

**An Articulation Agreement
Between
Heartland Community College
and
The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University**

Heartland Community College (HCC) and the Board of Trustees of Illinois State University (ISU) hereby form a cooperative relationship through this articulation agreement to better serve our public constituents, to smooth the transfer process, to minimize duplication of instruction and to build on community college and university learning experiences. Both institutions recognize that by working together, their collective efforts are stronger than their individual efforts.

The two institutions agree to the following:

1. Students who successfully complete the Associates of Art degree with a major in Criminal Justice at HCC and meet all general ISU and program admission criteria, will be admitted to ISU.
2. Acceptance into the Criminal Justice Sciences program at ISU is based on each individual transfer student meeting the conditions and considerations listed for the program. Students who apply for the Criminal Justice Sciences program at ISU must have a minimum HCC GPA of 2.0 (if the student has attended multiple schools, the transfer GPA must be a cumulative 2.0 GPA of all institutions attended) and apply between the dates of August 1 and January 15 for admission into the major to matriculate the following August.
3. For the smoothest transfer, it is recommended that students follow the suggested "Recommended Transfer Guide Heartland Community College to Illinois State University" (Exhibit A). The courses on this Guide should be completed by the time of transfer from HCC. Courses on this Guide have been reviewed and accepted for transfer to ISU as part of the Criminal Justice Sciences major.
4. This agreement does not guarantee admission for students seeking readmission or reinstatement to ISU.
5. Heartland Community College and ISU will collaborate and coordinate the recruitment and transfer of students in accordance with the program and degree requirements of their respective institutions. HCC will inform prospective students of this program during student recruiting activities through co-branded marketing materials and/or other mutually agreed upon means. HCC will publish the details of this agreement on their website for the benefit of students interested in participating in the program. ISU and HCC will jointly approve any and all advertising related to the Guaranteed Admission Program. ISU will provide online or print information regarding its academic program requirements and transfer credit policies.
6. Relationships between HCC and ISU faculty and administration are in the spirit of cooperation and provide the basis of this agreement.

7. Representatives of both institutions agree to meet on a regular basis, but at least every other year, to assess curricular changes and other conditions that may affect the nature of the agreement.
8. This agreement does not preclude either institution from making curriculum changes. However, appropriate notice must be given to personnel at the cooperating institution and provided that such changes would not prevent any student from successfully completing the program under the terms and conditions as were in effect at the time the student was admitted.
9. Either ISU or HCC may terminate this agreement by giving one year's advance notice to the cooperating institution's chief academic officer. All students admitted to ISU or enrolled at ISU at the time such termination becomes effective shall be permitted the opportunity to complete their degree or program upon such terms and conditions as were in effect at the time such student was admitted.
10. This agreement will become effective upon signature by all parties, and will continue for a period of one (1) year, and is subject to renewal every other year for a period not to exceed ten (10) years, unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 8 above.
11. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, of the other, unless such liability is imposed by law and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other or against third parties.
12. Both parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action laws, orders, and regulations. Neither party shall engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, status as a veteran, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking).
13. The relationship of each party to the other under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractor, and no employment, partnership, or joint venture relationship shall be created by the entry into or performance of this Agreement by the parties.
14. Both parties affirm that, to the best of its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between such party's family, business, or financial interests and its obligations under this Agreement; and, in the event of a change in either of its private interests or obligations under this Agreement, and such party will raise to the other any questions regarding a possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.
15. This Agreement may not be assigned to either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The Agreement, attachments, and incorporated references shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the content of said Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended by either party unless such amendment is mutually acceptable to both parties and is reduced to writing and signed by both parties.

16. The failure of either party to enforce any provision hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of such party's right to enforce such provisions in the future. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions, shall remain in full force and effect. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to the conflicts of laws. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be brought only in the appropriate courts located in Illinois. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute a single instrument.
17. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
18. **Confidentiality.** Both ISU and HCC may receive confidential information about student records and/or institutional practices as a result of participation associated with this Articulation Agreement. ISU and HCC agree to abide by the student protections as outlined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.
19. **Use of Trademark.** ISU and HCC agree to grant mutual, non-exclusive, non-transferable rights to utilize each other's trademarks, logos, or other institutional identifiers for the purposes of promoting the transfer agreement. Should improper use of any trademark by either institution be determined, ISU and HCC shall collaboratively work to rectify the usage. Usage does not grant any right or interest to acquire said trademarks.
20. Any notice required hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered in person or three (3) days after being sent by first class mail to the following addresses, which may be changed by notice provided pursuant to this Agreement:

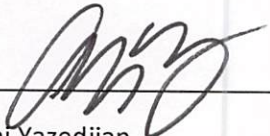
For Illinois State University:
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 Illinois State University
 Campus Box 5250
 Normal, IL 61790-5250

Heartland Community College:
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 Heartland Community College
 1500 W Raab Rd
 Normal, IL 61761

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date below.

The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University

Heartland Community College



 Dr. Ani Yazedjian
 Interim Provost

12-15-23

Date



 Dr. Rick Pearce
 Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs

1-19-24

Date

Reviewed and Approved
 as to legal form
 Office of General Counsel

**Recommended Transfer Guide
Heartland Community College to Illinois State University
(Exhibit A)**

Heartland Community College

First Semester

COMM 101	3	
ENGL 101	3	
IAI Math	3	
IAI Humanities	3	
SOC 101	3	(satisfies IDEAS requirement)

Second Semester

ENGL 102	3	
IAI Life Science	3	
IAI Fine Arts	3	
PSY 101	3	
CRJ 101	3	

Third Semester

IAI Humanities or Fine Arts	3	
IAI Social/Behavioral Science	3	
IAI Physical Science	3	
CRJ 200	3	
CRJ 202	3	

Fourth Semester

CRJ 201	3	
CRJ 204	3	
CRJ Elective	3	
General Elective	3	
General Elective	3	

Illinois State University

Fifth Semester

AMALI	3	
CJS Elective	3	
CJS Elective	3	
University Wide Elective	3	
University Wide Elective	3	

Sixth Semester

CJS 300	3	
CJS Elective	3	

University Wide Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3
Bachelor of Arts or Science	3

Seventh Semester

CJS Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3

Eighth Semester

CJS 398A01	6
CJS Elective	3
CJS Elective	3
University Wide Elective	3

Total number of hours: 120 hours