

# **Articulation Agreement**

## **Between Michigan State University and Miami-Dade Community College**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education and to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between Michigan State University and **Miami-Dade Community College** transfer policies, enhanced advising and acceptance of equivalent courses/credits.

### **II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

#### **A. Admissions Practices**

1. Michigan State University accepts applications from students who wish to transfer from **Miami-Dade Community College (MDCC)** into any baccalaureate degree program at MSU. Transferring **MDCC** applicants must meet the same admissions criteria as for other students applying for transfer to MSU.
2. Students transferring from **MDCC** to specific Michigan State University programs must meet the same pre-requisites, grade point averages and other admission criteria, as for other native or transfer students applying to MSU programs.
3. For the purpose of establishing the admission grade point average for transfer consideration, grades of **F**, **U** and **I** will be considered as failing grades generating 0.0 honor points in the gpa calculation.
4. For the purposes of admission and credit recognition the transfer grade point average is determined by a calculation that includes all courses, all attempts and all schools.

#### **B. Acceptance and Application Of Credits**

1. General Education/Integrative Studies – students completing an **AA** or **AS** at **MDCC** will be considered to have met all lower division general education requirements at MSU if the following courses are included as part of the **MDCC** degree requirements: **AMH, 2010** or **AMH, 2020**. Further, the degree must include one course in physical science along with one course in biological science and one course of which must have an accompanying laboratory experience.

2. Pre-requisites/major course work – students who begin their work toward their baccalaureate degree at **MDCC** will have their work recognized as legitimate and where required course equivalencies exists, will have these courses apply to MSU graduation requirements in the student's stated major field of study.
3. Courses/Credits in which grades of D (1.0) were earned are not acceptable in transfer unless the student has a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 from the transferring institution.
4. MSU reserves the right to evaluate courses/credits earned through AP, CLEP, or other testing programs. MSU also reserves the right to evaluate courses/credits earned at other institutions.
5. Michigan State University will maintain the Automated Credit Transfer System (ACTS) allowing the students the opportunity to view, through the MSU World Wide Web Homepage, course transfer equivalencies. The ACTS information will be maintained with the most recent **MDCC** information compared to the most recent MSU course offerings.
6. Students transferring from **MDCC** will be required to complete a minimum of 60 semester hours of MSU coursework to eligible for the MSU degree. Courses representing credits beyond the 60 allowed in transfer will be considered to have been completed under the general University transfer guidelines and will not have to be repeated at Michigan State University, however, credits for those courses may not accompany the course.

### **C. Update/Report/Relationship**

1. MSU and **MDCC** agree to meet annually to review the agreement and relevant transfer course equivalencies. **MDCC** will designate an individual to be seen as liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement. **MDCC** will agree to provide updated catalogs to MSU immediately upon their availability. MSU agrees to provide **MDCC** reports of enrolled **MDCC** transfer students, their majors and academic performance when 10 or more are enrolled in any given year.

### **D. Amendments and Term of Effect**

1. The transfer agreements in effect at the time a student first enrolls at **MDCC** will be honored by MSU if the student completes an AA or AS degree and successfully transfers to MSU within 4 years of that first enrollment at **MDCC**.

2. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without effecting the currency of the master agreement. All course by course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
  
3. This master agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice will be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. In the event that this agreement is terminated the terms of the agreement contained herein will remain in effect for the maximum of 2 years.

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Director of Admissions

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