be awarded as outlined by the MSU transfer policy. There are no limits to the number of credit hours that can be transferred to MSU.

## **Section II: Transfer of Credit**

In recognition of the rigor and quality of OTC's Honors program, under this agreement, students transferring any **HONORS Elective** courses taken with OTC's Honors Program will partially fulfill by its transfer the general requirements for **Sec A. 2** of MSU's Accelerated Honors Program (i.e. an **HONORS Elective** course can be counted as the one (1) General Honors course required as part of the general requirements of the accelerated Honors program for all OTC Honors Program transfer students).

With the exception of **HONORS Electives**, all other courses offered in OTC's Honors Program will be credited as Honors sections of general education courses with existing articulation agreements.

Students who do not complete OTC's Honors Program, may also transfer 9-12 credit hours of OTC Honors Coursework, and/or OTC Honors Service Learning credits to comply with the three general honors course requirements for MSU's General Honors College program, and the one honors experiential learning course credit required by MSU's General Honors Program.

## **TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

This agreement is made and entered into in advance of the academic year 2017-18 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to review every three (3) years to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of one year will be required.

Revisions to this agreement based solely on updates to curriculum or degree requirements which do not fundamentally alter the nature of this agreement may be made by mutual agreement of the relevant faculty and administrators.

## **SIGNATURES:**

Ozarks Technical Community College and Missouri State University hereby enter into this program articulation agreement by the affixing of signatures of the chief academic officers of both institutions.

Tracy McGrady

Dr. Tracy McGrady  
Provost  
Ozarks Technical Community College

5/16/17  
Date

Frank Einhellig

Dr. Frank Einhellig  
Provost  
Missouri State University

5/16/17  
Date