

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY
AND
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement
Bachelor of Science
Focus: Biology with Minor

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 Biology will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate of Science: Field of Study Biology 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 Bachelor of Science Focus: Biology with Minor, the following STC Associate of Science: Field of Study Biology electives will transfer as follows:

<u>STC</u>	<u>UTRGV</u>
BIOL 2416 Genetics	BIOL 2000 Transfer 2000
*satisfies Genetics requirement, though additional upper-division Biology hours may be required	
BIOL 2421 Microbiology for Science Majors	BIOL 2000 Transfer 2000
*satisfies Microbiology requirement, though additional upper-division Biology hours may be required	

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 Bachelor of Science Focus: Biology with Minor. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Science: Field of Study Biology 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.

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

APPROVED:

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