

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
AND  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement  
Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (South Texas College)  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (UTRGV)

This AGREEMENT, effective the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, is between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (“UTRGV”), a component institution of The University of Texas System, and South Texas College (“STC”), a College having its principal office in McAllen, Texas.

WHEREAS, UTRGV and STC desire to implement an Articulation to provide students enrolled at STC with an opportunity to smoothly transition to and further their educational opportunity at UTRGV;

WHEREAS, students declaring Criminal Justice as their major at STC and successfully completing the courses outlined below is an indicator to UTRGV that the student has completed the appropriate courses, received the necessary instructions and preparation, and that similar knowledge, skills, and student learning outcomes can be expected, enabling the student’s progression to the upper division course sequence or requirement at UTRGV;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 Term

This agreement shall be effective for two years from the date of its execution. upon revisions mandated by state requirements, or until a new agreement is created. The agreement may be renewed upon the mutual written approval of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and South Texas College.

2.0 Courses of Study

UTRGV’s College of Liberal Arts will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who successfully completes courses outlined below from STC and is admitted to UTRGV.

- All STC courses transferred to UTRGV shall be part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- For the UTRGV **Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**, the following STC **Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice** field of study electives will satisfy degree requirements as follows

<u>STC</u>		<u>UTRGV</u>	
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice System
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems & Practices	CRIJ 1306	Court Systems & Practices
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System	CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2313	Correctional Sys & Practices
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2328	Police Systems & Practices
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	Elective <sup>1</sup>	
CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation	Elective	

<sup>1</sup> Although CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law and CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigations are not presently offered at UTRGV, they are part of the ACGM and UTRGV agrees to accept either or both courses as lower level Criminal Justice elective courses as part of this agreement.

- Additionally, to prepare students for CRIJ 3305, *Statistical Applications in Criminal Course*, which is required for the BSCJ degree at UTRGV, students are strongly encouraged to take one of the following courses to satisfy their core curriculum math requirement and prepare them for the required upper level statistics course:

STC  
MATH 1414 College Algebra  
MATH 1442 Statistics

UTRGV  
MATH 1314 College Algebra  
MATH 1342 Elementary Statistical Methods

- 2.1 In accordance with Sec 61.822 of the Texas Education Code, a student who successfully completes courses in the STC core curriculum will receive academic credit at UTRGV for each of the core courses transferred. However, there are circumstances where additional classes are required by the major even when core is complete. If the entire STC core curriculum is completed, the STC core curriculum will substitute for the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(c) of the Texas Education Code. If the STC core curriculum is not completed, a student will receive credit for those core courses taken but may be required to take additional courses to satisfy the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(d) of the Texas Education Code.
- 2.2 Transfer students must apply for admission to UTRGV and meet requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice at STC prior to completion of their first semester of study at UTRGV. STC and UTRGV faculty will work with students to help promote the completion of the Associates degree in a timely fashion.
- 2.3 This Articulation Agreement will be published and provided as a transfer guide during academic advisement at STC.

### 3.0 Designated Liaison

Each institution designates the following officials to serve as its liaison to coordinate and facilitate activities under this Articulation Agreement and to address any concerns or disputes that may arise relating to the terms and conditions of this Articulation Agreement.

**South Texas College:**  
James Blair  
Department Chair  
Department of Criminal Justice

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:**  
Ben Brown  
Department Chair  
Department of Criminal Justice

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on December 13, 2019.

APPROVED:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

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