



Memorandum of Understanding for Articulation of Students

Harding University and Arkansas State University-Beebe

This Memorandum of Understanding ("Agreement"), entered into by and between **Harding University** (hereinafter, HU), located at 915 E. Market Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas 72149-5615 and **Arkansas State University-Beebe**, an institution of higher education and an agency of the State of Arkansas (hereinafter, ASUB), located at 1000 West Iowa Street, Beebe, Arkansas 72012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the admission and transfer of eligible ASUB students into approved baccalaureate degree programs at HU, as specified in the attached addenda. Both parties agree to offer students a seamless degree completion option to improve the economic status and employment opportunities available to citizens with a baccalaureate degree in the state of Arkansas and the nation.

AGREEMENT

Both ASUB and HU fulfill the standards required for accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, and intend to continue meeting these criteria.

It is agreed that any student who has earned an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science degree from ASUB will be eligible to transfer to HU for an approved baccalaureate degree program with full junior classification, subject to the provisions listed below and in the attached program specific addenda.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. HU will maintain exclusive responsibility for admission.
2. Student must meet all criteria required for undergraduate admission to HU.
3. Student must hold an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or Associate of Applied Science degree from ASUB with a 2.0 cumulative grade point average, on or after the effective date of this Agreement.
4. Student must meet all degree-specific criteria to be admitted to a degree program that requires admission.



TRANSFER OF CREDITS

1. Degree programs will be added as addenda to this parent agreement, as mutually agreed upon by the respective Chief Academic Officer at HU and at ASUB.
2. Specific course requirements for each approved degree program will be reviewed and agreed upon by the Deans under whom the specific degree resides.
3. HU will accept grades of "D" for transfer; however, if the course description requires a grade of "C" or better, the student may be required to repeat that specific course.
4. A transfer student who has not completed all of the courses specified within the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science degree plan at ASUB before entering HU, must work with an academic advisor to ensure timely completion of degree program requirements.
5. Remedial course grades will not be computed in the cumulative GPA for purposes of admission to HU.
6. Calculation of overall GPA for purposes of graduation and awarding of honors is left to the discretion of HU.
7. Students who have graduated with an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science degree plan at ASUB prior to transferring to HU may satisfy HU's Liberal Arts requirements if the following courses have been completed:
 - Bible (textual) - 8 hours (**taken at HU**) ; communication - 3 hours; art, music or theatre appreciation - 3 hours; natural science - 6 hours (one Biology and one Physical Science); mathematics - 3 hours; social science (must include 6 hours of American and/or world history) - 12 hours; kinesiology activity - 3 hours; English composition and literature - 9 hours; and global perspectives - 3 hours.

CONTACT

Notices or general questions regarding this Memorandum of Understanding should be sent to the following:

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IMPLEMENTATION

Degree and program requirements (catalog rights) for students who transfer to HU under this agreement will be determined by the date of their initial enrollment at ASUB unless it has been more than a year since last enrolled at ASUB. HU publishes catalog and curriculum requirements on the HU web site by June of each year. Students may graduate under the catalog in force when they first enroll at HU, or any subsequent catalog, subject to the approval of the appropriate HU department head and dean. HU reserves the right to make effective immediately any change in graduation requirements for students whose studies have not advanced beyond the level at which the change becomes operative.

HU and ASUB will work cooperatively to make interested students aware of the opportunity provided by this Agreement. ASUB will provide HU with directory information on students enrolled in an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science or an Associate of Applied Science degree program at ASUB to enable HU to promote degree programs.

HU and ASUB shall agree that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, veteran status, or creed be excluded from participation under the terms of this Agreement.