

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
AND  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement  
Associate of Arts in Philosophy (South Texas College)  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (UTRGV)

This AGREEMENT, effective the 12<sup>th</sup> of December, 2016, 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, successful completion of an academic associate degree at STC 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 executive or upon revisions mandated by state requirements. 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 Philosophy Department will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate’s in Philosophy from STC and is admitted to UTRGV.

- The total number of transfer hours will be capped at 60 (sixty) semester hours.
- 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 B.A. in Philosophy, the following STC Philosophy field of study electives will transfer as follows:

<u>STC</u>	<u>UTRGV</u>
PHIL 1301	PHIL 1301
PHIL 1304	PHIL 1304
PHIL 2303	PHIL 1340
PHIL 2306	PHIL 1310
PHIL 2307	PHIL 1312
PHIL 2316	PHIL 2000
PHIL 2321	PHIL 2000

- 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.

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 both institutions.

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 12, 2016.

APPROVED:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

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Dr. Havidán Rodriguez  
Provost/Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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