



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Between
SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE
And
SUL ROSS STATE UNIVERSITY



Southwest Texas Junior College and Sul Ross State University share mutual interests for the availability and quality of higher education in West and Southwest Texas. There is further shared interest in issues for access to higher education for all groups in Texas, especially underserved groups, to ensure a viable and strong future for our respective service regions of the state and the contributions of all citizens. This Articulation Agreement is between Southwest Texas Junior College, hereinafter called SWTJC and Sul Ross State University, hereinafter called SRSU.

General Purpose

SWTJC provides course work at the freshman and sophomore levels for students in Uvalde County and the surrounding area leading to an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Wildlife Management. As the only comprehensive University in the Big Bend region, SRSU provides a course of study leading to the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Natural Resource Management, with a concentration in Wildlife Management. The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to provide guidelines and areas of responsibility that will ensure that students completing an AAS degree in Wildlife Management at SWTJC will be able to transfer to SRSU with little or no loss of credit to pursue a BS degree in Natural Resource Management – Wildlife Management concentration. It is mutually understood that:

- 1) SWTJC and SRSU will cooperate in the development and continuation of parallel degree plans which will facilitate the transfer of credit from SWTJC to SRSU.

- 2) SWTJC and SRSU will each appoint an individual responsible for the continued update of and the sharing of information on degree plan changes, new courses, transcript evaluation, and other programs and projects as needed.
- 3) SWTJC and SRSU will work together to facilitate access to faculty members from SRSU through visits to the SWTJC campus to discuss programs and to share information. SWTJC and SRSU will also schedule visits by SWTJC students, faculty and staff to the SRSU campus to discuss individual degree plans, transferability of courses, curriculum and other topics as appropriate.
- 4) SWTJC and SRSU will review this articulation agreement annually and update as necessary.
- 5) This memorandum may be amended at any time or may be terminated by either party by giving one year's written notice to the other.

SRSU agrees to:

- 1) Prepare documents that contain information specific to students on the SWTJC campus relative to transferring to SRSU upon completion of their course work at SWTJC. SRSU will ensure that they are in the hands of the designated representative at SWTJC for distribution to SWTJC students.
- 2) Prepare and send to the designated representative at SWTJC a general report on the progress of students who transfer to SRSU thereby providing statistics which can be incorporated into institutional effectiveness studies at SWTJC.
- 3) Have the designated representative from SRSU visit the SWTJC campus at least once annually to visit students and the designated representative of SWTJC to share information and any changes in course work and degree plans. At the request of the SWTJC designated representative, the SRSU representative will invite faculty and other staff members at SRSU to accompany him/her on such visits.

- 4) Provide campus tours and information to individuals who may visit the SRSU campus as prospective transfer students.

SWTJC agrees to:

- 1) Provide the designated SRSU representative with a list of graduating students, including current addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and academic major during each semester in which this articulation agreement is in effect. Such lists will be used to provide information on programs, financial assistance, and other items of interest on transfer opportunities as appropriate. This information will be provided within the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).
- 2) Assist SRSU in arranging for visits of prospective students to the SRSU campus as needed and requested by SWTJC students.
- 3) Arrange appointments through the designated representative with SWTJC students, faculty and staff as appropriate for the purpose of sharing information and discussing ideas and other activities of mutual interest.

SWTJC and SRSU jointly agree to:

Work together to further opportunity and access to higher education for all individuals in West and Southwest Texas through cooperative efforts and ventures initiated by either institution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement, this
14th day of June 2013.



Dr. Hector Gonzales, President Elect
Southwest Texas Junior College



Dr. Ricardo Maestas, President
Sul Ross State University



Mr. Robert Zaiglin, Chair, Wildlife Management
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