

## **Articulation Agreement**

**Between**

**Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas For and On Behalf of the  
University of Arkansas – Fort Smith**

**and**

**Southwest Tennessee Community College**

### **I. PURPOSE**

This Articulation Agreement (“Agreement”), effective August 1, 2017 is between the Board of Trustees of the University of Arkansas for and on behalf of the University of Arkansas - Fort Smith (UAFS) and Southwest Tennessee Community College (Southwest).

This Agreement is designed to coordinate transfer policies, enhance advising, set forth and establish procedures for the offering of courses and a degree program by UAFS; and promote the acceptance of the transfer of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree from Southwest to UAFS.

UAFS will offer courses through the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) online degree completion program. This degree program will begin fall 2017 as set forth in Exhibit “A”. The BAS is offered through the College of Applied Science and Technology at UAFS.

Additional programs may be added if agreed upon, and will be set forth in additional exhibits attached to this Agreement. All degree programs will adhere to the principles of the Agreement.

Students who satisfactorily complete the BAS degree requirements with UAFS in accordance with this Agreement with Southwest, and who meet all other program requirements for graduation, will earn the appropriate degree from UAFS.

### **II. ELEMENTS OF THE AGREEMENT**

#### **A. Admission Practice and Acceptance & Application of Credit**

1. This degree program, as well as any other degree programs offered by UAFS at Southwest, will use the same admission and progression requirements and the same course requirements as stated in the UAFS Undergraduate Academic Catalog. Academic guidance for any degree program will be provided as outlined in this Agreement.
2. UAFS agrees that if a student satisfactorily completes an AAS degree and presents the appropriate transcript documentation through the UAFS Admission process, the following principles will apply:

- a. Southwest students who have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on all previous coursework will be eligible for admission to UAFS. Once admitted, students are subject to all other policies and procedures, including residency requirements of UAFS, as outlined in the UAFS Undergraduate Academic Catalog.
  - b. Students must complete the admission application process and provide official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended (sent directly to the UAFS Records Office or submitted to the UAFS Records Office in an official, sealed, school envelope). All official transcripts must be received prior to the beginning of the term in which the student wishes to enroll at UAFS to complete the application process. UAFS does not charge an application fee.
  - c. All courses required to complete the specific related associate degree program in which a grade of "C" or higher has been earned will be transferred into the BAS degree program in their entirety, allowing the student to complete a related degree program at UAFS in approximately two years of full-time study. Six hours in which a grade of "D" has been earned may be considered for transfer under the following circumstances: a student must apply for an exception to the policy in writing to the Provost prior to the first term. A grade of "D" will not be accepted for any required general education course.
  - d. UAFS will evaluate course/credits earned through Advance Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), or other testing programs.
3. Although students are encouraged to complete an AAS degree prior to transfer, UAFS will accept applications from all Southwest students. Course transfer will be evaluated on a course by course basis in accordance to the UAFS transfer policy.
  4. Students enrolled under this Agreement will be subject to all UAFS policies and procedures specified in the UAFS Undergraduate Academic Catalog and UAFS Student Handbook.

## **B. Operation of Degree Program**

1. UAFS academic programs offered at Southwest will be under the supervision of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the appropriate Dean. The maximum number of hours transferable to the BAS degree of this Agreement is 75 hours of 1000-2000 lower-level courses as designated on the degree plan; the number of upper-level transferable courses will vary by college and degree program. The Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the appropriate Dean will review the degree program each year.

2. A representative of UAFS will be assigned to the BAS degree program with Southwest to represent UAFS and to provide advising and program information for UAFS BAS degree program as needed.
3. It is the intent of this Agreement that Southwest students complete all courses required for the AAS degree before entering into the UAFS BAS degree program. If a student transfers prior to completion of their associate degree, UAFS will follow its reverse transfer policy process to notify Southwest of students who may qualify for an associate degree with Southwest.
4. Southwest students will follow the UAFS registration process as follows:
  - a. Only students who have been officially admitted to UAFS may enroll in courses offered by UAFS.
  - b. Once admitted to UAFS, students will be advised throughout their degree program by a UAFS advisor.
  - c. Registration for courses will be processed through the Web-registration system or with a UAFS advisor. Students may pay tuition and fees online by electronic check or credit card through My.UAFS. Students may also contact the UAFS Cashier's Office at 479-788-7060 to pay by credit card.
  - d. All student withdrawals and course additions will be processed through the UAFS Records Office and will adhere to UAFS policies. The UAFS Business Office will issue applicable refunds per UAFS policy.
5. Under this Agreement, students enrolled in courses offered by UAFS will pay all tuition and fees set forth by the UA System Board of Trustees. The UA System Board of Trustees may adjust tuition and fee charges from year to year, as it deems necessary. The UAFS Business Office will manage all financial transactions for UAFS courses.
6. All required books and course supplies will be listed in UAFS course syllabi. Students may obtain books and supplies through the UAFS bookstore or through alternative sources.
7. Southwest will make library and computer resources available, as necessary, to students enrolled in a UAFS degree program through this Agreement.
8. Every effort will be made by Southwest to provide a location for the UAFS representative when on the Southwest campus to promote or work with students in the degree program.
9. UAFS will manage the proctoring of exams according to its established proctoring policies. In the event a student completing a degree through this agreement needs

**Exhibit A**  
**Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)**

This MOU recognizes the high level of interest indicated by Southwest Tennessee Community College (Southwest) students in obtaining a bachelor's degree from UAFS. Students will complete the first two years (lower division coursework) of the bachelor's degree requirements at Southwest by completing an Associate of Applied Science degree in a technical area at Southwest. Completed Southwest courses will be accepted by UAFS and applied to the BAS degree requirements according to the UAFS Undergraduate Academic Catalog. UAFS will offer the remaining BAS requirements through online courses. Students will be able to transfer up to 75 credit hours of lower-level credits following this degree plan.

**University of Arkansas - Fort Smith**  
**Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)**  
**Articulation Agreement with Southwest Tennessee Community College**

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

IDN: \_\_\_\_\_

Major Code: 4100, Catalog Year 2017-2018

*The prerequisites and corequisites of the degree requirements are subject to change.*

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) degree is an online degree completion program for students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree from Southwest. *[UAFS course numbers are italicized in brackets.]*

| Hours   | Courses  | Notes  | Grade |
|---|--|--|-------|
| <b>Pre-Program Requirements:</b>  |  |  |       |
| 3   | ENGL 1010 & ENGL 1020 English Composition I and II <i>[ENGL 1203 &amp; ENGL 1213]</i>  | 1  |       |
| 3   | SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Speech Communication <i>[SPCH 1203]</i>  | 1  |       |
| 6   | Mathematics <i>[UAFS requires two math courses]</i> Select two courses from the following:<br>MATH 1630 Finite Mathematics<br>MATH 1530 Probability and Statistics <i>[STAT 2503]</i><br>MATH 1830 Calculus <i>[MATH 2403]</i>   | 1  |       |
| 8   | Natural Science <i>[Lab Science requirement]</i><br>Select two lab sciences from the General Education Core Courses  | 1  |       |
| 3   | History/Government <i>[History/Government requirement]</i><br>Select one course from the following:<br>HIST 2010 The United States History to 1877 <i>[HIST 2753]</i><br>HIST 2020 The United States History since 1877 <i>[HIST 2763]</i><br>POLS 1030 American Government <i>[POLS 2753]</i> |  |       |
| 3   | Fine Arts <i>[Fine Arts requirement]</i> Select one course from the following:<br>ART, MUS, or THEA from the General Education Courses   |  |       |
| 3   | Humanities <i>[Humanities requirement]</i> Select one course from the following:<br>ENGL, PHIL or ETHC from the General Education Courses  |  |       |
| 6   | Social/Behavior Sciences <i>[Social Sciences requirement]</i><br>Select two courses from different areas from the General Education Courses  | 1  |       |
| 37  | Career Block will transfer to BAS  | 4  |       |
| <b>Total Hours 75</b> The maximum number of hours transferable to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree is 75 semester hours of lower-level (1000-2000) courses. |  |  |       |
| <b>REQUIREMENTS AFTER ADMISSION INTO THE BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAM</b>  |  |  |       |
| <b>JUNIOR YEAR - FALL SEMESTER: 12 hours</b>  |  | <b>JUNIOR YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER: 12 hours</b> |       |

| Hours   | Courses  | Notes | Grade | Hours   | Courses   | Notes | Grade |
|---|--|-------|-------|---|---|-------|-------|
| 3   | LEAD 3133 Organization Ethics                  | 2     |       | 3   | PRFS 3533 Workplace and Environmental Safety            | 2     |       |
| 3   | PRFS 3143 Economic Analysis in the Workplace   | 2     |       | 3   | PRFS 3833 Diversity in the Workplace                    | 2     |       |
| 3   | RHET 3603 Writing for the Workplace            | 2     |       | 3   | PRFS 4033 Consensus Building and Continuous Improvement | 2     |       |
| 3   | Upper-level General Education elective         | 3     |       | 3   | Upper-level General Education elective                  | 3     |       |
| <b>SENIOR YEAR - FALL SEMESTER: 12 hours</b>  |  |       |       | <b>SENIOR YEAR - SPRING SEMESTER: 9 hours</b> |   |       |       |
| Hours   | Courses  | Notes | Grade | Hours   | Courses   | Notes | Grade |
| 3   | PRFS 4133 Project Management                   | 2     |       | 3   | PRFS 4633 Decision Making in Organizations              | 2     |       |
| 3   | PRFS 4433 Supervisory Total Quality Management | 2     |       | 3   | PRFS 4703 Production Planning and Scheduling            | 2     |       |
| 6   | Upper-level technical elective                 | 2 & 3 |       | 3   | Upper-level technical elective                          | 2 & 3 |       |
| <b>Total Bachelor Hours: 120 At least 45 hours must be upper level.</b>   |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| <b>NOTES</b>  |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| 1: General Education Core Requirements, see Graduation Requirements section of UAFS Undergraduate Academic Catalog OR follow the Southwest General Education Core requirements. Mathematics stipulation: mathematics- must take six hours of mathematics as listed above.     |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| 2: These courses are used to determine major courses in residency, see Graduation Requirements section of the UAFS Catalog.   |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| 3: Elective courses. Consult with advisor. Six hours of upper-level courses from general education areas and nine hours of upper-level technical courses are required.  |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| 4: Career block, 37 hours: Approved AAS degree in an approved program from Southwest with 37 hours of technical-professional course work.   |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |
| Prior to graduation students must demonstrate competency in financial literacy by satisfactory completion of FIN 1521 Personal Finance Applications (or an approved substitution) with a grade of C or better, or by a score of 70% or more on a challenge exam for FIN 1521. |  |       |       |   |   |       |       |

### Student Degree Program Requirements

A student's degree program requirements are those specified in the catalog in effect at the time of declaration of program major. Students must meet the above program requirements and the graduation requirements as indicated by institutional and college policy. The program can be changed only with the approval of the official advisor. If original courses are eliminated, students may be required to meet new curriculum requirements in the degree program. If students are not enrolled for two or more consecutive terms (excluding summer terms), they must reenter under the program requirements of the current catalog. Students are responsible for understanding program requirements and changes. This document is not official until signed and dated by both the student and an authorized university representative.

Student signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

