

INSTITUTIONAL ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
AND
SOUTHERN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Institutional Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the **University of Cincinnati**, a state institution of higher education organized under Chapter 3361 of the Ohio Revised Code, with a primary business address at 2618 University Circle, 625 University Pavilion, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 (hereinafter referred to as “UC” or “Target Institution”), and **Southern State Community College**, with a primary business address at 100 Hobart Dr., Hillsboro, OH 45133 (hereinafter referred to as “Community College” or “Originating Institution”). UC and Community College will collectively be referred to as the “Parties” or “Institutions” and individually as “Party” or “Institution.”

UC and Community College recognize the need to facilitate the transfer of students from Community College to UC to pursue and achieve their educational goals.

UC serves the people of Ohio, the nation, and the world as a premier, public, urban research university, dedicated to undergraduate, graduate, and professional education, experience-based learning, and research. UC is committed to excellence and diversity in our students, faculty, staff, and all of our activities. UC provides an inclusive environment where innovation and freedom of intellectual inquiry flourish. Through scholarship, service, partnerships, and leadership, UC creates opportunity, develops educated and engaged citizens, enhances the economy and enriches our university, city, state and global opportunity. UC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission; Member-North Central Association, 30 N. LaSalle Street – Suite 2400, Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, (312) 263-0456 or (800) 621-7440.

Southern State Community College offers associate degree programs, certificate programs, bachelor’s degree completion through on-site partnership agreements, adult basic literacy courses and workforce training programs. With two campus locations – Hillsboro Campus and Mt. Orab Campus – Southern State offers flexible scheduling with day, evening, weekend, online, and hybrid courses, and a tuition rate that is one of the lowest in the state. Southern State Community College is a state community college under the University System of Ohio and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

To ease the transfer process and to promote the closer coordination of academic courses, programs and degrees offered by our institutions, the Institutions hereby enter into this Agreement in accordance with the guidelines and recommendations of the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95). The Parties agree as follows:

1. UC and Community College shall adhere to the Ohio Articulation and Transfer Policy (HB 95).
2. Transfer students shall be subject to the catalog in force at the time of their admission to the receiving institution and to any revisions that occur after its publication and prior to their enrollment. Once admitted, transfer students shall be subject to the same regulations governing applicability of catalog requirements (including, but not limited to major, GPA, graduation, and/or residency requirements, policies, procedures, and standards) as native students. Furthermore, transfer students shall be accorded the same class standing and other privileges as native students based on the number of credits earned.

3. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science ("AA/AS") degree, and in accordance with the Ohio Articulation and Transfer policy, UC will guarantee admission to the college/university and afford junior standing to all students who have earned an AA/AS degree from Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program-to-Program Transfer Articulation Agreements ("Program TAA") for AA/AS graduates from Community College. This includes application of general education requirements.
4. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Science ("AAS") degree, UC will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAS degree from Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program TAAs for AAS graduates from Community College. This includes application of general education requirements.
5. Recognizing the system of preparation afforded by the completion of an Associate of Applied Business ("AAB") degree, UC will guarantee admission to the university to all students who have earned an AAB degree from Community College, provided their grade point average is at least 2.0 for all previous college-level courses. UC and Community College will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit by creating Program TAAs for AAB graduates from Community College. This includes application of general education requirements.
6. Students so admitted will be considered for admission to selective programs (majors, minors, or fields of concentration) with the same guidelines that are applied to native UC students. Students are responsible for understanding and adhering to the selective admission requirements, according to catalog requirements, at UC.
7. Students who have not completed their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, or who have earned a cumulative grade point average below 2.0, or those who have been dismissed previously from another institution will be considered for admission according to the admissions policy and standards of UC, according to catalog requirements.
8. Under this Agreement, Community College students will be encouraged to complete their AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree before transferring to UC. Should a Community College student transfer to the UC prior to completion of an AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree, Community College shall provide the opportunity for students to subsequently complete the AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree in absentia using UC course credit. With student authorization, UC agrees to supply information to Community College in order to facilitate this reverse transfer credit. In this interest, all course work completed at UC will be accepted and applied to AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree requirements at Community College consistent with the criteria used for native Community College students. The same course may also apply toward baccalaureate degree requirements at UC.
9. Community College and UC will work together to maximize the acceptance and application of transfer credit. Program specific Advising Guides supporting this Agreement will outline selective admission requirements, course equivalencies, and other information affecting students who enroll in a particular academic program. These supplemental programmatic Advising Guides must be consistent with the tenets of this overarching Agreement. Students transferring credit outside of programmatic Advising Guides will have the application of transfer credit done on a course-by-course basis by UC. Ultimately, the

acceptance and application of transfer credit is the decision of UC.

10. UC will provide Community College with course equivalent information regarding Community College courses and their UC equivalents. UC will maintain current course equivalency data in Transfer Evaluation System and Transferology.
11. Due to curriculum structures and the variability in student enrollment patterns, UC cannot guarantee that students who transfer under the provision of this Agreement will complete all the requirements to graduate from UC within two (2) years or by earning an additional 60 semester hours at the UC.
12. UC will report the number of transfer students from Community College for the previous academic year, upon request.
13. All collegiate level courses completed at Community College with a "D-" or better grade will be accepted for students who transfer with or without an earned AA/AS/AAS/AAB degree. These credits shall be accepted toward the student's class standing and shall be articulated to specific UC courses whenever possible.

It should be noted that the student may be required to retake any course in which student received a grade of "C" or "D" where there is a higher minimum grade required for all native UC students pursuing the same academic program. The application of this rule shall be the same for both native UC students and Community College transfer students.

14. Federal regulations mandate that financial aid can be disbursed to a student by only one institution during any given term. Financial aid eligibility through Community College ends when the student completes their Community College degree and commences working upon a degree program at UC. Financial aid consortium agreements will be available to students pursuing a bachelor degree at UC and exercised where permissible, with UC serving as the home institution.

Community College Contact: Jaime Simmons, Director, Financial Aid
Southern State Community College
100 Hobart Dr., Hillsboro, OH 45133
jsimmons@sscc.edu – 937-393-3431 ext. 2811

UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for aspects of the financial aid consortium.

UC Contact: La Saundra Craig, Director Student Financial Aid
University of Cincinnati
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Cincinnati, OH 45221
craiglu@ucmail.uc.edu – 513-556-3076

15. The Dean of Articulation & Transfer at Community College will designate an official(s) who will be responsible for all aspects of the articulation program at Community College.

Community College Contact: Peggy O. Chalker, PhD., Dean of Articulation & Transfer
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100 Hobart Dr., Hillsboro, OH 45133
pchalker@sscc.edu – 937-393-3431 ext. 2880

UC will also designate individual(s) responsible for all aspects of this institutional agreement.

Contact: Transfer Pathways Program Manager, Enrollment Management
University of Cincinnati
P.O. Box 210202
120 University Pavilion
2618 University Circle
Cincinnati, OH 45221
transfer@uc.edu

16. Both parties are to communicate the conditions of this Agreement, in accordance with federal, state, and local laws, to their respective external and internal constituencies.

Community College will appropriately include this Agreement in any listing of Program TAAs and will communicate this information through a web portal designed to disseminate transfer information to students, staff, and faculty. Other methods of communication, when appropriate, might include and are not limited to inclusion in the college catalog, program specific materials, and graduate mailings.

UC will appropriately include this agreement in any listing of Program TAAs and will communicate this information, and afford the appropriate training, when necessary, to staff and faculty to support the Community College transfer student.

17. Community College is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use the UC name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of promoting this Agreement and UC programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

UC is hereby granted a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable license to use Community College's name, tradenames, trademarks, and logos during the term of this Agreement **for the sole purpose of marketing to the Community College student population about this Agreement and the UC's programs in accordance with this Agreement.**

Upon termination of this Agreement, the limited licenses set forth in this section will immediately terminate and each party shall (i) cease all such aforementioned use; and (ii) discard, destroy or delete any printed and electronic materials containing the name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party. Neither party shall use the name, tradename, logo, or trademark of the other party in any way that would cause confusion in the public mind as to the relationship between the Parties, and, except for the limited license set forth in this section, neither party shall by virtue of this Agreement gain any right, title, or interest in any name, tradename, trademark, or logo of the other party.

18. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. In no event, shall the license or use of the Institution's name, tradename, trademark, or logo be assigned to a parent, affiliate, or successor company formed by the merger or reorganization or similar corporate transaction of UC with any other company.

19. This Agreement terminates five (5) years from August 1, 2026 (i.e. July 31, 2031). Thereafter, this Agreement may be renewed by written agreement for any number of consecutive three (3) year terms, in accordance with the State of Ohio's biennial budget process. Should the precepts of this Agreement, in the interim, come in conflict with established policy at either institution, the established policy will take precedent and the Agreement will be reviewed for possible modification. In either event, care will be

taken to ensure that Agreement modifications will not adversely affect students already enrolled and covered under the provision of the existing Agreement.

- 20. UC and Community College each reserve the right to terminate this Agreement provided that at least one (1) years’ notice of a process terminated date is given.
- 21. Program TAAs are attached hereto as Exhibits to this Agreement and incorporated into this Agreement by reference.

University of Cincinnati

Southern State Community College

Approved prior to contract submission 05.04.2026

Jack Miner Date
Vice Provost for Enrollment
Management

Erika Goodwin, PhD Date
Vice President
Academic & Student Affairs

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Eoraida Vale 5/27/2026

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Office of General Counsel Date
University of Cincinnati

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT ("TAA")

[Originating Institution Name, Degree and program/concentration Name]
to

University of Cincinnati, [College Name, Degree and Program [Track, if applicable]]



Originating Institution: [Originating Institution Name]

Degree/Program: [Degree and Program (Track if applicable)]

University of Cincinnati: [College Name]

Degree/Program: [Degree and Program (Track if applicable)]

Introduction: This TAA details the applicability of courses from the [Originating Institution Name Degree and Program] to the University of Cincinnati ("UC") [Degree and Program (Track if applicable)] in the [UC College Name]. Students who complete the [Originating Institution Degree and Program] at [Originating Institution Name] have [satisfied/partially satisfied] the UC General Education requirement.

Articulation Overview: Graduates from [Originating Institution Name] who have followed the prescribed program and are accepted into the [UC College Name] will enter with [##] hours [(or designate) in the X year of the program] of transfer credit applicable toward the [UC Degree and Program] degree.

Admission Criteria: Completing the courses on the appendices below does not guarantee admission to UC [Degree and Program].

Minimum GPA: [#.##]

BA/BS/BBA/BFA/BTAS Completion: Completion of this program may require more than four semesters to complete due to prerequisite requirements and the order in which required courses must be taken and are offered. UC academic advising staff will work with each transfer student to develop the most expedient pathway to graduation.

Admission Period: [Originating Institution Name] students must be admitted to the UC [College Name] during the duration of this TAA (i.e. between [month/year] and [month/year]).

TAA Effective Date: [month/day/year]

TAA Expiration Date: [month/day/year]

EXECUTION, DURATION AND REVIEW OF AGREEMENT:

This TAA becomes effective upon its signing and will remain effective through the expiration date noted above. At the end of this time, the TAA will be reviewed and may be renegotiated. [Originating Institution Name] and the UC [College Name] agree to keep one another informed as program changes affecting this TAA occur. Additions and/or amendments to this TAA must be in writing and signed by the Parties.

This TAA will be reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to changes in program curriculum.

[Originating Institution Name] students are encouraged to work closely with their academic advisor to monitor possible changes.

SEE ATTACHED APPENDICES FOR COURSE EQUIVALENCIES AND SAMPLE TRANSFER DEGREE MAPS.

[NAME/CREDENTIALS] [date]
[TITLE]
[Originating Institution Name]

[NAME/CREDENTIALS] [date]
[TITLE]
[UC College Name]
University of Cincinnati

[NAME/CREDENTIALS] [date]
[TITLE]
[Originating Institution Name]

[Transfer Director or similar, if appropriate] [date]

Primary Contact Person for this Agreement:

	[Originating Institution Name]	University of Cincinnati
Name Title	[Name/Title]	Rachel Fulton Transfer Pathways Program Manager Transfer Center, Enrollment Management
Email	[email]	Rachel.Fulton@uc.edu
Mailing Address	[Mailing address]	Transfer Center University Pavilion 430 PO Box 210091 Cincinnati, Ohio 45221-0091

TRANSFER DEGREE MAP

PARTNER INSTITUTION NAME



FROM	[DEGREE PROGRAM]	TO	[COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM]
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This Transfer Articulation Agreement (“TAA”) is valid from
Month DD, YYYY to Month DD, YYYY (not to exceed three (3) years)

The following suggested course sequence includes all course requirements for this TAA. You should consult with an academic advisor each semester to ensure you maintain appropriate degree progress and are fulfilling all requirements for the agreement. Course sequencing below assumes a fall start date. If starting the program during any other term, please consult with your academic advisor. For details beyond course planning, please consult with your academic advisor or the Transfer Center.

SEMESTER 1			UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs	Course ID	Title / Program Requirement	Cr Hrs

SEMESTER 2			UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs	Course ID	Title / Program Requirement	Cr Hrs

SEMESTER SUMMER			UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs	Course ID	Title / Program Requirement	Cr Hrs

SEMESTER 3			UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs	Course ID	Title / Program Requirement	Cr Hrs

SEMESTER 4			UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs	Course ID	Title / Program Requirement	Cr Hrs

Total credits for DEGREE:		Total transfer credits toward DEGREE at UC:	
		Total remaining credits for DEGREE at UC:	
		Total credits for DEGREE at UC:	

REMAINING UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COURSES

SEMESTER 5		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs
SEMESTER 6		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs
SEMESTER 7		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs
SEMESTER 8		
Course ID	Title	Cr Hrs

ADMISSIONS & DEADLINES

- Completion of the courses on this worksheet does not guarantee admission to the [COLLEGE]
- Students who complete the [DEGREE PROGRAM] have [satisfied/partially satisfied] the UC General Education requirement.
- Students must be admitted to the [COLLEGE] during the duration of this agreement.
- *Minimum GPA:* [#.##]
- *Admission Criteria:* [list any additional]
- *BS/BA/BBA/BTAS/BFA Completion.* Completion of this program may require more than four semesters to complete due to prerequisite requirements and the order in which required courses must be taken and are offered. UC academic advising staff will work with each transfer student to develop the most expedient pathway to graduation.

TUITION & SCHOLARSHIPS

- General Tuition & Fees information can be found at: uc.edu/bursar/fees
- Scholarships for transfer students can be found at: financialaid.uc.edu/sfao/scholars/transfer

MORE INFORMATION

- Further information about the majors in the [COLLEGE] can be found at: [add link]
- General information about the University of Cincinnati can be found at: uc.edu

READY TO APPLY? visit uc.edu/apply

Admissions Information:
admissions.uc.edu/information/transfer

Questions – Contact Us
Transfer Center
transfer@uc.edu

Pre-Transfer Advising:
admissions.uc.edu/information/transfer/admissions-and-advising-appointments



FROM [DEGREE PROGRAM] TO [COLLEGE DEGREE PROGRAM]

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Total credits for DEGREE:		Total transfer credits toward DEGREE at UC:	
		Total remaining credits for DEGREE at UC:	
		Total credits for DEGREE at UC:	

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- *Admission Criteria:* [add any additional]
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MORE INFORMATION

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admissions.uc.edu/information/transfer/admissions-and-advising-appointments