



**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
TULSA COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND  
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

**Introduction:**

This formal program articulation agreement is made and entered into by The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies, hereinafter referred to as OU/CLS, and Tulsa Community College, hereinafter referred to as TCC. By this agreement, OU/CLS and TCC express a shared commitment to increasing opportunities for student access to and success in higher education. By clarifying transfer policies and procedures that assure articulation between programs, the institutions seek to assist student's ability to transfer into a Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree program without jeopardizing the intended mission and stated goals of either institution.

**PURPOSE:**

This agreement defines a structure through which articulation on all levels can be supported. This agreement is specifically designed to allow for maximum transfer of credit and a seamless transition for students earning an associate degree. Development and distribution of all transfer articulation products (e.g., brochures, checklists or transfer guides) are the responsibility of the University of Oklahoma. The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies will honor the input from Tulsa Community College so that the most efficient transfer possible may be achieved for the student. The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies and the Tulsa Community College agree to develop a working plan, which may include:

1. Creation and implementation of transfer material.
2. Counselor/advisor and faculty interchange.
3. Determination of location and method of distributing advisement information.
4. Distribution of transfer information on Internet including the ability to electronically link both institutions through their transfer websites.

**Transfer Elements:**

- All coursework presented by students who have earned AA or AS degrees from Tulsa Community College will transfer to The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies. A maximum of 64 hours earned at TCC will apply to the Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree. Students admitted to the BLS degree must satisfactorily complete 66 hours of upper division course work.
- Students from TCC will be guaranteed (see below) admission to any of our program delivery options:
  - i. BLS/Classic (Independent Study + 3 Upper Division onsite seminars)
  - ii. BLS/Internet Guided Interdisciplinary Studies (BLS/IGIS) Program (Online courses + 3 Upper Division onsite seminars)
  - iii. BLS Online (totally online) Beginning date -- Fall '03
  - iv. BLS /Administrative Leadership (BLS/ALC) (totally onsite classes)
  - v. BLS/Administrative Leadership (BLS/ALC) (totally online) Beginning date -- Fall '03
- Students will be admitted to any of the above options in the College of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma upon satisfactory completion of all conditions for admission as stated in the college catalog. The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies admission requirements include: AA or AS degree with 2.0 overall GPA. (Advisement by CLS counselor prior to admission to review admission requirements into OU/CLS is necessary.) The GPA used to determine admission to the baccalaureate program will be based upon the academic policies of OU/CLS. Courses in progress will not be used for calculating GPA.

- TCC, upon request of students, will provide verification of completed courses to the University of Oklahoma through its Office of Admissions. Representatives from the OU/College of Liberal Studies will evaluate the transcript of students transferring from TCC.
- Transfer students from TCC will have access to financial aid, scholarships, and student services on the same basis as all CLS students. Students will be referred to OU's Financial Aid Office for more details.
- OU/CLS will apply the same academic progress and graduation standards to TCC transfer students as those applicable to all other CLS students.
- Liberal Studies degree options offered at The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies, will be provided upon request by contacting the Professional Studies administrative offices at OCCE or the advising office of the College of Liberal Studies at the University of Oklahoma.
- No financial implications concerning the transfer or exchange of cash, equipment, or real estate is intended or implied by this agreement. The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies and Tulsa Community College are separate and independent institutions of higher education and intend to remain so. The administrators of The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies and Tulsa Community College are authorized to prepare and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to effect this agreement.
- A maximum of 64 credit hours will be accepted by OU/CLS from TCC to be applied to the BLS degree.
- Courses that are developmental or activity related are not applicable toward the 126 hour BLS baccalaureate degree
- Only academic courses with passing letter grades (A, B, C., D) will be accepted for graduation requirements; courses with "F", "AU" are not transferable.
- Students may earn college credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) in general education subject areas. Official test scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions at OU. Final acceptance of CLEP credit will be determined by policies in effect at OU/CLS.

### **Program Plan**

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The College of Liberal Studies Bachelor of Liberal Studies may be earned via five delivery options. All options have the same degree requirements: a minimum of 40 hours of General Education (may be completed by transferring in an earned AA or AS degree from an accredited institution in Oklahoma; 48 upper division hours in a major; 126 hours to complete the BLS degree.

All onsite coursework for the BLS/IGIS and BLS/ALC options will be delivered at the OU Schusterman campus in Tulsa provided that sufficient enrollment occurs to hold classes. Normally 25 students per class are required for onsite classes at distance locations. If enrollment is not sufficient to hold classes in Tulsa, then classes will be held on the Norman Campus. Elective credit hours may be completed online or if sufficient enrollment occurs, then onsite courses will be offered.

**Agreement:**

Both Tulsa Community College and The University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies are committed to providing learning opportunities for non-traditional and traditional students interested in pursuing TCC's/Associate degrees and OU/CLS's Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree. This agreement is recognized as a joint effort designed to successfully serve the aforementioned student populations.

TCC and OU/CLS agree to provide learning opportunities, student advising, and student support services that assist students in pursuing the OU-CLS Bachelor of Liberal Studies. Additionally, TCC agrees to allow its former students to continue using library and computing resources in order to successfully continue studies with OU/CLS. OU/CLS agrees to provide program information and applications materials for students and sufficient course offerings required to complete the degree in a timely manner.

The contact person at the University of Oklahoma College of Liberal Studies who will address concerns with transfer, admission, and enrollment procedures will be the Coordinator of the Bachelor of Liberal Studies Degree Program. Tulsa Community College will likewise identify a person who may be contacted for issues or questions identified in this section.

**Longevity of Agreement**

This agreement will be in effect on the date indicated at the signing of this agreement (see below) and will remain in effect unless changed in writing by mutual agreement of both parties. The agreement may be amended at any time with the approval of both parties and is subject to regular review to assure currency with the respective degree requirements. Should either party desire to discontinue this agreement, advance notification of two years will be required. Transfer literature will be updated on an annual basis.



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December 13, 2002  
Date



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12/13/02  
Date

## **Program Plan**

Students falling under this program articulation agreement will be responsible for successfully completing the following requirements:

**YEARS ONE AND TWO: Tulsa Community College**

64 hours, with 45 hours in the following areas:

12 hours of Basic Skills courses, including

- 6 hours of English Composition
- 3 hours of Speech communications
- 3 hours of college-level mathematics

12 hours of Humanities courses from at least three of the following disciplines:

- Art\*
- Philosophy
- History
- Theater\*
- Music\*
- Literature

\*Performance courses are excluded

12 hours of Social and Behavioral Science courses from at least three of the following disciplines:

- Sociology
- Political Science
- Geography
- Psychology
- Economics
- Anthropology

9 hours of Natural and Physical Science courses from at least two disciplines (lecture with lab)

19 hours of Special Elective Courses

**64 TOTAL CREDIT HOURS**