



ARTICULATION / TRANSFER AGREEMENT

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY /
School of Agribusiness and Agriscience
Bachelor of Science, Agribusiness

AND

MOTLOW STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Associate of Science, General Studies (Area of Emphasis)

February 6, 2014

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Articulation/Transfer Agreement

Middle Tennessee State University / School of Agribusiness and Agriscience And Motlow State Community College

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is entered into on February 6, 2014, by and between Middle Tennessee State University ("MTSU") and Motlow State Community College ("MSCC"). The parties desire to enter into a contract pursuant to which students of MSCC will be eligible for articulated course credits at MTSU, according to the terms contained in this Agreement.

ACCORDINGLY, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Description of Articulation Program.

- a. Definitions. Articulation criteria is defined in Attachment A.
- b. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of MSCC students to MTSU; to provide specific advisement for MSCC students who intend to transfer to MTSU; to make lower-division agricultural classes available through MTSU faculty at MSCC campuses for MSCC students to use as credit towards an A.S. with MSCC and a B.S. from MTSU; and, to encourage academic and administrative coordination between the institutions in the following program:
 - B.S., Agribusiness

Attachment A, "Program of Study" outlines courses that must be taken at MSCC to earn an A.S. in General Studies and the equivalent MTSU transfer courses and the lower-division agricultural classes offered by MTSU to MSCC students on MSCC campuses. A listing of the MTSU upper division courses that students shall be required to complete in order to earn a Bachelor's of Science degree in Agribusiness through MTSU is provided, as well.

In compliance with TBR Guideline A-031, the following has been determined:

- Competencies that indicate that the learning outcomes specified in courses offered by MSCC satisfy learning outcomes in similar courses offered by MTSU. Syllabi and competency lists of the courses from the institutions involved must be maintained in the appropriate offices of both institutions;
 - Descriptions of required proficiency levels and criteria for measurement; and
 - The evaluation plan and process.
- c. Semester meetings. MTSU commits to holding one or more mandatory 'in-person' meetings at MSCC each semester to address questions and facilitate the transfer process.

- d. Annual review. This Agreement will be subject to annual review by representatives of each institution. Any recommendations for revisions will be made in writing and reviewed by each institution's respective Chief Academic Officer or their designees. The articulation requirements of this Agreement may only be amended in the form of an Amendment signed by authorized representatives of the parties and the Tennessee Board of Regents.
- e. Admission requirements. MSCC students wishing to transfer credits to MTSU within the Bachelor of Science degree program in Agribusiness must meet the admissions requirements for MTSU. These students must also provide an official transcript of courses completed at MSCC to MTSU. If admitted, the students shall become subject to all MTSU policies, procedures and rules.
- f. Focus on articulation. This Agreement is in keeping with the Tennessee Board of Regents focus on partnership and collaboration between TBR institutions.
- g. Non-Exclusivity. This Agreement is not exclusive, and either party may enter into similar agreements with any other party.

2. Term and Termination.

- a. Term. This Agreement will be effective from the date of final signature below, the Effective Date, until terminated in writing by either party. It is agreed that if terminated, both institutions will honor the terms of the Agreement until the end of the next admissions application and review period of MTSU.
- b. Post-Termination. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, MSCC students previously accepted by or admitted to MTSU shall continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement.

3. Miscellaneous.

- a. Non-discrimination. The parties agree to comply with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Executive Order 11,246, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the related regulations to each. Each party assures that it will not discriminate against any individual including, but not limited to, employees or applicants for employment and/or students because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status or national origin.

The parties also agree to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during their employment without regard to their race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection available to employees and applicants for employment.

- b. Binding agreement. This Agreement shall not be binding upon the parties until it is approved by the president or designee or the Tennessee Board of Regents, as appropriate.

c. Point of contact information.

For MSCC: Dawn Copeland
Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs

For MTSU: Warren Gill, Ph.D., Director
School of Agribusiness and Agriscience

d. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

e. Notices. All notices or other written communications relating to termination, expiration, or any other legal matter relating to this Agreement will be effective when received and must be given in writing by courier or reputable overnight delivery service, or by certified mail, return receipt requested, to either party at the following address (or to such other address as such party may substitute, by providing a written notice.)

For MSCC
Dawn Copeland
Interim VP of Academic Affairs
P. O. Box 8500
Lynchburg, TN 37352

For MTSU:
Dr. Brad Bartel
Provost
1301 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37132

f. Waivers. The waiver by either party of any provision of this Agreement on any occasion and upon any particular circumstance shall not operate as a waiver of such provision of this Agreement on any other occasion or upon any other circumstance.

h. Complete Agreement; Integration. This Agreement contains the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other agreements, understandings, communications and promises of any kind, whether oral or written, between the parties with respect to such subject matter.

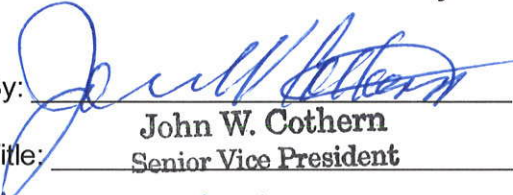
i. Counterparts; Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, all of which shall be originals and which together shall constitute a single agreement. For the purpose of interpreting this Agreement, facsimile signatures shall be considered equivalent to original signatures.

j. Independent Contractors. The parties are independent contractors, and no agency, partnership, franchise, joint venture, or employment relationship is intended or created by this Agreement. Neither party shall make any commitment, or give the impression that it has authority to make any commitment, on behalf of the other party.


k. Confidentiality of Records. All educational records created, disclosed, or maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement are confidential and shall be created, disclosed, and maintained pursuant to the provisions of Family Educational Right to Privacy Act, also known as FERPA (20 U.S.C.A. s1232g) and its regulations.

In witness whereof, the parties have by their duly authorized representatives set their signatures.

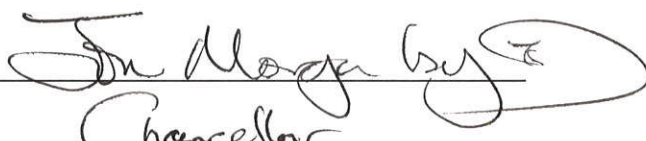
Middle Tennessee State University

By: 
Title: John W. Cothorn
Senior Vice President
Date: 2-14-14

Motlow State Community College

By: 
Title: Interim VP of Academic Affairs
Date: 2/6/14

Approved: Tennessee Board of Regents

By: 
Title: Chancellor
Date: 3/14/14

Attachment A

THE PROGRAM OF STUDY

Middle Tennessee State University /
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A.S., General Studies to B.S., Agribusiness - Articulation Requirements

Students graduating from MSCC with an Associate of Science Degree (A.S.) in General Studies will receive credit for the following general education courses at MTSU:

General Education Requirements			
MTSU Required Courses	MSCC Courses		
Communication	Communication		9 hours
ENGL 1010 Expository Writing	ENGL 1010 English Composition I	3 hours	
ENGL 1020 Research & Argumentative Writing	ENGL 1020 English Composition II	3 hours	
COMM 2200 Fundamentals of Communication	SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Speech	3 hours	
Humanities/Fine Arts (choose two)	Humanities or Fine Arts (chooses two)		6 hours
ART 1030 Orientation to Art	ARTA 1030- Art Appreciation	3 hours	
ART 1920 OR 1930 Art History Survey II or III	ARTH 2010 or 2020 Survey of Art History I or II	3 hours	
MUS 1030 Introduction to Music	MUSA 1030 Music Appreciation	3 hours	
THEA 1030 Theatre Appreciation	THEA 1030 Introduction to Theatre	3 hours	
Humanities/Fine Arts-- Literature Requirement (choose one)	Humanities/Fine Arts- Literature Requirement (choose one)		3 hours
ENGL 2020 Themes in American Literature	ENGL 2130 Survey of American Literature	3 hours	
ENGL2020 Themes in British Literature	ENGL 2230 Survey of British Literature	3 hours	
ENGL 2020 Themes in Literature and Culture	ENGL 2310, 2320, or 2330 World Lit I, II	3 hours	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (must take ECON 2410 and choose one other)	Social and Behavioral Sciences		6 hours
ECON 2410 Principals of Economics, Macroeconomics (required)	ECON 2010 Macroeconomics	3 hours	
ECON 2420 Principals of Economics, Microeconomics	ECON 2020 Microeconomics	3 hours	
ANTH 2210 World Prehistory	ANTH 2010 Introduction to Anthropology	3 hours	
JOUR 1020 American Media & Soc Inst.	COMM 1010 Introduction to Mass Communication	3 hours	
Lower division elective	GEOG 1030 Cultural Geography	3 hours	
GEOG 2000 Intro to Regional Geography	GEOG 2010 World Regional Geography		
PHED 4340 Well-Hlth Lifestyles	HPE 2340 Well Fit Lifestyle	3 hours	

PS 1005 American Government and Politics	POLS 1030 American Government	3 hours	
PS 2020 State and Local Government	POLS 2010 State and Local Government		
PSY 1410 or PSYC 1030 General Psychology	PSYC 1030 General Psychology	3 hours	
SOC 1010, 2010, 2500	SOCI 1010, 1020, 2010		
History (choose two)	History (choose two)		6 hours
HIST 2010 Survey of American History I	HIST 2010 Survey of Am. History I	3 hours	
HIST 2020 Survey of American History II	HIST 2020 Survey of Am. History II	3 hours	
HIST 2030 Tennessee History	HIST 2030 Tennessee History	3 hours	
Mathematics (choose one)	Mathematics (choose one)		3 hours
MATH 1710 ¹	MATH 1710 College Algebra/Pre-Cal I ²	3 hours	
MATH 1010 Math for General Studies	MATH 1010 Mathematics for Gen Studies	3 hours	
MATH 1530 Applied Statistics	MATH 1530 Probability and Statistics	3 hours	
MATH 1630 Coll Math Mrgl Social Life Sci	MATH 1630 Finite Mathematics	3 hours	
MATH 1910 Calculus I	MATH 1910 Calculus I	3 hours	
Natural Sciences	Natural Sciences (choose two)		8 hours
PSCI 1030/1031 Topics in Physical Science	PSCI 1030 Intro to Physical Science	4 hours	
BIOL 1030/1031 Topics in Biology	BIOL 1030	4 hours	
General Education Total			41 hours

In addition to the general education requirements listed above, an A.S. in General Studies from MSCC requires 18-19 credit hours towards an area of emphasis. A student intending to pursue a B.S. degree in Agribusiness from MTSU after the completion of an A.S. in General Studies from MSCC is advised to take the following courses to satisfy the area of emphasis requirement and to best prepare them to pursue a B.S. in Agribusiness from MTSU. The courses listed below will be taught by MTSU faculty and are MTSU courses; however, MSCC will allow for these course credits to count toward the overall 60 hour credit requirement to earn an A.S. in General Studies. Upon completing an intent to graduate form with MSCC, the student must have an official MTSU transcript sent to MSCC to receive credit towards their associate degree requirements.

Area of Emphasis Requirements: Agribusiness ³		
MTSU Course		
ABAS 1000 Orientation to Agriculture		1 hour
ABAS 1410 Elements of Animal Science		3 hours
ABAS 2130 Introduction to Agribusiness		3 hours
ABAS 1610 Elements of Plant Science		3 hours
ABAS 2210 Introduction to Ag Engineering		3 hours
Agribusiness Elective or Elective (from		3 hours

¹ Recommended course to satisfy mathematics requirement.

² MSCC corresponding course to MTSU recommended course

³ If any of these classes are not completed at MSCC, then the student must satisfy these class requirements once they move to MTSU.

MSCC)		
Agribusiness Elective or Elective (from MSCC)		3 hours
Area of Emphasis Total		19 hours

A major in Agribusiness requires a minimum of 42 semester hours of courses to include:

- ABAS 3130 (3)
- ABAS 4150 or 4190 (3)
- Agribusiness Electives⁴ (18)
- Upper-division Animal Science Elective (3)
- Upper division Plant and Soil Science Elective (3)
- Elective (12)

Total: 42 credits

The following are additional courses that must be completed in order to earn a B.S. in Agribusiness from MTSU:

- Minor requirements (15)
- Elective (3)

Total: 18 credits

A student must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher as well as a 2.0 or higher GPA in their major, their minor, and the 42 required upper division credits

Students successfully completing this program will have at least 120 credits. Students have a full or part time option for BS completion.

Suggested **Full Time** scheduling based on prerequisites/co-requisites to earn a B.S. in Agribusiness:

Semester 1 (Fall)	Semester 2 (Spring)	Semester 3 (Summer)
ABAS 3130 (3)	Elective(3)	Minor course (3)
Minor course (3)	Agribusiness Elective(6)	Elective (3)
Upper division Animal Science Elective (3)	Upper-division Plant and Soil Science Elective (3)	Elective (3)
Elective(3)	ABAS 2210 or Elective ⁵ (3)	Total: 9 credits
Total: 12 credits	Total: 15 credits	
Semester 4 (Fall)	Semester 5 (Spring)	
ABAS 4150 or ABAS 4190(3)*	Agribusiness Elective (6)	

⁴ Internship courses may not be used to fulfill this requirement.

⁵ Elective, if the ABAS 2210 requirement has already been satisfied at MSCC.

Agribusiness elective (6)	Minor course (6)
Minor course (3)	Total: 12 credits
Total: 12 credits	

* 4150 fall only; 4190 spring only; consult advisor

Suggested **Part Time** scheduling based on prerequisites/co-requisites to earn a B.S. in Agribusiness:

Semester 1 (Fa)	Semester 2 (Sp)	Semester 3 (Sum)	Semester 4 (Fa)	Semester 5 (Sp)
ABAS 3130(3) Elective (3) Total: 6 credits	ABAS 2210 OR Elective ⁶ (3) Elective (3) Minor course (3) Total: 9 credits	Minor Course (3) Agribusiness Elective (3) Total: 6 credits	Elective (3) Upper-division Animal Science (3) Agribusiness Elective (3) Total: 9 credits	Upper-division Plant and Soil Science Elective (3) Elective (3) Agribusiness Elective (3) Total: 9 credits
Semester 6 (Sum)	Semester 7 (Fa)	Semester 8 (Sp)		
Minor Course (6) Total: 6 credits	ABAS 4150 or 4190* (3) Agribusiness Elective (3) Minor course (3) Total: 9 credits	Agribusiness Elective (6) Total: 6 credits		

* 4150 fall only; 4190 spring only; consult advisor

⁶ Elective, if the ABAS 2210 requirement has already been satisfied at MSCC.