

# **Memorandum of Understanding Midland College/Sul Ross State University**

In order to increase the enrollment potential and success rates of Hispanic, low-income, and non-traditional students in the target area, Midland College (MC) and Sul Ross State University (SRSU) have participated in federally funded and institutionalized programs designed to make SRSU baccalaureate degrees available to Midland-based students via distance education.

Both institutions' mutual intention is to establish a permanent opportunity for MC students to matriculate to SRSU and attain their bachelor's degrees from Sul Ross while remaining located on the MC campus and continuing to take MC courses. A list of these degree programs covered under this MOU is attached. These degree programs will be reviewed each year and adjusted as needed.

In order to further facilitate and improve the transfer process for the MC-based students who are enrolled both at SRSU and MC, we enter into the following articulation agreement governing the matriculation of graduates of MC Associate's degrees into these programs

This agreement provides for a wide range of services and activities for joint MC and SRSU students. It is designed to encourage and monitor the progression of students participating in a seamless transfer degree plan; promote an understanding of the importance of a four-year degree; develop skills needed to master transfer events; and foster the best possible scenario for science education through the distance education format.

MC and SRSU agree that these special offering programs under Title V, hereafter referred to as the SRSU@MC Programs, shall include the following:

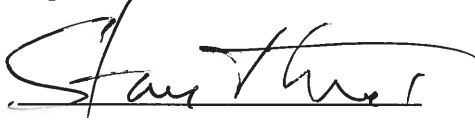
1. The Office of Admissions at SRSU and the University Center at MC will jointly provide advisement and information to students interested in participation in the science baccalaureate degree plans delivered via distance education by the SRSU@MC Programs.
2. Each fall and spring semester, the SRSU@MC programs of Sul Ross will sponsor a visitation program for MC students interested in transferring to SRSU or participating in the SRSU@MC distance education programs. Transportation to and from these events will be paid from MC's travel portion of any current cooperative grant. SRSU agrees to provide lunch, rooms, and/or other related services to facilitate the visit.

3. Each semester, SRSU will provide to the MC University Center printed schedules showing the upcoming semester's distance education and on-campus offerings.
4. To facilitate Midland College's ability to offer retroactive Associate Degrees, the Office of the Registrar at SRSU will develop a plan whereby transcript information for students who transferred to SRSU prior to earning an Associate Degree will be reported back to the MC Registrar's Office and to the MC University Center to achieve said degree.
5. Admission to the SRSU@MC Program is granted when a student is admitted to BOTH Midland College and Sul Ross State University. Requirements for admission are those specified in the MC and SRSU catalogs for the academic year in which the student is admitted. Both the Associate and Baccalaureate degree plans required of the student will be those shown in the catalog for the year in which the student is admitted to the SRSU@MC Program.
6. Prior to taking upper level classes, students must:
  - a. meet SRSU requirements as described in the SRSU catalog
  - b. satisfy TSI requirements
  - c. comply with any health regulation and provide proof of same as required by law and set by degree-accrediting agency.
7. The baccalaureate degree offered by Sul Ross through the University Center at Midland College will require:
  - a. A minimum of 39 sch from SRSU. Of these 39 sch, 33 sch must be advanced
  - b. SRSU will automatically accept a minimum of 66 transferrable sch from MC
  - c. The remaining 15 sch required for the baccalaureate degree will be jointly agreed upon by both SRSU and MC advisors.
8. When a student has completed the application form for the SRSU@MC program of choice, and has been admitted to the SRSU@MC Program, the student will be provided with a packet of information including:
  - a. a signed Associate Degree plan from MC
  - b. a signed Baccalaureate Degree plan from SRSU
  - c. a list of applicable MC-SRSU course equivalents
  - d. financial aid information
  - e. other materials as neededStudents admitted to the SRSU@MC Program will be considered students of both institutions and will enjoy the privileges afforded to students at both institutions.
9. The SRSU@MC Program will promote scholarly interaction

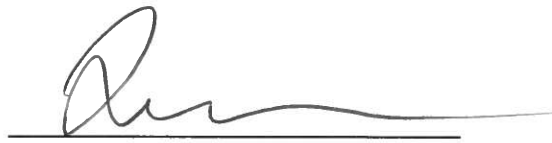
between the faculty of SRSU and MC. Faculty will collaborate to assure that curricula at both institutions are strengthened. The SRSU@MC Program at SRSU will work with the MC University Center to identify distance education format courses that would benefit students in both colleges' service areas.

10. Each Fall, the SRSU@MC Program at SRSU will report the academic performance of MC students to the University Center at Midland College.
11. Each Fall, representatives of Sul Ross and Midland College will review and, where appropriate, modify this agreement.
12. A consortial agreement will exist between MC and SRSU to facilitate financial aid for students in the SRSU@MC Program.
13. A consortial agreement between MC and SRSU will exist to facilitate the exchange of documents for students in the SRSU@MC Program.
14. This agreement and supported programs shall begin upon acceptance and continue for an indefinite period.

Signed on March \_\_, 2014



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