

MACRAO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND GUIDELINES

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MACRAO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

The intent of the agreement is to ensure that a student who completes an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science Degree at a public community college will have satisfied the basic two-year requirements of the four-year colleges.

1. Basic two-year requirements which must be included in the Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees are as follows:
 - a. English Composition (6-semester hours or 9-quarter hours)
 - b. Natural Science (8-semester hours or 12-quarter hours) At least one of the natural sciences will be a laboratory course. Mathematics would be included in the natural science category. Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline.
 - c. Social Science (8-semester hours or 12-quarter hours) Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline.
 - d. Humanities (8-semester hours or 12-quarter hours) Courses will be taken in more than one academic discipline.
2. The inclusion of specific courses within a given category would be determined by the community colleges. For example, a course entitled Western Civilization might (depending on the content) be appropriately designated by an institution as either social science or humanities.
3. Courses which are not transferable such as those of a technical, vocational, or developmental nature will not be included in the basic requirements at the community colleges.

GUIDELINES

1. The MACRAO Articulation Agreement applies to the basic two-year requirements only, and does not excuse the community college students from meeting specific course requirements for an area of study (Business Administration, Elementary Education, etc.) while enrolled at the community college.
2. The participating community colleges will develop and implement a process to identify and certify students who meet the MACRAO Articulation Agreement basic two-year requirements. (Example: This student meets the basic two-year requirements of the MACRAO Articulation Agreement)
3. Since the 1973-74 school year will be the first year of the MACRAO Articulation Agreement, all participating colleges are urged to be considerate, understanding, and flexible.
4. If unresolved differences do develop, the following process is recommended:
 - a. A representative from each of the two colleges involved will hold an informal discussion to resolve the differences.
 - b. If the differences are not resolved by "a", it will be the responsibility of the college who initiated the discussion to define the problem in writing. A copy of the report will be sent to the Chairman of the MACRAO Articulation Committee who will arrange for a date, time, and location for a meeting of a representative from each of the two colleges involved plus a representative from the MACRAO Articulation Committee. It will be the responsibility of the MACRAO Articulation Committee member to report in writing the outcome of this meeting to the Chairman of MACRAO Articulation Committee.

4. The four-year colleges may not require additional basic two year requirements regardless of their individual course evaluations if the transfer student has received the A.A. or A.S. Degree.
5. A student who has completed the basic two-year requirements but not the A.A. or A.S. Degree requirements of the community college will not be required to pursue further basic courses at the four-year college.
6. Each four-year college will determine the equivalence and applicability of basic two-year courses in meeting other graduation requirements.
7. Transfer students who have not completed the basic two year requirements of the community college will meet the requirements of the four-year college as determined by an individual evaluation of his previous work.
8. Foreign language requirements for individual Baccalaureate Degree programs will be the prerogative of the four-year colleges.
9. Any limitations, provisos, or exceptions listed on the signed agreement will be honored.
10. A community college student must be admissible to a participating four-year college in order to benefit from this MACRAO Articulation Agreement.

c. If the differences are still not resolved as the result of "b", it would appear that it would be appropriate for the colleges involved in the unresolved differences to reexamine their institutional commitment to the MACRAO Articulation Agreement.

MACRAO Articulation Committee

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MACRAO PROPOSAL AGREEMENT FORM
FOR TWO-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

Lansing Community College agrees to adopt the general education requirements included in the MACRAO Proposal and that its graduates will have met this standard. It is our understanding that this agreement includes graduates for the academic year beginning 1973-74.

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*Please use this space to explain any limitations, provisos, or exceptions, i.e., the associate degree meeting these requirements might only be the associate of arts degree and, therefore, all of the others would be listed as exceptions.