

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY
AND
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

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

This AGREEMENT, effective the 12th 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 Department of Sociology and Anthropology will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate of Arts in Sociology (AA - SOCI) from STC and is admitted to UTRGV.

- The total number of transfer hours will be capped at 60 (sixty) semester hours. The maximum number of lower division sociology courses will be capped at 18 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 STC Associate of Arts in Sociology, students will be required to take the following four courses (12 hours), all part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* and *Texas Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These STC courses will transfer to the UTRGV Bachelor of Arts in Sociology degree as follows:

STC

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 1306 Social Problems
SOCI 2301 Marriage and the Family
SOCI 2319 Minority Studies

UTRGV

SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 1323 Social problems
lower division free elective
lower division free elective

- For the STC Associate of Arts in Sociology, students will be required to take two of the following three courses (6 hours) as Field of Study electives, all part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* and *Texas Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These STC courses will transfer to the UTRGV Bachelor of Arts in Sociology as lower division free electives:

STC

ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology
PSYC 2314 Lifespan Growth & Development
PSYC 2301 General Psychology

UTRGV

ANTH 2351 Cultural Anthropology
lower division free elective
PSYC 2301 General Psychology

- 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. 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 and meet requirements to UTRGV and the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts in Sociology 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:

James Blair
Department Chair
Department of Criminal Justice & Social Sciences

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:

Dr. Ramon Guerra
Department Chair
Department of Anthropology and Sociology

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on December 12, 2016

APPROVED:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

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