

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
AND  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement  
Associate of Arts in Communication-Communications Studies (South Texas College)  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies (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 Department of Communication will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate of Arts-Communication-Communication Studies Degree 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 Arts-Communication Studies Degree, the following STC Associate of Arts-Communication-Communication Studies Degree field of study electives will transfer as follows:

STC

SPCH 1311 Introduction to Speech Communication  
SPCH 1315 Public Speaking  
SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication  
SPCH 1321 Business & Professional Communication  
SPCH 2333 Discussion & Small Group Comm.  
SPCH 2335 Argument and Debate  
SPCH 2389 Academic Cooperative

UTRGV

COMM 1311 Introduction to Communication  
COMM 1315 Public Speaking  
COMM 1318 Interpersonal Communication  
COMM 3313 Business and Technical Comm.  
COMM 2333 Small Group Communication  
COMM 2335 Argumentation and Debate  
COMM Free 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.

- 2.2 Transfer students must apply for admission and meet requirements to UTRGV and the Bachelor of Arts-Communication Studies Program. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts-Communication-Communication Studies degree 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:**

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**Dr. Rosalinda Cantu**  
Chair, Communication Arts Department

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

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**Dr. John Cook**  
Chair, Department of Communication

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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