



**Articulation Agreement
between
Maricopa Community Colleges
And
Columbia College Chicago**



The Maricopa Community Colleges (“Maricopa”) and Partner Institution hereby establish an Articulation Agreement (“AA”) to facilitate students’ transfer from Maricopa to Columbia College Chicago (Columbia”).

PURPOSE

- This AA formally recognizes that both institutions are active educational partners, committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students transferring between institutions. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already achieved.
- Both institutions enter into this AA in the spirit of cooperation and mutually recognize each other as quality institutions of higher learning. Each institution, furthermore, is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or other non-merit factors.
- Under the terms and conditions of this AA, participating students will maximize as much as possible their community college coursework and credits.
- Through ongoing communication between their faculty and staff, Maricopa and Columbia College Chicago will better understand the obstacles confronting students who are transferring and cooperate in removing such obstacles. By working at the department level, the courses that a student takes at Maricopa can be matched with courses required at Columbia College Chicago.

The **AA** provides a structure through which transfer articulation on all levels can be supported. Columbia understands and agrees that transfer articulation is with the Maricopa Community Colleges as a whole and not with individual colleges within the district. Therefore, it is understood and agreed that courses taken at any Maricopa college or center are considered equally transferable. This is particularly important at Maricopa where students may be enrolled at more than one Maricopa Community College.

TRANSFER ELEMENTS

Treatment of Associate degrees and general education core as admission criteria

This AA establishes the principle that all applicable associate degrees at Maricopa transfer to Columbia. Maricopa graduates will not need to repeat general education requirements at Columbia. All credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate college degree(s). Articulated Associate degrees will be identified, maintained, and available as a separate document from this AA.

Maricopa graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, courses numbered 100 and above, entering under the terms of this AA are guaranteed admission into the college. However, students should be advised that some degree programs at Columbia might require a higher GPA for admission.

Maricopa graduates will follow Columbia’s transfer process and, therefore, must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, advising, registration, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution.

In order to complete the baccalaureate program in a timely manner, students are advised to follow the transfer guide for the academic program they plan to pursue at Columbia. If the student intends to change

degree focus upon admission to Columbia, the student may be required to complete some lower division preparation work prior to beginning the program at Columbia.

Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC)

Completion of Maricopa's Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC), a 35 semester-credit general education program of study will transfer and satisfy the LAS Core Curriculum at Columbia College Chicago. The AGEC can be transferred and accepted only as a component of an earned Associate degree. Students who have not earned an Associate degree at Maricopa may submit completed AGEC credits for transfer consideration on a course-by-course basis..

Treatment of Maricopa coursework as admission criteria

Students who transfer to Columbia with less than an Associate degree, an Associate in Applied Science degree, or an Associate degree that does not articulate to a program, will have their Arizona General Education courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis and may be required to take any additional courses necessary to satisfy the LAS Core requirements at Columbia. If these students have taken equivalent General Education courses at the sending institution, these courses will be accepted toward satisfying LAS Core requirements at Columbia.

Maricopa students who plan to transfer to Columbia may complete any missing general education by (i) taking the additional Maricopa courses required to complete the general education core at Maricopa, or [ii] complete the LAS Core requirements by taking courses at Columbia.

Award of Upper-Division Credit

Students who transfer lower-division credits beyond that required for an Associate degree or whose lower-division credits/competencies are equivalent to designated upper-division credits/competencies, can request/petition these courses/competencies be evaluated by Columbia and, where appropriate, equivalent upper-division credit will be awarded.

Total Number of Transferable Credits

The maximum number of lower-division credits that can be accepted and applied to the degree at Columbia is **62**. This transfer credit limit will be the difference between total credits required for degree completion and college upper-division requirements.

Evaluation Process

Every three years there will be an evaluation of the partnership supported by this Articulation Agreement. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

Longevity of the AA

This AA shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by either party. Termination shall occur upon written notice by either party to the other submitted six (6) months prior to the termination date. Students accepted into the program prior to the termination date will be allowed to continue in the program.

OBLIGATIONS OF PARTNER INSTITUTION

- Columbia will provide academic advising to Maricopa students. Additionally, Columbia will provide materials, catalogs, and other information to Maricopa advisors to facilitate their understanding of college requirements and academic programs. Columbia agrees, at its own expense, to hold at least one advising event each year at Maricopa for prospective transfer students.

- Columbia may place Maricopa students, interested in attending Columbia, on its mailing lists and invite the students to participate in cultural events, social activities, and presentations open to the public and occurring on campus.
- If warranted by the student's academic achievement and/or special talents, Columbia will inform the student of scholarship opportunities.

JOINT OBLIGATIONS

- Maricopa and Columbia will provide each other with timely curriculum updates.
- Maricopa and Columbia agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The institutions will exchange admission, grades, and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws.
- Columbia will work with Maricopa on recruitment efforts.
- Students transferring to Columbia will receive advising from both institutions, assisting them in timely degree completion.
- Under this AA, both institutions will work together to identify scholarship opportunities for Maricopa students.
- Information about this AA will be available at both institutions and on both institutions' websites.
- Maricopa and Columbia agree to provide direct links between their institutional websites, indicating the existence of this AA.
- Transfer articulation materials developed by an articulating institution are not valid without a AA signed by Maricopa's Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost.
- In collaboration with the Maricopa Community Colleges, the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (e.g., Transfer Guide) are the responsibility of Columbia.

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