



**Articulation Agreement
between
Angelo State University**



**Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice
and
Weatherford College**

This Articulation Agreement is made and entered by and between Weatherford College hereinafter called "WC" and Angelo State University, an institution of higher education of the State of Texas and a member of the Texas Tech University system, hereinafter called "ASU".

Whereas ASU is dedicated to service the educational needs of the citizens of the state of Texas as a part of its mission statement, and

Whereas WC is dedicated to fulfilling its mandate to serve the educational needs of the members of its service area, and

Whereas ASU and WC are supportive of cooperative attempts to meet these educational needs, and

Whereas ASU and WC enter into this agreement in order to cooperatively offer a greater range of educational opportunities to the citizens of the state of Texas.

Therefore and in consideration of the foregoing and in further consideration of the mutual benefits, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
TRANSFER AGREEMENT AND TRANSFERABILITY OF COURSES**

A student transferring to any of the current programs within the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice at ASU under this agreement shall have full acceptance of academic credits earned at WC. The Department Chair determines how these credits may apply to the degree plan to ensure all requirements for graduation from ASU are met for the program of study within the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice at ASU.

This agreement applies only to transfer students majoring in a field within the ASU Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice, to include Border and Homeland Security; Criminal Justice; and Intelligence, Security Studies, and Analysis. Students who are admitted to ASU under one of these programs and decide to change their major at a later date may no longer be subject to the terms covered in this agreement.

Transfer into any of the fields within the Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice will be

1. The student will have graduated from WC with an associate's degree, or
2. The student shall have earned a minimum of eighteen academic semester credit hours with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Courses listed in the *Texas Common Course Numbering System Guide* will transfer to ASU as indicated in the guide. Other WC academic courses will transfer as non-equivalent work unless they are validated as substitutes for specific ASU courses by mutual agreement between appropriate ASU and WC personnel.

Reverse Transfer

Reverse transfer is the process of awarding an associate's degree to students who begin their education at one institution, transfer to another institution, and complete their associate's degree requirements while working toward a bachelor's degree. ASU and WC will develop a reverse transfer process to provide students with the opportunity to complete the associate's degree while working on their ASU bachelor's degree. Student records will be exchanged between ASU and WC for this purpose, strictly adhering to all privacy regulations and ensuring compliance with House Bill 3025.

Scholarships

WC students who are members in good standing with the Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) organization are encouraged to apply for the Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship at Angelo State University. Qualified candidates may be eligible to receive an award each academic year through the completion of a first baccalaureate degree at ASU. Applicants must obtain a PTK Scholarship Reference Form from their WC PTK advisor and submit it to the ASU Scholarship Office.

WC students are encouraged to complete their application for admission to the university and submit official transcripts as early as possible to qualify and be considered for the Carr Transfer Scholarship. Carr Scholarship amounts are based on the number of transferable hours and grade point average earned. The Carr scholarships are renewable according to the Carr criteria.

ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Each institution will appoint an institutional representative who will:

1. Implement, maintain, and evaluate the agreement. Administrators from both ASU and WC will be responsible for communicating curriculum changes and updates.
2. Update the *ASU/WC Equivalency Guide* on a timely basis. Course inventory changes will be shared as soon as they are approved for implementation.
3. Faculty members from ASU and WC may meet to develop and maintain a transfer guide specific to a particular major to improve the articulation process for WC students who wish to transfer to ASU. Changes will be shared as they are approved by each institution.
4. Coordinate ASU visits to WC campus during the spring semester. These visits will be designed to assist WC students interested in transferring to ASU. Topics such as transferability of courses, the application process, academic advising, cost of attendance, and the availability of financial aid will be discussed.

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5. Coordinate periodic "team visits" to promote relationship building at the academic level.

ARTICLE III SEVERABILITY

If any term or provision of this agreement is held to be invalid for any reason, the invalidity of that section shall not affect the validity of any other section of this agreement provided that any invalid provision is not material to the overall purpose and operations of this agreement. The remaining provisions of this agreement shall continue in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated.

ARTICLE IV AMENDMENT

This agreement may be amended in writing to include any provisions that are agreed to by the contracting parties.

Notice to ASU shall be mailed to:

Ms. Kerri Mikulik
Assistant Director of Admissions
Angelo State University
ASU Station #11014
San Angelo, Texas 76909-1014

Notice shall be mailed to:

Dr. Richard Bowers
Vice President of Instruction and Student Services
Weatherford College
225 College Park Drive
Weatherford, Texas 76086

ARTICLE V VENUE

This agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. Venue will be in accordance with the Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code and any amendments thereto.

ARTICLE VI ASSIGNMENT

Neither party shall have the right to assign or transfer its rights to any third parties under this agreement without the prior written consent of the other party.

ARTICLE VII INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS

Nothing in this agreement is intended nor shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship between contracting parties. The sole interest and responsibility of the parties is to ensure that the services covered by this agreement shall be performed and rendered in a competent, efficient, and satisfactory manner.

ARTICLE VIII ORIGINAL TERM, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

The agreement will take effect with the signatures affixed below and will automatically renew in one-year increments thereafter. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving the other party ninety (90) days written notice of its intent to terminate the agreement. In the event this Articulation Agreement is terminated, both institutions agree to make completion provisions for individual students participating in the program at the time of termination.

Angelo State University

Weatherford College

Brian J. May
Dr. Brian J. May
President

12/18/13
Date

Kevin J. Eaton
Dr. Kevin Eaton
President

1/06/14
Date