

**TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE
AND
WAYLAND BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**



INTRODUCTION

This transfer articulation agreement (agreement) formally recognizes that South Texas College (STC) and Wayland Baptist University (WBU) are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer and embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.

STC and WBU enter into this agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, disability, age, marital status, national origin, or other non-merit factors.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the agreement is to enable STC students who transfer to WBU to carry with them the credit they have already earned for as much relevant study as possible. The agreement provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. The participating institutions understand and agree that transfer articulation is with the entire WBU system and not with an individual campus. Therefore, it is understood and agreed that the courses taken at STC may be transferred in the same manner to any WBU location.

GENERAL TRANSFER POLICY

The agreement establishes the principle that all applicable associate degrees at STC transfer to WBU and respects the essential equivalence of the general education (core) programs at both institutions. It ensures that STC graduates will not have to repeat lower division general education requirements at WBU. It also establishes a framework for students to maximize their credit transfer to WBU.

STC students transferring to WBU without an associate degree will have all courses, number 1000 and above and with a grade of "C" or better, either transfer as an elective, satisfy a general education requirement, or replace a required course.

STC graduates entering WBU under the terms of this agreement will go through WBU's transfer process and, therefore, must meet all applicable WBU requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation and registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all WBU students.

No transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are valid without an articulation agreement signed by the academic officer of each participating institutions.

With the eleven week calendar at WBU (excluding the WBU-Plainview campus), students who transfer to WBU from STC have the potential to complete degree requirements within an eighteen (18) month period to complete a 2+2 agreement. However, WBU does not guarantee this to any student as it is the student's responsibility to maintain enrollment and ensure degree requirements are met.

TRANSFER ELEMENTS

STC Associate Degrees

The associate degrees of STC represent the attainment of depth and technical competency in identified areas. Students transferring an associate degree to WBU will have achieved competency in many areas generally considered upper-division. However, some competencies in the area of general education may still need to be obtained. Associate transfer students may complete any missing general education as stated above.

WBU will provide associate transfer students with a more flexible degree plan that identifies upper-division general education competencies that will meet WBU's baccalaureate degree requirements. In effect, this flexibility represents an inverted transfer degree plan.

Aware of Upper-Division Credit

Students who transfer lower-division credits beyond that required for an associate degree or whose lower-division credits/competencies are equivalent to designated upper-division credits/competencies, can request/petition these courses/competencies be evaluated by WBU and, where appropriate, equivalent upper-division credit may be awarded.

Total Number of Transferable Credits

The maximum number of transfer credits that can be accepted and applied toward degree completion at WBU is 72 semester credit hours.

Evaluation

There will be an annual evaluation process of the partnership supported by this agreement. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of the student.

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OBLIGATIONS

STC will permit WBU to conduct marketing efforts at STC locations and on dates that are mutually agreeable.

STC will permit the placement of WBU materials at information distribution points on campus that may include central information desks and bulletin boards.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

STC and WBU agree to exchange data and documents that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The institutions will exchange admissions, grades and retention data after obtaining appropriate permissions from students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws. WBU will maintain said release in the student's records and provide copies thereof upon request by STC.

Official lists of programs for which an articulation agreement has been approved by both STC and WBU will be made available at both institutions.

Development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (i.e., transfer guides) are the joint responsibility of each institution.

LONGEVITY OF THE AGREEMENT

This agreement is in perpetuity or until it is discontinued by either educational partner by submitting written notification to the other partner one year prior to the identified cancellation date in order to protect all students transferring between these institutions.

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