

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**Associate of Arts Degree**  
**AND**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI**  
**Bachelor of General Studies Degree**

**OVERVIEW:**

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by the University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as MU, and the Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as OTC. By this agreement OTC and MU express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a seamless transfer from the associate to the baccalaureate degree.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement provides students who have earned an **Associate of Arts** the opportunity to complete a **Bachelor of General Studies** online at MU. Any Ozarks Technical Community College student who has earned an Associate of Arts is guaranteed that MU will accept designated freshman and sophomore component area credits and all general education credits and will apply such to the Bachelor of General Studies online degree in a manner consistent with the treatment of native students.

**CONDITIONS OF TRANSFER:**

**Section I: Admissions and Matriculation**

OTC students maintaining continuous enrollment under this agreement will be afforded the same treatment and protection as MU native students enrolled under a specific catalog. Criteria for admissions to the MU BGS online program will be based on the catalog year the student enters the AA/BGS track program at OTC.

Acceptance into MU for transfer students is based upon their past academic performance and the admissions requirements for the online Bachelor of General Studies.

OTC, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to MU through its Admissions Office.

The transcripts of students transferring from OTC will be evaluated by the Admissions Office.

Transfer students from OTC will have access to financial aid and student services on the same basis as native students.

Minimum grade standards for academic progress and graduation from OTC will be subject to no further review by MU.

MU will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to OTC transfer students as those applicable to native students at MU.

## **Section II: Admission to Degree Program**

A cumulative grade-point average of (2.5) is required of students transferring to MU. Students previously must have earned a minimum of 60 credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university. The AA degree or 60 hours of prior course work **MUST** include a 3-hour course in both college algebra AND English expository writing with grades of C– or higher. These two courses must be the equivalent of what one would take at MU when taking College Algebra (Math 1100) or English Exposition and Argumentation (English 1000).

## **Section III: Program Plan**

Students falling under this program articulation agreement will be responsible for successfully completing the following requirements:

### **Degree Requirements for the BGS**

General Studies students must meet the following requirements to graduate from the College of Arts & Science (**Degree completion students will have already met some of these requirements**):

- 120 semester hours of credit with a minimum 2.0 MU GPA in all courses taken in each component; a 2.0 minimum cumulative UM GPA; a 2.0 minimum MU GPA in all courses taken in the final 60 hours; a 2.0 minimum MU GPA in all courses taken in the final 30 hours
- 30 of the last 36 hours after acceptance to the general studies degree program must be completed with MU courses.
- Grades of D are not acceptable in component area courses.
- At least 30 hours of credit must be taken in courses numbered 3000 or above.

### **Specific Requirements for the BGS**

**I. Basic Skill Requirements:** English 1000 and Math 1100 or (or equivalents) with grades of C– or higher.

**II. Writing Intensive:** *(lower level writing intensive waived with AA degree)*

Two approved Writing Intensive courses from MU with English 1000 as a prerequisite (grade C– or higher).

**III. Math Reasoning Proficiency:** *(waived with AA degree)*

One approved math-reasoning proficiency course with College Algebra as a prerequisite (grade C– or higher).

**IV. Foundation Requirement: Breadth of Study** *(waived with AA Degree)*

- 9 hours of biological, physical and mathematical sciences, including two of the three areas; and one biological or physical science lab course.
- 9 hours from course work in behavioral sciences (anthropology, psychology, sociology) and social sciences (geography, history, political science, economics) including one course in each area.
- 9 hours from humanities and fine arts courses. Must include work from at least two different areas.
- 3 additional hours from any of the above categories

**Note:**

- Only one non-Arts & Science course may be used in each of the 4 categories:
  1. biological, physical, and mathematical sciences
  2. behavioral sciences
  3. social sciences
  4. humanities and fine arts

**V. Foundation Requirement: Depth of Study** (*6 hours waived with AA degree*)

- 9 hours of these foundation courses must be at the 2000 level or above.
- One 3-hour 2000+ level course must be taken through MU
- All 2000+ courses must be A&S courses
- 2000+ courses must be in two of the following four categories:
  1. biological, physical, and mathematical sciences
  2. behavioral sciences
  3. social sciences
  4. humanities and fine arts

**Note:**

- Foundation courses used to satisfy the foundation (breadth and depth of study) requirements may not be used to satisfy other BGS component requirements and Basic Skill requirements.

**VI. Components:**

- Three fields of study, each including a minimum of 15 hours of course work (45 hours), form the core of the general studies degree major.
- Component courses may be selected from any department or program at MU (if the department permits), but at least 18 credit hours must be made of courses from an A&S department.
- Of the 15 credit hours required for each component, 6 credit hours in each of the components must be numbered 3000 or higher.
- Transfer students may construct one component solely with courses taken at other institutions. Where appropriate, the requirement of 3000-level work in this one component may be waived, but in such cases, students must include 9 hours of MU course work at the 3000 level or above in each of their two remaining components.
- No more than six hours of special projects or directed readings may be included in any one component; the combined total for such work is limited to 12 hours.

**VII. Capstone Requirement:** General studies students must complete an approved 3-credit-hour capstone course in one of the component areas.

<b>Associate of Arts Ozarks Technical Community College</b>	
General Education Requirements	Hours
<b>Mathematics</b>	
MTH 130 College Algebra (C- or better)	3
<b>English</b>	
ENG 101 Composition I	3
ENG 102 Composition II (C- or better)	3
<b>Communication</b>	
COM 105 Public Speaking	3
<b>*Humanities</b>	
Block I (select one): ART 101, 105, 110 ASL 101 ENG 180, 195, 220, 225, 240, 245, 250 HUM 101 MUS 105 PHL 101, 105, 120 THR 101	3
Block II (select one): ENG 260, 265 GRM 101, 102 HST 105, 106 HUM 102 MUS 101, 201 PHL 110 SPN 101 or above	3
Choice of Humanities Block I or Block II	3
<b>Biological Sciences</b>	
BIO 100, 105, 160	4
<b>Physical Sciences</b>	
CHM 101, 111 PHY 100, 105, 110, 120, 220, 222	4
<b>*Social Sciences</b>	
Must satisfy MO law to include instruction in U.S. and State Constitution by including PLS 101 or HST 120 AND 130.  AGR 100, ANT, ECO, GRY, HST, PLS, PSY, SOC (may not include PSY 100)	9
<b>Lifetime Wellness</b>	
HLT 101 Lifetime Wellness	2
<b>Computer Applications</b>	
CIS 101 Personal Computer Applications	3
<b>Electives</b>	
Free electives (100-level or above)	19
<b>Total credits required for the AA Degree</b>	<b>62</b>

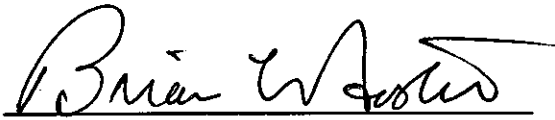
<b>Bachelor of General Studies University of Missouri</b>	
Major Requirements	Hours
<b>Component I</b>	<b>15</b>
Transfer students may construct one component solely with courses taken at OTC if the courses are in the same field of study.	
<b>Component II</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Component III</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>A&amp;S Foundation (Depth of Study)</b>	
One A&S course at the 2000-level	3
<b>Capstone</b>	
One 3000-level capstone course. This course can also be used for Component II or III.	3
<b>Electives</b>	
Free electives (additional courses needed to reach the 120 hours required for graduation)	7-25
<b>Writing Intensive</b>	
One 3000-level writing intensive is required. This course may be used for other degree requirements.	
<b>Upper Level Coursework</b>	
30 hours from the areas above must be 3000-level or higher.	
<b>Minimum credits required for the BGS</b>	<b>120</b>

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT:**

This agreement is made and entered into in the academic year 2011-2012 and remains in force unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to regular review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required.

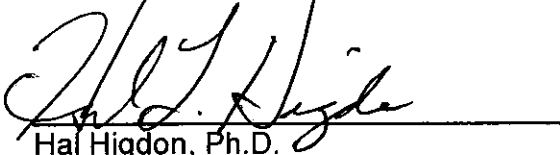
**SIGNATURES:**

The Ozarks Technical Community College of Springfield, Missouri (OTC) and the University of Missouri enter into this program articulation agreement leading from the Associate of Arts to the Bachelor of General Studies online by the affixing of signatures of the chief executive officers of both institutions.



Brian Foster, Ph.D.  
Provost  
University of Missouri

8-5-2011  
Date



Hal Higdon, Ph.D.  
Chancellor  
Ozarks Technical Community College

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