

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
AND  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement  
Associate of Arts in Philosophy (STC)  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (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 Philosophy 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 Arts in Philosophy**, the following STC **Associate of Arts in Philosophy** field of study electives will satisfy degree requirements as follows:

| <u>STC</u>                                 | <u>UTRGV</u>                               |
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| PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy              | PHIL 1301 Intro to Philosophy              |
| PHIL 1304 Intro to World Religions         | PHIL 1304 World Religions                  |
| PHIL 2303 Intro to Logic                   | PHIL 1340 Intro to Logic                   |
| PHIL 2306 Intro to Ethics                  | PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics           |
| PHIL 2307 Intro to Social & Political Phil | PHIL 1312 Intro to Social & Political Phil |
| PHIL 2316 Classical Philosophy             | Lower-Level Philosophy Elective            |
| PHIL 2321 Philosophy of Religion           | Lower-Level Philosophy Elective            |
| PHIL 2389 Academic Cooperative             | Lower-Level Philosophy Elective            |

- 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.

2.2 Transfer students must apply for admission and meet requirements to UTRGV and the Philosophy Program. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their A.A. in Philosophy 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:**

Robert Sean Kennedy  
Department Chair  
History, Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:**

Dr. Gregory Gilson  
Associate Professor  
Chair of Philosophy

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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Dr. Patricia Alvarez-McHatton  
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