Articulation Agreement
Between
Frank Phillips College
And
Sul Ross State University

Frank Phillips College and Sul Ross State University share mutual interests for the availability and quality of higher education in West Texas. There is further shared interest in issues for access to higher education for all groups in Texas, especially underserved groups, to ensure a viable and strong future for our respective service regions of the state and the contributions of all citizens. This Articulation Agreement is between Frank Phillips College, hereinafter called FPC and Sul Ross State University, hereinafter called SRSU.

General Purpose

FPC provides coursework at the freshman and sophomore levels for students in Hutchinson County and the surrounding area leading to an Associate of Science degree in Agriculture. As the only comprehensive University in the Big Bend region, SRSU provides courses of study leading to Bachelors of Science (BS) degrees in Natural Resource Management (NRM) and Animal Science (ANSC). Specific concentrations in NRM consist of Sustainable Ranch Management and Wildlife Management, while students in ANSC can concentrate in Agricultural Education and Production. The purpose of this Articulation Agreement is to provide guidelines and areas of responsibility that will ensure students completing an AS degree in Agriculture at FPC will be able to transfer to SRSU with little or no loss of credit to pursue BS degrees in either Natural Resource Management (Sustainable Ranch Management or Wildlife Management) or Animal Science (Agricultural Education or Production). It is mutually understood that:

1. FPC and SRSU will cooperate in the development and continuation of parallel degree plans that will facilitate the transfer of credit from FPC to SRSU.

2. FPC and SRSU will each appoint an individual responsible for the continued update of and the sharing of information on degree plan changes, new courses, transcript evaluation, and other programs and projects as needed.

3. FPC and SRSU will work together to facilitate access to faculty members from SRSU through visits to the FPC campus to discuss programs and to share information. FPC and SRSU will also schedule visits by FPC students, faculty and staff to the SRSU campus to discuss individual degree plans, transferability of courses, curriculum and other topics as appropriate.
4. FPC and SRSU will review this articulation agreement annually and update as necessary.

5. This memorandum may be amended at any time or may be terminated by either party by giving one year’s written notice to the other.

SRSU agrees to:

1. Prepare documents that contain information specific to students on the FPC campus relative to transferring to SRSU upon completion of their coursework at FPC. SRSU will ensure they are in the hands of the designated representative at FPC for distribution to FPC students.

2. Prepare and send to the designated representative at FPC a general report on the progress of students who transfer to SRSU thereby providing statistics that can be incorporated into institutional effectiveness studies at FPC.

3. Have the designated representative from SRSU visit the FPC campus at least once annually to visit students and the designated representative of FPC to share information and any changes in coursework and degree plans. At the request of the FPC designated representative, the SRSU representative will invite faculty and other staff members at SRSU to accompany him/her on such visits.

4. Provide campus tours and information to individuals who may visit the SRSU campus as prospective transfer students.

FPC agrees to:

1. Provide the designated SRSU representative with a list of graduating students, including current addresses, phone numbers, email addresses and academic major during each semester in which this articulation agreement is in effect. Such lists will be used to provide information on programs, financial assistance, and other items of interest on transfer opportunities as appropriate. This information will be provided within the provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

2. Assist SRSU in arranging for visits of prospective students to the SRSU campus as needed and requested by FPC students.

3. Arrange appointments through the designated representative with FPC students, faculty and staff as appropriate for the purpose of sharing information and discussing ideas and other activities of mutual interest.