

**2015 INDEPENDENT**

## **I. Purpose**

The 2015 Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) between the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the Signatory Institutions of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) is intended to provide smooth transfer for community college students who wish to continue their education at an NCICU Signatory Institution.

or the Curriculum Standards will be brought to the Presidents of the Signatory Institutions and the President of NCICU for review and comment at least sixty (60) days prior to adoption. Upon adoption of any changes to the Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate

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receiving senior institution will identify community college course equivalencies and publicize an equivalency course crosswalk to ensure transfer of credit uniformity and transparency. Additional general education, pre-major, and elective courses in the associate degree should be selected based on a intended major and the baccalaureate degree plan published by the senior institution.

The specific number and distribution of courses used to fulfill the requirement in each of these areas will be identified by each community college as meeting its own general education requirements. The Universal General Education Transfer Component and Other Required General Education courses will be drawn from those courses designated in the North Carolina Community College Combined Course Library as being transferable general education. This will preserve the autonomy of each community college to develop its own general education program, including those aspects that make its program unique.

### **3. Transfer of Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree programs**

- a. The ICAA enables North Carolina community college graduates of two-year Associate in Arts (AA) and Associate in Science (AS) degree programs who are admitted to a Signatory Institution of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities to transfer with junior status if they follow the published baccalaureate degree completion plans.
  - b. Senior institutions cannot place requirements on students transferring under the ICAA that are not required of their native students.
  - c. A student who completes the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree prior to transfer to the senior institution will have fulfilled the lower-division general education requirements.
  - d. Due to degree requirements in some majors, additional courses at the senior institution may be required beyond the general education courses and pre-major courses taken at the community college.
  - e. Community college graduates of the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree programs who have earned 60 semester hours in approved transfer courses with a grade of C or better and an overall GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale will receive at least 60 semester hours of academic credit upon admission to a Signatory Institution of the ICAA.
  - f. Requirements for admission to some major programs may require additional pre-specialty courses beyond the pre-major taken at the community college. Students entering such programs may need more than two academic years of course work to complete the baccalaureate degree, depending on requirements of the program.
  - g. All courses approved for transfer in the ICAA are designated as fulfilling general education or pre-major/elective requirements (see Appendix E). While general education and pre-major courses may also be used as electives, elective courses may not be used to fulfill general education requirements.
  - h. ICAA courses taken beyond the 60-61 SHC of credit in which the student received a grade of less than a C will not negate the provisions of the ICAA.
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institutions and one or more community colleges may join in a collaborative effort to facilitate the transfer of students from AFA or AAS degree programs to baccalaureate degree programs.

**8. Transfer of courses not originated at North Carolina community colleges**

Transfer courses that do not originate at a North Carolina community college may be used under the ICAA with the following stipulations:

- a. Courses must be completed at a regionally accredited (e.g., SACSCOC) institution of higher education;
- b. Courses must meet general education requirements; and
- c. Courses may total no more than 14 semester hours of general education course credit.
- d. For courses not originating at a NC community college, if the courses are used to complete the AA or AS, the courses will transfer as part of the degree. Otherwise, if 14 hours or less are presented without completion of the AA or AS, then the receiving institution will consider the courses on a course-by-course basis.

**9. Transfer of Advanced Placement (AP) course credit**

Advanced Placement (AP) course credits, awarded for a score of three or higher, are acceptable as part of a student's successfully completed Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree under the ICAA. Students who receive AP course credit at a community college, but do not complete the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree will have AP credit awarded on the basis of the senior institution's AP policy.

**B. Impact of the ICAA on other articulation agreements**

The ICAA takes precedence over bilateral articulation agreements; however, bi-lateral

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## **Appendix B**

### **History of the ICAA**

In 2007, the North Carolina Community College System and the Presidents of the Signatory Institutions of North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities approved the Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) to provide transfer processes and assurances to community college students transferring to the participating NCICUs. The ICAA was built upon the

## **Appendix C**

### **Transfer Credit Appeal Procedure**

The ICAA is based on the principle that all participating institutions seek to serve students and abide by the policies and regulations outlined in the ICAA. If a student from a North Carolina community college believes the terms of the ICAA have not been honored by the NCICU senior institution to which the student has been admitted, the student should follow the steps below:

- 1.** By the last day of classes of the first semester for which admission is

## **Appendix D**

### **Associate in Arts and Associate in Science Curriculum Standards**

#### **Associate in Arts (A10100) Curriculum Standard**

The Associate in Arts degree shall be granted for a planned program of study consisting of a minimum of 60 semester

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**Natural Sciences (4 SHC)**

Select 4 SHC from the following course(s):

AST 111 Descriptive Astronomy (3 SHC) and AST 111A Descriptive Astronomy Lab (1SHC)

AST 151 General Astronomy I (3 SHC) and AST 151A General Astronomy Lab I (1SHC)

BIO 110 Principles of Biology (4 SHC)

BIO 111 General Biology I (4 SHC)

CHM 151 General Chemistry I (4 SHC)

GEL 111 Introductory Geology (4 SHC)

PHY 110 Conceptual Physics (3 SHC) and PHY 110A Conceptual Physics Lab (1 SHC)

**ADDITIONAL GENERAL EDUCATION HOURS (13-14 SHC)**

An additional 13-14 SHC of courses should be selected from courses classified as general education within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university.

**Total General Education Hours Required: 45**

**OTHER REQUIRED HOURS (15 SHC)****Academic Transition (1 SHC)**

The following course is required:

ACA 122 College Transfer Success (1 SHC)

An additional 14 SHC of courses should be selected from courses classified as pre-major, elective or general education courses within the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement. Students should select these courses based on their intended major and transfer university.

***\*One semester hour of credit may be included in a 61 SHC associate in arts program of study. The transfer of this hour is not guaranteed.***

**Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC) in Program: 60-**







ART 231 Printmaking I  
ART 232 Printmaking II  
ART 235 Figure Drawing II  
ART 240 Painting I  
ART 241 Painting II  
ART 242 Landscape Painting  
ART 243 Portrait Painting  
ART 244 Watercolor  
ART 245 Metals I  
ART 246 Metals II  
ART 247 Jewelry I  
ART 248 Jewelry II  
ART 250  
ART 251  
ART 252  
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BIO 120	Introductory Botany	GEN ED: Natural Science
BIO 130	Introductory Zoology	GEN ED: Natural Science
BIO 140	Environmental Biology	GEN ED: Natural Science
BIO 140A	Environmental Biology Lab	GEN ED: Natural Science
BIO 143	Field Biology Minicourse	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 145	Ecology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 146	Regional Natural History	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 150	Genetics in Human Affairs	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 155	Nutrition	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 163	Basic Anat & Physiology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 165	Anatomy and Physiology I	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 166	Anatomy and Physiology II	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 168	Anatomy and Physiology I	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 169	Anatomy and Physiology II	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 175	General Microbiology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 180	Biological Chemistry	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 224	Local Flora Spring	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 230	Entomology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 242	Natural Resource Conservation	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 243	Marine Biology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 250	Genetics	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 265	Cell Biology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 271	Pathophysiology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 275	Microbiology	Pre-Major/Elective
BIO 280	Biotechnology	Pre-Major/Elective
BUS 110	Introduction to Business	Pre-Major/Elective
BUS 115	Business Law I	Pre-Major/Elective
BUS 137	Principles of Management	Pre-Major/Elective
BUS 228	Business Statistics	Pre-Major/Elective
CHI 111	Elementary Chinese I	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
CHI 112	Elementary Chinese II	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
CHI 181	Chinese Lab I	Pre-Major/Elective
CHI 182	Chinese Lab II	Pre-Major/Elective
CHI 211	Intermediate Chinese I	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
CHI 212	Intermediate Chinese II	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
CHM 115	Concepts in Chemistry	Pre-Major/Elective
CHM 115A	Concepts in Chemistry Lab	Pre-Major/Elective
CHM 130	Gen, Org, & Biochemistry	Pre-Major/Elective
CHM 130A	Gen, Org, & Biochemistry Lab	Pre-Major/Elective
CHM 131	Introduction to Chemistry	GEN ED: Natural Science
CHM 131A	Introduction to Chemistry Lab	GEN ED: Natural Science
CHM 132	Organic and Biochemistry	GEN ED: Natural Science
CHM 135	Survey of Chemistry I	GEN ED: Natural Science
CHM 136	Survey of Chemistry II	GEN ED: Natural Science
<b>CHM 151</b>	<b>General Chemistry I</b>	<b>UGETC: Natural</b>
<b>CHM 152</b>	<b>General Chemistry II</b>	
CHM 251	Organic Chemistry I	
CHM 252	Organic Chemistry II	
CHM 263	Analytical Chemistry	
CHM 271	Biochemical Principles	
CHM 271A	Biochemical Principles Lab	



DRA 211 Theatre History I  
DRA 212 Theatre History II  
DRA 230 Acting III  
DRA 231 Acting IV  
DRA 240 Lighting for the Theatre  
DRA 260 Directing  
DRA 270 Play Production III  
DRA 271 Play Production IV

GEN ED: Humanities/Fine



FRE 151	Francophone Literature	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 161	Cultural Immersion	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 181	French Lab 1	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 182	French Lab 2	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 211	Intermediate French I	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
FRE 212	Intermediate French II	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
FRE 221	French Conversation	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 231	Reading and Composition	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 281	French Lab 3	Pre-Major/Elective
FRE 282	French Lab 4	Pre-Major/Elective
<b>GEL 111</b>	<b>Introductory Geology</b>	<b>UGETC: Natural Sciences AA/AS</b>
GEL 113	Historical Geology	GEN ED: Natural Science
GEL 120	Physical Geology	GEN ED: Natural Science
GEL 230	Environmental Geology	GEN ED: Natural Science
GEO 110	Introduction to Geography	Pre-Major/Elective
GEO 111	World Regional Geography	GEN ED: Social/Behavioral Science
GEO 112	Cultural Geography	GEN ED: Social/Behavioral Science
GEO 130	General Physical Geography	GEN ED: Social/Behavioral Science
GEO 131	Physical Geography I	Pre-Major/Elective
GER 111	Elementary German I	GEN ED:
GER 112	Elementary German II	
GER 141	Culture and Civilization	
GER 161	Cultural Immersion	
GER 181	German Lab 1	
GER 182	German Lab 2	
GER 211	Intermediate German I	
GER 212	Intermediate German II	
GER 221	German Conversation	
GER 231	Reading and Composition	
GER 281	German Lab 3	
GER 282	German Lab 4	



ITA 282	Italian Lab 4	Pre-Major/Elective
JOU 110	Intro to Journalism	Pre-Major/Elective
JOU 216	Writing for Mass Media	Pre-Major/Elective
JOU 217	Feature/Editorial Writing	Pre-Major/Elective
JPN 111	Elementary Japanese I	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
JPN 112	Elementary Japanese II	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
JPN 181	Japanese Lab I	Pre-Major/Elective
JPN 182	Japanese Lab II	Pre-Major/Elective
JPN 211	Intermediate Japanese I	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
JPN 212	Intermediate Japanese II	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
LAT 111	Elementary Latin I	
LAT 112	Elementary Latin II	
LAT 141	Culture and Civilization	8.75 167.3 16
LAT 142		
LAT 181		
LAT 182		
LAT 211		
LAT 212		
LAT 231		
LAT 232		
LAT 281		
LAT 282		







PSY 275	Health Psychology	Pre-Major/Elective
PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	GEN ED: Social/Behavioral Science
REL 110	World Religions	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
REL 111	Eastern Religions	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
REL 112	Western Religions	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
REL 211	Intro to Old Testament	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
REL 212	Intro to New Testament	GEN ED: Humanities/Fine Arts
REL 221	Religion in America	GEN ED: HuET EMC8.42 TmnETQq300.7

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