

**Articulation Agreement Lone  
Star College System  
and  
Austin College**

The following Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) between Lone Star College System (LSCS) and Austin College (AC) provides a framework to develop programs designed to enhance the educational experience of students attending both schools including but not limited to:

- I. Transfer of credit from LSCS to the AC
- II. Reverse transfer of credit from the AC to LSCS

Transfer of credit from LSCS to the AC for the purpose of completion of a baccalaureate program of study is designed to maximize the amount of course work completed for the associate degree applicable to the baccalaureate degree.

Reverse transfer of credit from the AC to LSCS allows students to complete requirements for the associate degree in accordance with the Texas Education Code Section 2, Chapter 61, Subchapter S, Section 61.833. This program is specifically designed to allow students to receive the advantages pursuant to completion of the associate degree when they leave LSCS and prior to completion of the baccalaureate degree.

Lone Star College System and Austin College agree to the following terms and conditions:

- LSCS and AC will work to create extensive and specific articulation agreements in a range of majors. These agreements will be made available to students and advisors at both institutions.
- LSCS and AC will exchange information within legal guidelines about specific students with the goal of making students aware of scholarship, financial aid, and the potential to satisfy degree requirements by transferring coursework between both institutions.
- Separate academic records for students will be maintained at each institution. Periodic exchange of information advantageous to students is anticipated.
- AC will provide LSCS with information on transfer students to help LSCS officials determine students who could benefit from reverse transfer of courses. LSCS will provide AC with information about degrees awarded as a result of reverse transfer. Transfer Scholarships for Lone Star College System students:
  - o All students will be eligible for merit based aid commensurate with their qualification. The following students are eligible for additional scholarships: PTK students would qualify for merit based aid and PTK

scholarships, the combined amount of which may add up to 66% of tuition at AC.

- o Chancellor's Honors College Fellows: AC and LSCS are committed to developing integrated degree plans to facilitate the transition to AC after completing associate degree at LSCS. The honors fellows will have study abroad, research, and leadership opportunities at LSCS. Additionally, AC will encourage these students to participate in May-Jan terms, summer research at AC, and a mentoring/buddy system. Upon successful completion of this prestigious program, students will be eligible to receive the Lone Star College Transfer Honors Scholarship. Chancellor's Honors College Fellows, upon being offered transfer admission, will be guaranteed merit scholarships no less than 50% and up to 75% of tuition at AC.

**Term:**

- o This Agreement will commence on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and remain in effect for one full academic year, including summer, and shall automatically renew for additional terms unless sooner terminated in accordance with this agreement.
- o Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty (30) days prior written notice if the party to whom such notice is given has breached any provision of this Agreement, and such breach shall not have been cured within twenty (20) days following the receipt of such notice.
- o Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, either Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement after ninety (90) calendar days' written notice is given to the other Party.
- o This Agreement will remain in effect until such time as mutual agreement is made to modify or terminate the Agreement.

**Governance.** This Agreement and the interpretation of its terms shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Jurisdiction for any legal proceedings incident to this Agreement shall lie in Houston, Harris County, Texas.

**Entire Agreement.** This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the parties and may be modified only by a written instrument executed by both parties at least thirty (30) days in advance of the modification.

**Authority.** Each individual executing this Agreement on behalf of any Party expressly warrants that he/she has authority to do so, and thereby bind Party on behalf of which/whom he/she signs, to the terms of this Agreement.

Signatures:

AUSTIN COLLEGE

Marjorie Hass

Dr. Marjorie Hass  
President

1-26-15  
Date

Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Pineres

Sheila Amin Gutierrez de Pineres  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
and Dean of the Faculty

1-26-15  
Date

LONE STAR COLLEGE SYSTEM

Dr. Stephen C. Head  
Chancellor

1/17/15  
Date

Keri Rogers

Keri Rogers  
Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs

2/3/15  
Date

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

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