



PURPOSE:

This formal articulation agreement is to document a commitment between the two institutions to increase opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures, which assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist students in making a smooth transition from the associate degree to the baccalaureate degree.

INTENT:

Through this master articulation agreement, Missouri State University (MSU) and State Fair Community College (SFCC) seek to avoid duplication of curricula where appropriate within programs of study and to fully support course transfer between similar academic programs offered by the two institutions. Through this agreement, MSU and SFCC agree to fully support the development and on-going revision of 2 plus 2 transfer plans comprised of eight semesters of recommended courses leading to a bachelor's degree at MSU. These transfer plans are articulated programs of study that will be published on the MSU website www.missouristate.edu/2plus2. The institutions also commit to working continuously to improve the transfer experience for students.

MUTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

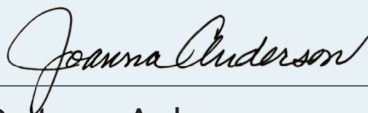
1. Generally, the objective of 2 plus 2 transfer plans should be for students to complete an Associate of Arts degree at SFCC. For selected programs, it may be more beneficial to the student for a 2 plus 2 plan to lead to the completion of another SFCC degree (e.g., the Associate of Science).
2. Students who have completed either an Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Arts in Teaching, or Missouri CORE 42 requirements at SFCC will be considered as meeting MSU general education requirements and will not be required to complete additional general education courses unless those courses are specifically required for the student's major. SFCC students who have completed the Associate of Science degree or the Associate of Applied Science degree will be required to take additional MOTR courses upon transfer to MSU to satisfy Core 42 transfer requirements.
3. MSU and SFCC department heads and program directors will review 2 plus 2 transfer plans biennially and make necessary revisions due to curricular or program changes at either institution.
4. Students with an associate degree from SFCC are guaranteed admission to MSU unless they have subsequently enrolled at another college or university.
5. Admission to MSU does not guarantee admission to specific programs. Transfer students must meet program-specific admission criteria, as indicated in the MSU undergraduate catalog. For such programs, 2 plus 2 transfer plans will be developed accordingly.
6. SFCC and MSU promote the development and adherence of 2 plus 2 transfer plans to facilitate transfer and coherent program completion within the specified number of credit hours required to obtain a bachelor's degree.

7. MSU will maintain 2 plus 2 transfer plans and determine transferability of credit in accordance with MSU's undergraduate transfer credit policy:
<https://www.missouristate.edu/registrar/catalog/transfercreditpolicy.html>.
8. MSU will apply the same major and degree requirements to SFCC transfer students as those applicable to native students at MSU. As such, students maintaining continuous enrollment may follow major and degree requirements in effect at MSU during the student's initial semester of enrollment as a degree-seeking student at SFCC.
9. MSU maintains an online transfer credit re-evaluation system which students can access via their student portal to request reanalysis of initial transfer credit determinations. Transfer students who believe they have not been treated in accordance with this agreement should notify the MSU Articulation Officer who will be responsible for reviewing the student's concern. Concerns related to the accuracy of the 2 plus 2 transfer plans will be brought to the attention of the MSU Program Articulation Office which is responsible for creating and revising the plans.
10. SFCC and MSU agree to share relevant data, as allowed under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, to assess and evaluate student success and identify opportunities to improve student programs and services.
11. SFCC will assist in the promulgation of 2 plus 2 transfer plans by including appropriate links on its website and by providing opportunities for MSU faculty, advisors, and other staff to engage with SFCC students (e.g., advising fairs, classroom visits, and other means) for the purpose of providing guidance and advice regarding the transfer process.
12. Both institutions reserve the right to modify programs as deemed necessary and agree to inform the appropriate individuals of these changes.

AGREEMENT AND SIGNATURES:

This agreement is made and entered into during the 2020-2021 academic year and remains in force unless changed in writing by agreement of both parties. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of one year is required.

By signing this agreement, MSU and SFCC enter into a Master Articulation Agreement for 2 plus 2 transfer plans.



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Date



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3/24/2021

Date