

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY
AND
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Articulation Agreement
Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (South Texas College)
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (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 Criminal Justice will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who receives an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice (AACJ) from STC and is admitted to UTRGV.

- The total number of transfer hours will be capped at 66 (sixty-six) semester hours. The maximum number of lower division criminal justice 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 UTRGV BSCJ, the following STC AACJ field of study electives will transfer as follows:

<u>STC</u>	<u>UTRGV</u>
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems & Practices	CRIJ 1306
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System	CRIJ 1313
CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2313
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2328
CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law	Elective ¹
CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation	Elective

¹ Although CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law and CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigations are not presently offered at UTRGV, they are part of the ACGM and UTRGV agrees to accept either or both courses as lower level Criminal Justice elective courses as part of this agreement.

- Additionally, to prepare students for CRIJ 3305, *Statistical Applications in Criminal Course*, which is required for the BSCJ degree at UTRGV, students are strongly encouraged to take one of the following courses to satisfy their core curriculum math requirement and prepare them for the required upper level statistics course:

STC
 MATH 1414 College Algebra
 MATH 1442 Statistics

UTRGV
 MATH 1340 College Algebra
 MATH 2330 Statistics

- 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 to UTRGV and meet requirements of the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice 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:
 Ben Brown
 Department Chair
 Department of Criminal Justice

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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