

Articulation Agreement between the University of Miami

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The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Florida

**Effective Period:** The term of this Articulation Agreement (the "Agreement") shall commence on the Effective Date, and shall continue for a period of ten (10) years ending May 31, 2028, unless earlier terminated pursuant to this Agreement. In order for the term of this Agreement to coincide with the academic year for the University of Miami on behalf of its College of Arts and Sciences, the first year will extend from the Effective Date through May 31, 2020. Subsequent years shall be defined as June 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>. Beginning in Fall 2019, the parties agree to revisit the Agreement once a year for the first two years, and every other year through 2028.

**Part I – Objective**

This Agreement serves to provide guidelines and advice to assist in the transferability of coursework from Miami Dade College (MDC) to majors within the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Miami (UM). In addition, this Agreement provides a pathway for the UM to guarantee acceptance and merit-based financial support to highly qualified transfer students from MDC, pursuant to the stipulations outlined in Part V.

The UM enters into this Agreement with the following objectives:

1. Recruit, enroll, retain, and graduate qualified students to the College of Arts and Sciences;
2. Provide course transferability (i.e., transfer of an appropriate number of credits) and equivalencies for comparable coursework between MDC and the College of Arts and Sciences;
3. Provide guidelines and advice for the smooth and successful transition of transfer students from MDC to the College of Arts and Sciences in the form of specific course requirements for majors at UM.

**Part II** - MDC students who transfer with an Associate in Arts degree and are admitted to UM shall enter with junior standing equal to that of a native student without having to duplicate coursework successfully completed at MDC. UM agrees to accept coursework in the MDC catalog (<http://www.mdc.edu/academics/>) provided there is a UM equivalency and that MDC courses are completed with a grade of C or better. Repeated MDC courses will transfer if the average of the two grades is a C or better.

**Part III** - Coursework not included in the MDC catalog will be reviewed by the UM Office of Admission office. Academic courses in which students earn a grade of C or better will likely transfer to UM, with the exception of remedial and vocational coursework taken at MDC. Courses academic in nature that are not included in the MDC catalog will need to be reviewed by the appropriate UM department in order to determine the UM equivalent.

#### **Part IV - MDC Courses and the UM Cognates Program: Structure of the UM Cognate System in Context of Transfer Students**

The UM's Cognates Program comprises the Areas of Knowledge component of UM's framework for general education. Successful completion of the Cognates Program (or comparable general education requirement program in the future) as defined by UM will include one "cognate" in each of the following Areas of Knowledge by the time of graduation from UM:

1. STEM
2. People & Society
3. Arts & Humanities

One cognate will be satisfied by the accumulation of UM courses by graduation in a student's intended major. Transfer students will work with their UM advisors to create an individualized Cognate with previously completed MDC coursework, satisfying the second cognate requirement. Students will then need to satisfy one additional cognate (the third, comprised of three courses) to fulfill their cognate requirement, which will complete the general education requirements for their UM undergraduate degree.

#### **Part V - Guaranteed Acceptance, Acceptance and Merit-based Financial Support\***

1. The UM agrees to accept and guarantees merit scholarships for students active in MDC's Honors College.
  - a. In addition to merit scholarships, the UM agrees to meet full demonstrated financial need for domestic students. Need-based aid for international students will be upon application, review and decision, provided on a case -by-case basis, solely at the discretion of UM Office of Financial Aid.
  - b. UM agrees to waive the application fee for students active in the Honors College.
2. UM also admits qualified candidates who meet the following criteria:
  - i. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of a 3.5 or higher
  - ii. Earn a grade of C or higher in individual courses
  - a. Students, both domestic and international, will be reviewed for merit scholarships during their transfer application review, and scholarships will be awarded based on the competitiveness of that year's entire UM applicant pool, including transfers from MDC. Need-based aid for domestic and international students will be provided on a case-by-case basis. All aid is provided solely at the discretion of the UM Office of Financial Aid.
3. Entrance for both fall and spring terms are available.
  - a. There will be an annual limit of 300 new MDC students enrolled through this Agreement in the fall semester, and an annual limit of 150 new MDC students in the spring semester.
4. Students referred to in V.1 and V.2 must be in good standing, both academically and in terms of conduct and character; any prior instances in which a student was not in good standing for character or academics will be considered in the admission decision and must be disclosed. Failure to disclose completely and honestly may be grounds for revocation of

admission or removal from the university should admission and enrollment already been granted.

5. In addition, students must be within two semesters of graduating from MDC with an AA, and enrollment at the UM will be contingent upon the completion of the AA degree.
6. Abovementioned students are required to complete the UM's orientation program, which takes place at the beginning of each semester.

\*To be eligible for the above, students must submit an application for review and consideration by the UM Admission Committee by the appropriate deadline for the intended start semester, and must send in the required supplemental materials by the deadline, as well. Please refer to website for deadlines by semester.

\*\*Please see Part II and III for information regarding transferrable credits.

## **Part VII - Conditions and Terms of Agreement**

### **Grades**

1. Coursework completed with pass/no pass/credit-only grades will not be accepted.
2. Previously earned credits awarded by MDC from AP, 1B, AICE, or CLEP exams must be reviewed by the UM for credit consideration. Acceptance of these credits is at the sole discretion of the UM Office of Admission or the UM Department/Program undertaking responsibility for the review.
3. Residency and Credit Hours:
  - a. A student transferring must complete a minimum of 56 credit hours in residence at the UM to earn an undergraduate degree.
  - b. Student must maintain full time status while in residence at the UM.
  - c. In addition, each student must complete at least half the credit hours specified for his or her major in residence at the UM.
  - d. No more than 30 credit hours of correspondence work and/or extension work will be accepted toward a degree, and neither correspondence nor extension work may be credited as a part of the last 56 credit hours of the student's program.
  - e. Credit hours earned in a manner other than by course registration, i.e. proficiency examination, CLEP, or placement tests may not be used to meet the final 56 credit-hour residency requirement, however such credit by examination may be earned while the student is enrolled in the courses needed to meet the final 56 credit-hour residency requirement.
4. Faculty and administrators at both institutions will continue to develop programs and processes to facilitate the smooth transition of students from MDC to UM, and to better engage current and future transfer students.

### **Effective dates**

1. Transfer credit for a course is determined by the articulation agreement in effect at the time a course began.

### **Course repetition**

1. Courses taken for repeat credit will not be accepted for additional unit credit unless otherwise indicated on this Agreement or given permission by the College of Arts and Sciences.
2. A student may elect to repeat up to two courses taken at the UM in which the student earned a grade of D-, D, D+, or F. Each repeated course taken at the UM must be the same course as the course initially taken, and must be completed within two regular semesters enrolled following the initial course.

### **Additional Rules**

1. Students must adhere to all academic policies in the UM bulletin under the year in which they began as an enrolled student at the UM.
2. The following UM programs are contingent upon further review before a student can be accepted and are not included in this Agreement:
  - a. Neuroscience
  - b. Theatre Arts (both BA and BFA programs)
3. UM is neither liable for nor bound by any erroneous re-creation, communication and/or publication of articulation and transfer information produced by other institutions, or orally or in writing by anyone. We reserve the right to correct any errors that may have been made.
4. UM and MDC will pledge to honor the Agreement with students based on the agreement in force at the time of admission. The most recent version of this Agreement, and dated past agreements, will be posted on the UM admission webpage.
5. Either party may send written notice of terminating the Agreement a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of the termination.
6. All notices, which may be or are required to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid; by reputable national overnight courier service, postage prepaid; by hand delivery with receipt. Notices shall be in writing and sent to the following:

MDC  
Julie Alexander, Ed.D.  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs  
Miami Dade College  
300 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33132

with a copy to:  
Javier A. Ley-Soto, Esq.

UM  
Vice President, Enrollment Management  
Whitten University Center  
1306 Stanford Drive  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

with a copy to:  
Office of the General Counsel

College Legal Counsel  
Miami Dade College  
Office of Legal Affairs  
300 N.E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Room 1453  
Miami, FL 33132

University of Miami  
1320 South Dixie Highway  
Suite 1250  
Coral Gables, FL 33146

Either party may be given notice as aforesaid and may change its addresses for all subsequent notices by written notice to the other party. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary, notices given as provided above shall be deemed given when delivered (with refusal of delivery constituting delivery for such purpose).

6. If this Agreement is terminated by either party, such termination will not affect the status of students already admitted to UM.
7. Any modification to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by the duly authorized representative of both Parties.

This Articulation Agreement between The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Florida and the University of Miami was executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019 (the "Effective Date").

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 ("AMENDMENT")  
TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("AGREEMENT")**

This Amendment to the Articulation Agreement between The District Board of Trustees of Miami Dade College, Florida ("MDC") and University of Miami ("UM"), dated May 6, 2019 (the "Agreement"), is hereby made and entered into on September 15, 2020.

**WHEREAS**, UM and MDC (collectively the "Parties") agree to amend the provisions of Part II of the Articulation Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement provides that amendments to the Agreement must be in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and below, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Part II of the Agreement is hereby amended to outline the transfer and testing policies for graduating MDC students, and to clarify how CLEP exams can be utilized with regards to the transfer process. Therefore, Part II of the Agreement shall be DELETED in its entirety and REPLACED with the following:

Part II

1. MDC students who transfer with an Associate in Arts degree and are admitted to UM with at least 60 transferable college/post-secondary credits shall enter with junior standing equal to that of a native student without having to duplicate coursework successfully completed at MDC. UM agrees to accept coursework in the MDC catalog (<http://www.mdc.edu/academics/>) provided there is a UM equivalency and that MDC courses are completed with a grade of C or better.
2. A student may not repeat a course in which a grade of C or higher has been earned. This is considered an illegal repeat.
3. CLEP credits awarded by MDC will only transfer to UM if they meet the following guidelines:
  - a. Approval based on an annual review of policies and exams.
  - b. Any change in CLEP policies shall become effective at the beginning of the academic year. Policies in effect on the date a University of Miami student takes the exam will apply.
  - c. Transfer student CLEP scores will be evaluated using policies in effect on the date of the evaluation by University of Miami staff.
  - d. The University of Miami does not grant credit for CLEP General Examinations.
  - e. CLEP credit may not duplicate courses previously attempted at the college level, unless approved by the college or school which the student is enrolled in cooperation with the department awarding the credit.
  - f. CLEP credit may not be used to fulfill the University's residency requirement; however, such credit may be earned while the student is enrolled in the courses needed to meet the final 45 credit-hour requirement.

- g. A maximum of 60 credits may be applied toward a University of Miami degree from external examination programs such as CLEP or Advanced Placement (AP).
- h. CLEP scores submitted for evaluation by the University of Miami must meet the minimum scaled score shown on the credit equivalency table. Each college or school will determine which of the examinations may be used to meet its distribution requirements. Therefore, students are encouraged to discuss CLEP with an academic advisor to determine the possible impact of these examinations on their particular course of study.

**Authorizing Signatures**

**The District Board of Trustees of  
Miami Dade College, FL**

Signature Obscured for Security

Julie Alexander, Ed.D                      Date  
Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

**University of Miami**

Signature Obscured for Security

Jeffrey L. Duerk, Ph.D.                      Date  
Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs  
And Provost

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency

Signature Obscured for Security

L. Christopher Saunders                      Date  
Assistant General Counsel

