

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE
and
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY- COMMERCE
for
THE BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS & SCIENCES (BAAS) DEGREE

This Agreement is made and entered into on April 16, 2012, 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 **Grayson County College**, a local government entity, hereinafter referred to as "Grayson College".

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable Grayson College students, who successfully complete the articulated courses as outlined in this agreement (**Appendix A**), to transfer to A&M-Commerce in a seamless transition without loss of semester credit hours towards the completion of the A&M-Commerce Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences 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 course work as outlined in **Appendix A** those Grayson College students who are enrolled in the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice degree and that have been determined by A&M-Commerce to qualify for admission to A&M-Commerce and the Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences degree program.
2. To develop and provide materials related to a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences degree program, leading to a Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences (BAAS) degree, in cooperation between Grayson College and A&M-Commerce.
3. Post on A&M-Commerce website the articulated Grayson College/A&M-Commerce community college 2-year academic planning guide.
4. To provide and teach A&M-Commerce courses articulated in this agreement.
5. To provide Grayson College advisors with information and support in their role of assisting Grayson College students with transfer and degree program advising.
6. To maintain on-going collaboration and monitoring of the program through the head/director of the A&M-Commerce Department of Applied 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 invoice and collect from students participating in this program applicable A&M-Commerce tuition and fees as set-forth by A&M-Commerce and approved by *The A&M University 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 Grayson College in providing reverse transfer arrangements for any students transferring from Grayson College to A&M-Commerce prior to earning an associate degree.

11. Provide Grayson 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 Grayson 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 Grayson College:

Grayson College hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll Grayson College students in lower division courses taught by Grayson College as part of this articulated degree program.
2. To provide Grayson 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 Grayson College/A&M-Commerce students in this program through one or more designated Grayson College academic advisor(s).
4. To communicate to Grayson College students completing the Associate of Applied Sciences, 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 near graduate and graduate applicants to A&M-Commerce, for communication purposes, each fall, spring, and summer semesters per A&M-Commerce requests.
6. Grayson 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:

The articulation agreement review will occur annually to assess the current performance of the articulation agreement and to consider needed and/or future modifications.

D. Course Delivery:

1. Each institution agrees to offer courses as outlined in the Articulation Degree Plan (**Appendix A**). Grayson College will offer up to 85 semester hours of course work and A&M-Commerce will offer the remaining 36 semester hours of course work for a minimum of 120 total semester hours, including a minimum of 36 upper division semester hours. Because of possible changes in degree requirements imposed by the State and program modifications and changes that occasionally occur, Grayson College students transferring to A&M-Commerce must follow Grayson College, A&M-Commerce and State of Texas policies regarding degree program criteria.
2. Admission and enrollment in the A&M-Commerce Bachelor of Applied Arts & Sciences degree program may occur during any semester.

E. Waivers to A&M-Commerce Graduation Requirements:

1. **Junior Level Essay (JLE):** Students will be required to contact the *Testing Office* at A&M-Commerce to determine if they are exempt from JLE requirements. If they are not exempt, they may take the COMPASS or THEA essay at Grayson College (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 a minimum of 60 semester hours (SH) at A&M-Commerce or another senior level institution. However, students must complete 36 SH of advanced level (upper Level) courses at A&M-Commerce with a grade of "C" (2.0) or better.

F. Compliance with SACS:

The following provisions are incorporated into this agreement:

1. Grayson College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-COC), and all Grayson College instructors of courses in this articulated program are in compliance with criteria as described in SACS Principle 3.7.1 of the *SACS Principles of Accreditation*.
2. It is understood by both parties that all students receiving the BAAS degree from A&M-Commerce must comply with SACS Principle 3.5.2 of the *Principles of Accreditation*. This Principle requires that "at least 25% of the credit hours required for the degree are earned through instruction offered by the institution awarding the degree." Additional courses may be required to meet this Principle.
3. It is understood by both parties that all students receiving the BAAS degree from A&M-Commerce must comply with SACS Principle 3.5.4 of the *Principles of Accreditation*. This Principle requires that "at least 25% of the discipline course hours in each major at the baccalaureate level are taught by faculty members holding the terminal degree – usually the earned doctorate – in the discipline, or the equivalent of the terminal degree. Additional courses may be required to meet this Principle.

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, in writing, 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/university 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 dispute resolution process provided in chapter 2260, Texas Government Code, and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to chapter 2260, shall be used by A&M-Commerce and Grayson College to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by either party that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. The parties shall

submit written notice of a claim of breach of contract under this Chapter to the representative undersigned party, who shall examine the claim and any counterclaim and negotiate with the other respective party in an effort to resolve the claim.

6. Governing Law and Venue:

This agreement shall be governed and interpreted pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of the State of Texas. Pursuant to Section 85.18, *Texas Education Code*, venue for any suit filed against A&M-Commerce shall be in the county in which the primary office of the chief executive officer of A&M-Commerce is located. At the time of this Agreement, such county is Hunt County, Texas.

7. Amendments, Changes or Modifications:

No amendment, change or modification to this Agreement may be made without formal written agreement of both parties.

8. Contacts:

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Denison, Texas 75020
Dr. Alan Scheibmeir, President

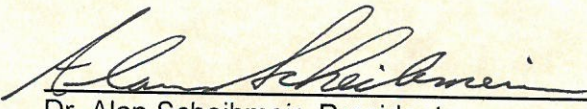
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P.O. Box 3011
Commerce, Texas 75429-3011
Dr. Dan Jones, President

The parties hereto certify that they have the authority to execute this Agreement and that covenants contained herein are within their respective statutory authority to fulfill. The undersigned parties bind themselves to the faithful performance of the Agreement.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties execute this Agreement.


SIGNATURES:

GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE



Dr. Alan Scheibmeir, President

May 31, 2012
Date



Dr. Debbie Smarr
Director of Institutional Effectiveness

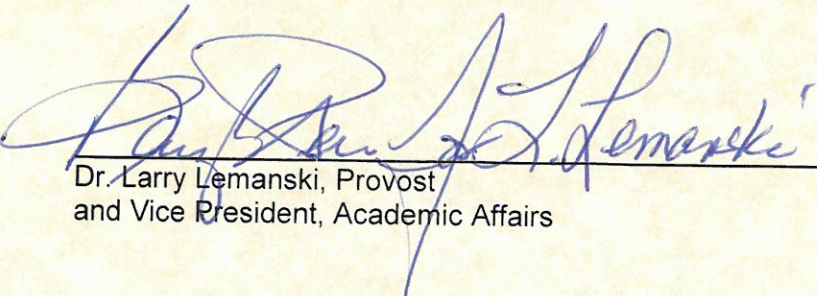
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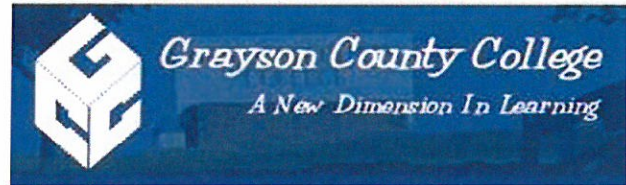
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Dr. Larry Lemanski, Provost
and Vice President, Academic Affairs

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**Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)
Career Field - Criminal Justice Technology**

Component Area	Texas A&M-Commerce Number	Texas Common Course Number
General Education Requirements to be completed at Grayson County		
Communications (9 hours)	ENG 101	ENGL 1301
	ENG 102	ENGL 1302
	SPC 111 or 245	SPCH 1311 or 1315 or 1321
Mathematics (3 hours)	MATH 141 or 175 or 179 or 191	MATH 1314, 1316, 1324, 1414, 2312, 2313, 2412, 2413
Natural Sciences (8 hours)	US Science	US Science
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Humanities (3 hours)	ENG 201, 202, 203; HIST 264, 265; JOUR 114; PHIL 231, 331, 332, 360, 362; PSCI 410, 411, 412; RTV 115, Spc 201	ENGL 2321, 2322, 2323, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2331, 2332, 2333; HIST 2321, 2322; COMM1307; PHIL 1301, 2306, 2316, 2317
Visual & Performing Arts (3 hours)	ART 200, 202, 301, 304, 307; ENG 432, 434; MUS 102, 110, THE 210, 340, 440	ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; MUSI 1306, 1308, 1309, 1310; DRAM 1310, 2361, 2362, 2363
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 (sequence) or GOVT 2305, 2306 (sequence)
Fitness and Recreational Activity (2 hours)	Two 1 hour FRA activity courses	Two 1 hour PHED or KINE activity courses
(3 hours)	ECO 232	ECON 2302
(3 hours)	Lower Level Elective	Lower Level Elective
Career Field Requirements to be completed at Grayson County Community College		
Career Field (36 hours)	Choose 36 hours from Applied Arts/Sciences courses as follows:	
	CRIJ 1301 Intro to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 2301 or 1313 Resource or Juvenile Syst
	CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	CRIJ 1306 Court Sys & Practices
	CRIJ 2328 Police Sys & Practice	CRIJ 1307 Crime in America
	CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation	CJSA 2334 Contemporary Issues
	CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law	CRIJ 2313 Correctional Sys & Practices
	SOC 1301 Intro to Sociology	Elective
Requirements to be completed through instruction with Texas A&M University-Commerce		
Professional Development (36 hours) These 36 hours must be completed with Texas A&M University-Commerce and may be taken in a traditional class room setting or via convenient classes delivered online.	BAAS 301 Practicum I	
	BAAS 302 Practicum II	
	BAAS 303 Practicum III	
	BAAS 305 Corporate Communication	
	BAAS 345 Organizational Leadership	
	BAAS 409 Contemporary Technology	
	MGT 305 Management and Organizational Behavior	
	MKT 306 Marketing	
	BAAS 306 Org Change & Div	
	BAAS 444 Strategies for Decision Making	
Electives (6 hours advanced)		
Total semester hours required for the degree is 121 hours. Thirty-six hours must be advanced.		

Note: This is a degree guide only – it does not constitute an official degree plan. Texas A&M-Commerce students are responsible for filing official degree plans with their department.