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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR ARTICULATION OF STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

AND

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE

ASU Beebe Honors Program

to

UCA Schedler Honors Program

This Memorandum of Understanding (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the **UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS** (hereinafter “UCA”), located at 201 Donaghey Avenue, Conway, Arkansas 72035, and **Arkansas State University - Beebe** (hereinafter “ASUB”), located at 1000 Iowa Street Beebe, AR 72012.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate the transfer of Honors Program students completing an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) Degree at ASUB to the Schedler Honors Program at UCA. Through collaborative efforts, UCA and ASUB desire to provide clarity regarding the degree requirements herein, thereby offering 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 an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) degree at ASUB will be admitted to the Schedler Honors Program at UCA, subject to the provisions listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The student must complete the requirements necessary for general admission to UCA.
- B. The student must have earned an Associate of Arts (AA) or an Associate of Science (AS) degree.



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- C. The student must have completed the Honors Program graduation requirements (12 hours of honors courses) and be in good standing at ASUB.
- D. The student must present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale) upon graduation from ASUB.
- E. The student must present a letter from their Honors Program confirming their graduation and completion of the program to the Schedler Honors Program at honors@uca.edu by April 15 for fall admission.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

- A. If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.5 (4.0 scale) at all previous institutions.
- B. All work attempted at post-secondary institution(s) attended, will be included in the grade point average calculation.
- C. Students who did not complete the Honors Program curriculum at ASUB may still be admitted to UCA's Schedler Honors Program on a case-by-case basis.
- D. Any honors coursework taken at ASUB will be designated on the UCA transcript as honors coursework, and will count toward the satisfaction of the Schedler Honors Program curriculum.

BENEFITS

ASUB Honors Program transfer students admitted to UCA's Schedler Honors Program will be eligible for the following.

- A. Graduate from Schedler Honors Program
- B. Honors distinction on the academic transcript
- C. Participate in the UCA Honors activities, events, and organizations
- D. Residence in upper-class honors housing (as available UCA Office Residence Life transfer housing contract)
- E. Priority Registration
- F. Access to all Honors computer labs and/or lounges
- G. Honors Program stipend of \$500/semester (in addition to other potential transfer scholarships or foundation the student may qualify for through UCA)
- H. Honors Private Room Upgrade (calculated annually as the difference between Tier 3 double room and the Tier 1 private room rate in honors housing, about \$1,100/semester)
- I. Access to Travel Abroad Grants, Undergraduate Research Grant for Education, and Experiential Learning Funds

IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

- A. The Chief Academic Officers at each institution will implement the terms of the Agreement, including the incorporation of any mutually agreed upon changes into subsequent revisions



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- of this Agreement, assuring compliance with any applicable policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- B. The Agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis; both UCA and ASUB agree to notify one another in a timely manner of any curriculum changes that would significantly impact the nature of this Agreement.
 - C. UCA and ASUB 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 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 ASUB, not to precede the academic year during which the Agreement first took effect. A student may opt for a subsequent revision of the Agreement but must meet all the requirements specified therein. A period of non-enrollment for twelve (12) months or more would require the student to adhere to Agreement requirements corresponding to the academic year of re-enrollment.
 - E. UCA and ASUB will make every effort to inform students of this Agreement. This may include but is not limited to, inclusion within each institution's website, university catalog, recruitment publications, media announcements, social media engagement, and in-person information sessions.

MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Agreement is effective upon execution and shall remain in effect even if persons, positions, and/or titles change.
- B. The Agreement may be terminated by either party with at least ninety (90) calendar days' written notice.
- C. In the event that the Agreement is terminated, all students who have already been admitted to UCA, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be allowed to complete their approved course of study under the terms contained therein.
- D. Attached to this Agreement and made a part hereof as if set out word for word.
- E. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records. Each Party agrees to comply with FERPA.
- F. This Agreement may be terminated by either party for any reason by giving the other party a minimum of thirty (30) days' written notice. In the event of termination, the parties will agree upon clear plans to teach out the courses and programs in such a way as to ensure any students currently enrolled in programs under this Agreement are not harmed and can remain full-time in the program of study.
- G. This Agreement shall remain in effect for three (3) years (the "Initial" term) unless terminated earlier according to this Agreement. At the end of the Initial term, this Agreement may be renewed for additional term(s) upon the mutual written agreement of the Parties.



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H. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arkansas.



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In witness whereof, the parties hereto cause this Agreement to be executed:

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY - BEEBE

<u>Houston D. Davis</u>	<u>1/23/24</u>	<u>Jennifer Methvin</u>	<u>1-30-24</u>
Houston D. Davis, PhD	Date	Jennifer Methvin, PhD	Date
President		Chancellor	

RIDER

Any contract or agreement to which the University of Central Arkansas ("UCA") is a party shall be deemed to have the following provisions incorporated by reference:

(1) *"Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement or contract, the University of Central Arkansas shall not be responsible or liable for any type of special or consequential damage to the other party, specifically including, but not limited to, lost profits or commissions, loss of goodwill, or any other damages of such nature."*

(2) *"Notwithstanding any other provision of this agreement or contract, the University of Central Arkansas shall never indemnify or hold another party harmless from any damages, liability, claims, demands, causes of action or expenses. However, with respect to any loss, expense, damage, liability, claim or cause of action, either at law or in equity, for actual or alleged injuries to persons or property, arising out of any negligent act or omission by UCA, or its employees or agents, in the performance of this agreement, UCA agrees that:*

(a) it will cooperate with the other party to this agreement in the defense of any action or claim brought against the other party seeking damages or relief;

(b) it will, in good faith, cooperate with the other party to this agreement should such other party present any claims or causes of action of the foregoing nature against UCA to the Arkansas State Claims Commission;

(c) it will not take any action to frustrate or delay the prompt hearing on claims of the foregoing nature by the Arkansas State Claims Commission, and will make reasonable efforts to expedite any hearing thereon.

UCA reserves the right, however, to assert in good faith any and all defenses available to it in any proceedings before the Arkansas State Claims Commission or any other forum.

Nothing herein shall be interpreted or construed to waive the sovereign immunity of UCA."

(3) *"The University of Central Arkansas does not have any form of general liability insurance. It does have liability insurance coverage on vehicles, as well as certain professional liability coverage for clinical programs (and students assigned through those programs). Please contact the university department with responsibility for the program involved or the Office of General Counsel, if you have questions concerning insurance coverage."*