



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
TRANSFER ARTICULATION**

**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
AND  
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO**

**Associate of Arts – General Education  
and  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement"), entered into on 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2018, ("Effective Date") by and between Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (hereinafter, "ASUJ"), located at 2105 Aggie Road, Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401, and Black River Technical College (hereinafter "BRTC"), located at 1410 Highway 304 East, Pocahontas, Arkansas 72455.

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Arts – General Education at BRTC to the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Through collaborative efforts, ASUJ and BRTC will provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, and afford students the opportunity to earn a high-quality degree from both institutions in the most efficient manner possible.

**AGREEMENT**

It is agreed that any student who has earned the Associate of Arts – General Education at BRTC will be admitted to the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at ASUJ in either the on-campus or A-State Online program with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below.

## **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to ASUJ as well as specific admission to the ASUJ Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program.
- B. The student will have earned the Associate of Arts – General Education at BRTC.
- C. Degree program admission requirements for students who transfer pursuant to this Agreement will be determined in the same manner as if their initial enrollment had been at ASUJ.

## **TRANSFER OF CREDITS**

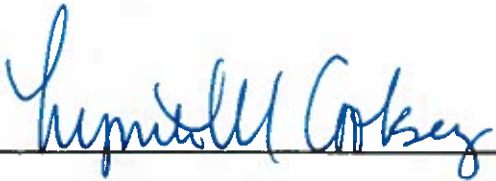
- A. Course requirements for this Agreement are displayed on the following attachments (see Appendix A).
- B. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Arts – General Education degree plan at BRTC, before entering ASUJ, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
- C. Current and updated copies of catalogs/curricular requirements for the ASUJ Bachelor of Arts in Political Science program will be available to BRTC online. Catalogs/Curricular requirements are available for both the on-campus and A-State Online programs.
- D. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to ASUJ.
- E. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of ASUJ.

## **IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW**

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of this Agreement, including incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions of this Agreement, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines.
- B. This Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis. Both ASUJ and BRTC agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
- C. ASUJ and BRTC will work together cooperatively, in the best interest of affected students, to resolve any issues related to the transfer of courses should changes to either degree program occur while the Agreement is in effect.
- D. Students will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement in accordance with their academic year of entry at BRTC. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of this Agreement, but must meet all of the requirements specified therein.
- E. ASUJ and BRTC will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include, but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, published catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. This Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. This Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least 90 calendar days written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, no new students will be admitted to the program; however, all students who have already been admitted to ASUJ, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D. This agreement shall become effective at the time that the Arkansas Department of Higher Education has been notified and approval has been granted.



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Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic  
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7-10-18

Date



Sheila Taylor, Ed.D.  
Vice President of Academics  
Black River Technical College

July 5, 2018

Date

## Appendix A:

### Course equivalencies between Black River Technical College and Arkansas State University - Jonesboro

#### **BRTC Courses**

##### **English Composition**

ENG 1003 Freshman English I

ENG 1013 Freshman English II

SCOM 1203 Oral Communications

##### **Mathematics**

MATH 1023 College Algebra

##### **Life Science**

BIOL 1004 Biological Science/Lab

##### **Physical Sciences**

GSP 1004 Physical Science & Lab OR

CHEM 1004 General Chemistry I/Lab

##### **U.S. History/Government**

HIST 2763 The United States to 1876 OR

HIST 2773 The United States since 1876

##### **Social Sciences**

###### *Choose 3 hours*

PSY 2513 Introduction to Psychology

ANTH 2233 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology

GEOG 2613 Introduction to Geography

ECON 2313 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2333 Economic Issues and Concepts

##### **Humanities**

PHIL 1103 Introduction to Philosophy AND

ENG 2003 Introduction to World Literature I OR

ENG 2013 Introduction to World Literature II

##### **World Civilization**

HIST 1013 World Civilization to 1660 OR

HIST 1023 World Civilization since 1660

##### **Fine Arts**

###### *Choose 6 hours*

FAT 2203 Fine Arts Theatre

FAM 2503 Fine Arts Musical

FAM 2503 Fine Arts Visual

##### **Physical Education**

PE 1002 Concepts of Fitness OR

#### **ASUJ Courses**

ENG 1003 Composition I

ENG 1013 Composition II

COMS 1203 Oral Communication

MATH 1023 College Algebra

BIOL 1003/1001 Biological Science/Lab

PHSC 1203/1201 Physical Science/Lab

CHEM 1013/1011 General Chemistry I/Lab

HIST 2763 The United States to 1876

HIST 2773 The United States Since 1876

PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology

ANTH 2233 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

SOC 2213 Introduction to Sociology

GEOG 2613 Introduction to Geography

ECON 2313 Principles of Macroeconomics

ECON 2333 Economic Issues and Concepts

PHIL 1103 PHI 1003 Introduction to Philosophy

ENG 2003 World Literature to 1660

ENG 2013 World Literature Since 1660

HIST 1013 World Civilization to 1660

HIST 1023 World Civilization Since 1660

THEA 2503 Fine Arts Theatre

MUS 2503 Fine Arts Music

ART 2503 Fine Arts Visual

PE 1002 Concepts of Fitness

**BRTC Courses**

NRS 2203 Basic Human Nutrition

**Directed Electives**

POSC 2103 U.S. Government

SPAN 1013 Elementary Spanish I

SPAN 1023 Elementary Spanish II

Directed Electives (8 hours)

**ASUJ Courses**

NS 2203 Basic Human Nutrition

POSC 2103 Intro to US Government

SPAN 1013 Elementary Spanish I

SPAN 1023 Elementary Spanish II

Transfer Credit Elective

## ASU- JONESBORO COURSES

The following are courses that BRTC students must take to complete ASU's Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

**Language Requirement (6 hours)**

SPAN 2013 Intermediate Spanish I

SPAN 2023 Intermediate Spanish II

**Major Requirements (39 hours)**

POSC 3003 Introduction to Political Analysis

Upper-level Political Science Electives:

*Students must take at least one upper-level course in each of the following areas: American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Politics, Political Theory, Public Administration, and Public Law. Concentration in one of these areas is expected.*

**Additional Electives (15 hours)\***

\*Must include 6 Upper-Level hours

## **A-STATE ONLINE COURSES**

The following are courses that BRTC students must take to complete ASUJ's Bachelor of Arts in Political Science through A-State Online

**Language Requirement (6 hours)**

SPAN 2013 Intermediate Spanish I

SPAN 2023 Intermediate Spanish II

**Major Requirements (39 hours)**

POSC 3003 Introduction to Political Analysis

POSC 3083 Criminal Law and the Constitution

POSC 3123 American Constitutional Law

POSC 3153 American Presidency

POSC 3173 Civil Liberties, Rights, and the Constitution

POSC 3203 Introduction to Comparative Politics

POSC 3223 European Political Systems

POSC 3303 Introduction to International Politics

POSC 3423 American Political Theory

POSC 3433 Political Ideologies

POSC 3453 Modern Political Theory

POSC 3503 Principles of Public Administration

POSC 4223 Middle Eastern Political Systems

**Additional Electives: (15 hours)\***

\*Must include 6 Upper-Level hours