

**ARTICULATION  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND MISSOURI STATE  
UNIVERSITY**

**Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology to the  
Bachelor of General Studies**

**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 students with an **Associate of Applied Science in Fire Science Technology (AAS FST)** at OTC to the **Bachelor of General Studies (BGS)** at MSU.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

Students who have completed the AAS FST and have earned a GPA of 2.00 or higher on all transferrable credit will qualify for admission to MSU.

Students will follow the standard process for applying for admission to MSU and must request the Office of the Registrar at OTC to provide transcripts to MSU. The University will then provide admitted students with a detailed course-by-course evaluation.

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 students may be admitted to MSU upon completion of the AAS FST program with completion of 63 credit hours as pre-admitted BGS students. After completion of a total of 75 credit hours (MSU and transfer combined) and in consultation with a BGS advisor to ensure discipline specific credits hours have been completed, students may be admitted to the BGS degree program.

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

MSU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to OTC transfer students as those applicable to native students and transfer credit will be awarded in accordance with the MSU transfer policy. There is no limit to the number of credit hours that can be transferred to MSU but students must satisfy MSU's General Baccalaureate Degree Requirements.

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

Transfer students from OTC in the BGS completion program will be assigned an advisor who will assist the student in selection of courses to develop a curriculum plan prior to the completion of 75 credits.

Transfer students from OTC will enter MSU as participants in CORE 42/Missouri Transfer (MOTR) instead of MSU General Education. Courses coded MOTR included in the OTC AAS curriculum will be applied to the CORE 42 requirements as determined by the Missouri Department of Higher Education.

The transferability of elective courses in the AAS will depend on courses selected. Students are encouraged to meet with OTC advisors for assistance identifying electives that will fulfill CORE 42 requirements. Fire Science Technology (FST) courses at OTC will transfer as a block of up to 45 credit hours of general electives that can be applied to one of the subject matter areas required by the BGS (see below).

## **Program Admission and Requirements and Academic Advisement**

Students will come to MSU as BGS - Pre-admission for their declared major and will apply for admission to the BGS program once they reach the 75 credit hour mark (transfer and MSU combined). These students will be given a streamlined application to the BGS program consisting of an academic plan for admission to the BGS. OTC AAS transfer students will be assigned an advisor by the Academic Advisement Center who will assist them in the selection of classes prior to formal admission to the program.

## **Section III: Program Plan**

Fire Science Technology students will fulfill program requirements as shown in Appendix A. The 42 hours of general electives for OTC Fire Science Technology courses will meet the requirement of significant coursework from one department. Thus, students may choose to take 15 credit hours in two MSU departments or 21 credit hours in one MSU department to meet item B from the program requirements.

OTC will facilitate opportunities for MSU advisors to meet with Fire Science Technology students early in their AAS program to assist in the creation of an academic plan and in the selection of courses to best match the students' interests. The advisor will also help students identify opportunities to begin a BGS subject area for prerequisite purposes while still taking courses at OTC.



## APPENDIX A

### Program Requirements

The candidate for this degree must meet the following requirements:

- A. CORE 42
- B. Significant coursework from two or three specific departments (minimum 45 hours) to meet the following criteria:
  - 1. If three departments, a minimum of 15 hours from each. (OTC Fire Science Technology courses will apply as one of the three departments.)
  - 2. If two departments, a minimum of 21 hours each plus 3 additional hours in one of the departments to reach the 45 hour minimum. (OTC Fire Science Technology courses will apply as one of the two departments.)
  - 3. At least 9 hours from 1 and 2 above must be 300 or higher.
  - 4. At least 9 hours from 1 and 2 above must be 400 or higher.
  - 5. The Public Affairs Capstone requirement of one of the specific departments must be included.
  - 6. A grade of C or better in all courses used in the BGS areas of emphasis.
- C. Additional electives to bring the upper division total to at least 40
- D. Additional electives to bring the total hours to at least 120
- E. All General Baccalaureate Degree requirements - see General Baccalaureate Degree requirements section of catalog