

AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
And
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY – COMMERCE
For
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (BSES)

This Agreement is made and entered into upon the date of signature by and between Texas A&M University-Commerce, a member of The Texas A&M University System, an entity of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as "A&M-Commerce" and Collin County Community College District, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as "Collin College".

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable Collin College students who successfully complete the articulated courses as outlined in this agreement (see Appendix A) to transfer to A&M-Commerce in a seamless transition without loss of semester credit hours towards the completion of the BSES degree.

2. Terms of Agreement:

A. Responsibilities of A&M-Commerce:

A&M-Commerce hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and accept in full the coursework as outlined in Appendix A those Collin College students who are enrolled in the Associate of Science in Environmental Science degree and have been determined by A&M-Commerce to qualify for admission to A&M-Commerce and the Bachelor of Environmental Science program.
2. To develop and provide materials related to a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Science program, leading to a Bachelor of Environmental Science (BSES) degree, in cooperation between Collin College and A&M-Commerce.
3. Post on A&M-Commerce website the articulated Collin College/A&M-Commerce community college 2-year planning guide.
4. To provide and teach A&M-Commerce courses articulated in this agreement.
5. To provide Collin College advisors with information and support in helping them with their role of assisting Collin College students with transfer and degree program advising.
6. To maintain on-going collaboration and monitoring of the program through the chair of the A&M-Commerce Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences.
7. To arrange and coordinate academic accommodations for qualified disabled students enrolled in A&M-Commerce courses through the A&M-Commerce Office of Disability Services.
8. To bill and collect from students participating in this program applicable A&M-Commerce tuition and fees as set by A&M-Commerce and approved by The A&M System Board of Regents.

9. To advise students that A&M-Commerce's academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees are subject to change; and that change information can be found on the A&M-Commerce website, bulletins, or other locations.
10. A&M-Commerce will work with Collin College in providing reverse transfer arrangements for any students transferring from Collin College to A&M-Commerce prior to earning an associate degree.
11. Provide Collin College students with scholarship and financial aid information through admission and advising materials.
12. A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee this program in perpetuity, therefore it is important that the parties and students participating in this program understand that this agreement will not constitute a binding contract regarding the on-going or future offerings of the academic program outlined herein.
13. A&M-Commerce is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any Collin College student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

B. Responsibilities of Collin College:

Collin College hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll Collin College students in lower division courses taught by Collin College as part of this articulated degree program.
2. To provide Collin College students with A&M-Commerce course listings for this program through bulletin and web postings, advising materials, and other appropriate media.
3. To assist in advising Collin College/A&M-Commerce students in this program through one or more designated Collin College academic advisor(s).
4. To communicate to Collin College students completing the Associate of Science in Environmental Science, and enrolling at A&M-Commerce, of A&M-Commerce academic requirements, policies, procedures, tuition and fees and that these are subject to change that A&M-Commerce cannot guarantee the program in perpetuity, and that future offerings cannot be guaranteed beyond the terms of this articulation agreement.
5. To provide a list of prospective students to A&M-Commerce, for communication purposes, every semester.
6. Collin College is an equal opportunity institution, and shall not discriminate unlawfully against any A&M-Commerce student, applicant, or employee, nor shall it deny the benefits provided its own degree-seeking students to any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, disability, marital status, age or gender.

C. Responsibilities of Both Institutions:

A program review will occur annually to assess the current performance of the program and consider future modifications.

D. Course Delivery

1. Each institution agrees to offer courses as outlined in the Articulation Degree plan (see Appendix A). Collin College will offer up to 75 hours of coursework and A&M-Commerce will offer the remaining 45 hours of coursework for a minimum of 120 total semester hours, including a minimum of 36 upper division hours. Because of possible changes in degree requirements imposed by the state and program modifications and changes that occasionally occur, Collin College students transferring to A&M-Commerce must follow Collin College, A&M-Commerce and Texas policies regarding degree program criteria.
2. Admission and enrollment in the A&M-Commerce environmental science program can occur during any semester.

E. Waivers to A&M-Commerce Graduation Requirements

1. Junior Level Essay: Students will need to contact the Testing Office at A&M-Commerce to determine if they are exempt from JLE requirements. If they are not exempt, they can take the ACCUPLACER essay at Collin College and score 6 or higher (and have these scores transferred to the Testing Office at A&M-Commerce) or complete the JLE requirement for writing competency at A&M-Commerce.
2. Advanced Level Courses: Students will be exempt from the requirement to complete minimum of 60 semester hours at A&M-Commerce or another senior level institution.

3. Term of Agreement:

This Agreement shall operate on an ongoing basis. It may only be modified by a written agreement signed by legally authorized officials of both institutions. The Agreement will operate as a commitment for each cohort admitted to A&M-Commerce for this combined degree.

4. Termination:

Upon implementation, this agreement will continue on an annual basis until one of the parties petitions the other party to end this agreement. This agreement will be reviewed jointly on an annual basis and updated as necessary.

Such petition to end this agreement: 1) must be submitted one year in advance of the intent to terminate; 2) must be submitted in writing and signed by the college president making the petition; 3) must be delivered to the second party to the agreement. Delivery of the intent to terminate will constitute formal notification and will serve as grounds for termination one year following the date of delivery.

5. Dispute Resolution:

The laws of the State of Texas (U.S.A.) shall govern the interpretation and application of this Agreement. Any litigation arising out of this Agreement or its operation, performance or non-performance shall be resolved solely and exclusively by the courts located in Hunt or Titus County, Texas, U.S.A. The designated individual responsible on behalf of Owner for examining any claim or counterclaim and conducting any negotiations related thereto as required under §2260.052 of H.B. 826 of the 76th Texas Legislature shall be:

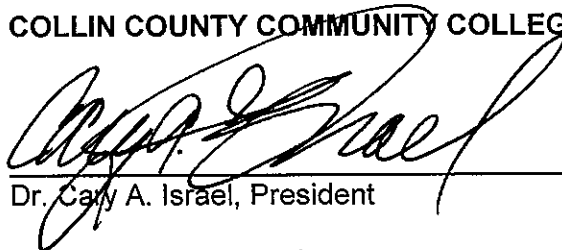
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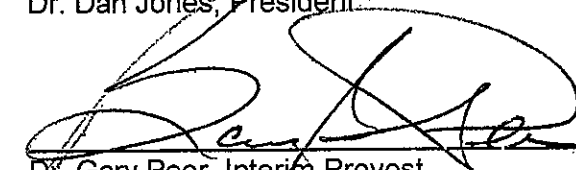
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TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE



Dr. Dan Jones, President

5-1-09
Date



Dr. Gary Peer, Interim Provost
And Vice President, Academic Affairs

4-28-09
Date



Attachment A
Bachelor of Science in
Environmental Science

Component Area	Texas A&M-Commerce Number	Texas Common Course Number
General Education Requirements		
Communications (9 hours)	ENG 101	ENGL 1301
	ENG 102	ENGL 1302
	SPC 111 or 245	SPCH 1311 or 1315 or 1321
Mathematics (3 hours)	MATH141 or 175 or 179	MATH 1314 or 1414
Natural Sciences (8 hours)	US Science	Select two courses (4 hr Lab Science Each) See Career Field Requirements to be completed at Collin College for selection
	US Science	
Humanities (3 hours)	ENG 201, 202, 203; HIST 261, 262, 263; JOUR 114; PHIL 231, 331, 332, 360, 362; PSCI 410, 411, 412	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, or 2333 PHIL 1301 or 2306
Visual & Performing Arts (3 hours)	ART 200, 202, 301, 304; ENG 432, 434; MUS 102, 110; THE 210	ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; MUSI 1306; DRAM 1310, 2361, or 2362
Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)	ECO 231	ECON 2301
History (6 hours)	HIST 121	HIST 1301
	HIST 122	HIST 1302
Political Science (6 hours)	PSCI 220, 221	GOVT 2301, 2302
Fitness and Recreational Activity (2 hours)	Two 1-hour FRA activity courses	Select any two 1-hour PHED activity courses
Career Field Requirements to be completed at Collin College		
Career Field (31 hours to be completed from these courses. 8 of these hours can be used to satisfy the Natural Sciences requirement)	ENVR 1401 ⁴ Environmental Science	CHEM 1412 ⁴ General Chemistry II**
	ENVR 1402 ⁴ Environmental Science II	GEOL 1403 ⁴ Physical Geology
	BIOL 1406 ⁴ General Biology I*	3 hours from: GEOL 1405 ⁴ Environmental Geology BIOL 2406 ⁴ Environmental Biology GEOL 1447 ⁴ Introduction to Meteorology GEOL 1445 ⁴ Oceanography PHYS 1401 ⁴ General Physics I MATH 1342 Statistics
	BIOL 1407 ⁴ General Biology II*	
	CHEM 1411 ⁴ General Chemistry I**	
Requirements to be completed through instruction with Texas A&M University-Commerce		
46 hours must be completed with Texas A&M University Commerce, including a minimum of 36 upper- level courses.	Major Courses	
	ENVS 104 ⁴ Natural Disasters	BSC 307 ⁴ Ecology
	ENVS 301 Risk Assmt & Env. Impact Statements	BSC 417 Geospatial Mapping
	ENVS 302 Phase I Environmental Site Assessment	PLS 309 ⁴ Soil Science

	ENVS 304 ¹ Frontiers in Environmental Science	Chem 108 ⁴ Survey of Organic and Biochemistry
	ENVS 305 ¹ Environmental Hydrology	Aec 445 Resource & Environmental Economics
	ENVS 312 Introduction to Env. Toxicology	*BSC 102 ⁴ Animal Biology
	ENVS 403 Environmental Ethics & Law	**Chem 112 ⁴ General Chemistry
	ENVS 410 ⁴ Env Monitoring & Waste Management	3 hours upper division general electives

Total semester hours required for the degree is 120 hours. Thirty-six hours must be advanced.

*BIOL 1406 and 1407 taken in sequence will transfer as BSC 101 and 102, which are required support courses.

** CHEM 1411 and 1412 taken in sequence will transfer as Chem 111 and 112, which are required support courses.