

AN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
NORTHEAST TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
And
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE
For
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A MAJOR IN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

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

1. Purpose of Agreement:

The purpose of this Agreement is to enable NTCC 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 BS degree with a major in Environmental Sciences.

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 NTCC 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 Science in Environmental Science.
2. To develop and provide materials related to a seamless transition to the Bachelor of Science program, leading to a Bachelor of Science (BS) in Environmental Science, in cooperation between NTCC and A&M-Commerce.
3. Post on A&M-Commerce website the articulated NTCC/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 NTCC advisors with information and support in helping them with their role of assisting NTCC 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. To provide reverse transfer arrangements for any students transferring from NTCC to A&M-Commerce prior to earning an associate degree.
11. To provide NTCC students enrolling at A&M-Commerce with scholarship and financial aid information through advising 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 NTCC 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 NTCC:

NTCC hereby agrees as follows:

1. To admit and enroll NTCC students in lower division courses taught by NTCC as part of this articulated degree program.
2. To provide NTCC 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 NTCC/A&M-Commerce students in this program through one or more designated NTCC academic advisor(s).
4. To communicate to NTCC 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. NTCC 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). NTCC 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, NTCC students transferring to A&M-Commerce must follow NTCC, 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. 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 party's 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:

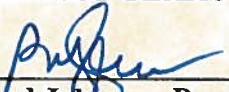
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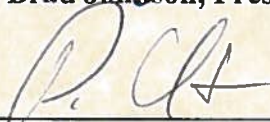
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Dr. Brad Johnson, President

5-22-12
Date



Dr. Ron Clinton, Executive Vice President for Instruction

5/14/12
Date

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE



Dr. Dan Jones, President

5-30-12
Date

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE



Dr. Larry Lemanski, Provost

5-30-12
Date



Attachment A
 Bachelor of Science in
 Environmental Science

Component Area	Texas A&M University-Commerce Number	Texas Common Course Number
General Education Requirements		
Communications (9 hours)	ENG 1301	ENGL 1301
	ENG 1302	ENGL 1302
	SPC 1315 or 1321	SPCH 1315 or 1321
Mathematics (3 hours)	MATH 1314 or 1324	MATH 1314 or 1414 or 1324
Natural Sciences (8 hours)	BSC 1411	BIOL 1406
	BSC 1413	BIOL 1407
	ENVS 204	ENVR 1401
	US Natural Science	ENVR 1402, ENVR 1403
Humanities (3 hours)	ENG 2326, 202, 2331; HIST 264, 265; JOUR 1307; PHIL 1301, 331, 332, 360, 362; PSCI 410, 411, 412; RTV 1335; SPC 2301	ENGL 2322, 2323, 2327, 2328, 2332, or 2333 PHIL 1301 or 2306; SPCH 1311
Visual & Performing Arts (3 hours)	ART 1301, 1303, 304; ENG 432, 434; MUS 1310, 1308; THE 1310, 340, 440	ARTS 1301, 1303, or 1304; MUSI 1306; DRAM 1310, 2361, or 2362
Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)	ECO 2301	ECON 2301
History (6 hours)	HIST 1301	HIST 1301
	HIST 1302	HIST 1302
Political Science (6 hours)	PSCI 2301, 2302	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 Northeast Texas Community 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	Major Courses	

completed with Texas A&M University-Commerce, including a minimum of 36 upper-level 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 1407 ⁴ Survey of Organic and Biochemistry
	ENVS 305 ⁴ Environmental Hydrology	AEC 445 Resource & Environmental Economics Or AED 219 Agriculture Economics
	ENVS 312 Introduction to Env. Toxicology	
	ENVS 403 Environmental Ethics & Law	
	ENVS 410 ⁴ Env Monitoring & Waste Management	BSC 301 Biological Literature
<p>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 1411 and 1413, which are required support courses.</p>		