ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Baker University, College of Arts and Sciences

And

Independence Community College

The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to establish collaboration between Baker University and Independence Community College. This agreement provides a systematic plan enabling students to transfer their independence credit hours to Baker University. While Baker welcomes applications for admission from any student, this agreement pertains to students who earn an Associate of/in Arts (A.A.) or Associate of/in Science (A.S.) degree with a cumulative grade point average of 2.60 or higher on a 4.00 scale. Students whose cumulative transfer GPA is 2.59 or below will also benefit from the terms of this agreement if the relevant Baker faculty committee grants them admission.

The following points detail distinctions of this agreement:

- Guaranteed admission to Baker University.
- Community college coursework completes all Baker Quest (general education) requirements except for SN 231 Transfer Salon II (3 credits), QS311 Global Culture and Community (3 credits), a chosen course linked to QS311 (3-4 credits), QS411 Global Citizenship (3 credits), and SN401 Summit Salon (1 credit).
- Students who have not completed a minimum of six credit hours of natural science and/or physical science will enroll in Baker’s QS211 (3 credits) Scientific Inquiry course.
- Students who have not completed a minimum of six credit hours of arts and humanities (Art, History, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, World Languages) will enroll in Baker’s QS 212 Ideas and Expression (3 credits) course.
- Transfer students whose cumulative GPA is greater than 2.60 will automatically qualify for an academic scholarship. The dollar amount of the renewable scholarship is determined based on the cumulative GPA. All students admitted via this articulation agreement are also entitled to consideration for additional sources of financial aid based on extracurricular involvement and financial need.
- Students admitted via this agreement will have full access to all Baker University support services including admission and financial aid representatives, academic advising, the Student Academic Success Center, Student Affairs staff, etc.
- Those students who transfer to Baker under the terms of this agreement will benefit from all privileges assigned to other students, including class-standing priority in residence hall selection, access to competitive programs, course registration, and beyond.
- Baker guarantees the acceptance of all A.A. or A.S. degree program credits, as long as the course grades are C or higher and the course number is 100 or higher. This acceptance does include courses counted towards the A.A. or A.S. degree originally taken through high school dual enrollment arrangements.
• Baker University does grant credit for work completed through the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Advanced Placement Tests (AP), and International Baccalaureate Program (IB). Details regarding score requirements and fees appear in the Baker University Academic Catalog.

Students interested in transferring to Baker University should take the following steps:

• Complete a Baker University application for admission as found at www.bakeru.edu/apply. There is no application for admission fee.
• Submit an official copy of either the final high school transcript or GED scores.
• Submit official copies of academic transcripts from all colleges attended. When available, the final Independence transcript, showing completion of the A.A. or A.S. degree, must appear at Baker.
• When selecting Independence Community College courses, plan to include at least six credit hours of natural/physical science, three credit hours of history, and three credit hours of arts or humanities (creative expression) in the overall curriculum as this sequence best prepares the student for Baker University academic success.
• Submit appropriate credentials from any CLEP, AP, or IB experiences.
• Consult with the Office of Financial Aid regarding Baker University scholarship options and recommended completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as found at www.fafsa.gov.
• After receiving an offer of admission and assuring family comfort with financing details, Baker University representatives will provide assistance with all subsequent enrollment steps including housing, board plan selection, course registration, health services details, orientation, etc.

Revision or Cancellation of this Agreement

This articulation agreement is subject to revision or cancellation when deemed appropriate by either Baker University or Independence Community College, but otherwise shall stand as presented. Students who enter Baker University under the auspices of this agreement will see no adverse affects from any subsequent changes.

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