

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AND MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY FOR ONLINE DEGREE COMPLETION – BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNICATION

**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 provides students who have earned an Associate of Arts at OTC the opportunity to complete an online Bachelor of Science in Communication at MSU. Any OTC student who has earned an Associate of Arts and adheres to the transfer guidelines is guaranteed that MSU will accept designated freshman and sophomore education credits and all general education credits and will apply such to the Bachelor of Science in a manner consistent with the transfer guidelines.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

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

Criteria for acceptance into the Bachelor of Science in Communication program at MSU will be the same for transfer as for native students.

OTC, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to MSU through its Office of the Registrar. The transcript of students transferring from OTC will be evaluated by the Office of Admissions at MSU.

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

**Section II: Transfer of Credit**

Transfer students from OTC, who have completed an Associate of Arts degree, upon acceptance into the Bachelor of Science in Communication at the Department of Communication, will have junior standing at MSU.

**Section III: Program Plan**

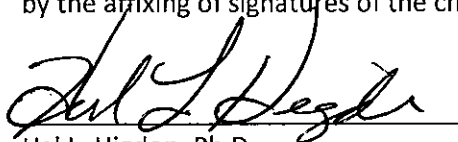
While a course-by-course equivalence in the form of transfer guidelines was used in the development of this plan, this agreement presumes that the general education core requirements at OTC generally meet all freshmen and sophomore level studies requirements of MSU. Students falling under this program articulation agreement will be responsible for successfully completing the requirements as prescribed by the appropriate transfer guidelines. This agreement will remain in effect regardless of whether MSU modifies the transfer guidelines after the effective date of this agreement.

TERMS of AGREEMENT:

This agreement is made and entered into in advance of the academic year 2013-2014 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 two years will be required.

SIGNATURES:

Ozarks Technical Community College and Missouri State University hereby enter into this program articulation agreement leading from the Associate of Arts to the Bachelor of Science in Communication by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.



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Chancellor

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7/22/13

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