

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**THE DIVISION OF FLORIDA COLLEGES**  
**AND**  
**UNION INSTITUTE & UNIVERSITY**

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A Statement of Philosophy and Intent

The State of Florida, long a national leader in higher education, has given broad policy directions to the system of postsecondary education with regard to transfer and articulation between and among two- and four-year institutions. A statewide articulation agreement exists in Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code to establish an effective and orderly transfer process for students entering a Florida college, completing an Associate in Arts degree, and transferring to a state university. Florida Statutes also encourage collaboration between the public and independent sectors of postsecondary education.

**Union Institute & University** (North Miami Beach) is an accredited, private university that has, since 1964, redefined higher education by placing learners at the center of their own education. **Union Institute & University** has administrative headquarters in Cincinnati, Ohio, and currently enrolls approximately 2,800 learners from all 50 states and more than 20 countries worldwide. Union Institute & University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools and is licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education.

The purpose of this agreement is to set forth the uniform conditions regarding articulation between The Florida College System (FCS) and Union Institute & University (UI&U). It is intended to increase the options available to Associate in Arts (AA), Associate in Science (AS), and Associate in Applied Science (AAS) graduates of The Florida College System who are seeking further educational opportunities via the traditional classroom setting or online instruction. This agreement serves as an overarching statement of cooperation between the FCS and UI&U, thus benefiting FCS graduates in Union Institute & University's Bachelor of Science degree programs. However, it is not intended to supersede more specific college and program articulation agreements as developed in geographic areas served by campuses of UI&U. This articulation agreement between the FCS and UI&U was established in 2010.

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This Articulation Agreement is entered into this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, by and between the Division of Florida Colleges and Union Institute & University.

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to promote the most efficient and effective use of their resources and to offer students the broadest possible range of educational opportunities, and

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to encourage and facilitate the establishment of specific articulation provisions between Florida colleges and Union Institute & University, and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of qualified associate degree students from Florida colleges to Union Institute & University,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties agree to cooperate in articulating programs in accordance with the terms set forth herein.

I. Union Institute & University shall recognize the Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degree as the “2+2” transfer degree from The Florida College System. However, Associate in Applied Science degrees shall be recognized and shall transfer on a course-by-course basis as further clarified in this document.

II. Union Institute & University shall publish an Articulation Manual that specifies the programs articulated with the associate degree, including the course requirements and related prerequisite courses for each program. This Articulation Manual will be made available to students, faculty, and advisors through the FACTS.org website and updated on an annual basis.

III. Union Institute & University shall develop course equivalency tables, specifically for program prerequisites and course requirements, insofar as it is reasonable and necessary to do so. Courses that are designated as equivalent in objectives, content, and credit hours must be treated as equivalent for all Florida colleges.

IV. Union Institute & University shall annually provide data to the Division of Florida Colleges on the number of FCS graduates by academic term who enroll under the provisions of this agreement and graduate with the baccalaureate degree.

V. Union Institute & University and the Division of Florida Colleges shall agree to the following conditions:

A. College students who transfer with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree under the terms of this Agreement shall enter with junior standing and all credit awarded by a Florida college will transfer to Union Institute & University, which includes a minimum of 60 credits earned at a Florida college. However the student must meet the specific degree course requirements of Union Institute & University, which means extending the number of credit hours to earn a degree, if the 60 hours transferred and applied do not include all of the degree prerequisites or graduation requirements.

B. Florida college students who transfer under the terms of this Agreement shall be considered as having completed the general education requirements of Union Institute & University. However, Union Institute & University may specify additional courses that must be completed prior to the awarding of the baccalaureate degree. These courses may be completed at either institution.

C. A Florida college student transferring under the terms of this Agreement shall be governed by the graduation requirements set forth in the Union Institute & University learner catalog in effect at the time of the student's initial enrollment in a Florida college, provided the student receives an Associate degree.

D. The Florida Academic Center of Union Institute & University offers the following majors:

- i) Business Management with specializations in Human Resource Management, Management Information Systems, and Marketing
- ii) Criminal Justice Management
- iii) Social Work
- iv) Education with concentrations in Elementary Education, Exceptional Student Education, and Secondary Education

E. Union Institute & University requires a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than a 2.0 for admissions purposes. However, for those students who have earned the associate degree and who have been admitted into Union Institute & University, course grades of "D" will transfer in as part of the degree program

F. Credit awarded by a Florida college as experiential credit and/or credit awarded by exam, such as College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB) Program, Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) Program, and Advanced Placement (AP), while acceptable to satisfy Associate degree requirements, may or may not satisfy specific requirements of the baccalaureate degree.

G. Authority over all academic policies or practices not mentioned in this agreement shall remain with Union Institute & University

VI. During the period of this Agreement, the Division of Florida Colleges shall:

A. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among the faculty, staff, and students in The Florida College System via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support, as well as other Department of Education and Division of Florida Colleges publications, correspondence, and outreach activities.

B. Make available to Florida college faculty members, counselors, students, and other appropriate individuals within The Florida College System, the Union Institute & University admission requirements; preferred general education requirements; program prerequisite courses, other related requirements, and the course equivalency lists. This will be done via the FACTS.org website maintained by the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support.

VII. Both parties agree:

A. To cooperate on curricular and advising issues that will facilitate future student transfer.

B. To encourage the development of scholarships and other financial aid opportunities for Florida college transfer students who are directly affected by this Agreement.

C. To foster communication between Union Institute & University, the Division, and The Florida College System. The following individuals will serve as liaison officers for matters relating to this agreement:

<b>Division of Florida Colleges:</b>	<b>Union Institute &amp; University:</b>
Ms. Julie Alexander Associate Vice Chancellor, Learning Initiatives (850) 245-9523 or <a href="mailto:julie.alexander@fldoe.org">julie.alexander@fldoe.org</a>	Dr. Roger Sublett President (800) 861 6400 or <a href="mailto:roger.sublett@myunion.edu">roger.sublett@myunion.edu</a>
Dr. Judith Bilsky Executive Vice Chancellor (850) 245-9452 or <a href="mailto:judith.bilsky@fldoe.org">judith.bilsky@fldoe.org</a>	Dr. Beryl Watnick Dean, Florida Academic Center (305) 653-7141 or <a href="mailto:beryl.watnick@myunion.edu">beryl.watnick@myunion.edu</a>

Both parties agree to notify the other of any changes in contact information for their respective liaison officers.

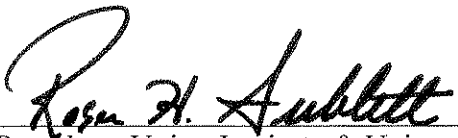
D. To provide for periodic review of the Agreement to strengthen articulation between The Florida College System and Union Institute & University. The review should be initiated by the Division and should take place at least once every three years, following initial implementation of the Agreement.

VIII. Applicable Law. This Agreement will be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the rules of the State Board of Education.

IX. Modifications. Any modifications, additions, or deletions to this Agreement must be in writing and signed by both parties. The designated representatives are the President of Union Institute & University and the Chancellor of the Division of Florida Colleges.

X. Termination of the Articulation Agreement. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other party. The notice shall state the effective date of termination which shall be at least one year after the date on which the notice is received by the other party. Any student enrolled in a Florida college during the time this Agreement is in effect shall continue to receive the benefits of the Agreement until the effective date, one year after notification, provided all conditions contained herein are met by the student.

This Articulation Agreement between Union Institute & University and the Division of Florida Colleges was accepted and approved by the participating entities this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.

By:   
President, Union Institute & University  
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By:   
Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

THIS AGREEMENT shall take effect on December 15, 2010, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party.