



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

Heartland Community College 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 transfer, to minimize duplication of instruction, and to build on community college and university learning experiences. Both institutions recognize that working together, their collective efforts are stronger than their individual efforts.

The two institutions agree to the following:

1. Students who successfully complete the Associate in Arts – Concentration in Agriculture program at Heartland Community College and meet all general ISU and program admission criteria will be admitted to ISU, and generally, would be placed at the junior level.
2. Acceptance into a specific ISU degree program is based on each individual transfer student meeting the conditions and considerations listed for that program. Specifically, students successfully completing an Associate in Arts – Concentration in Agriculture program at Heartland Community College with a 2.0 cumulative GPA or higher, as prescribed in the attached transfer Guide, will be admitted to the Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture-Agribusiness Sequence program at ISU.
3. The courses listed in the attached Transfer Guide that prescribes Heartland Community College courses have been reviewed and accepted for transfer to ISU as part of the B.S. in Agriculture-Agribusiness sequence program. Students will meet all ISU graduation requirements, including General Education, as a condition of receiving an ISU B.S. degree.
4. Relationships between Heartland Community College and ISU faculty and administration are in the spirit of cooperation, and provide the basis of this agreement.
5. Representatives of both institutions agree to meet on a regular basis, but at least biannually, to assess curricular changes and other conditions that may affect the nature of the agreement.
6. This agreement does not preclude either institution from making curriculum changes as it may solely deem appropriate in which case appropriate notice will be given to the operative academic personnel at the cooperating institution.
7. Subject to review and approval by both parties, appropriate publications and promotional materials regarding this agreement will be made available to all Heartland Community College students with interest.
8. Either ISU or Heartland Community College may terminate this agreement by giving one year's advance notice to the cooperating institution's president or academic vice president. 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.
9. This agreement is effective with the 2017- 2018 academic year and is subject to renewal biannually for a total period not to exceed ten (10) years.
10. 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.
11. 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, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, disability,

12. unfavorable discharge from the military, protective order status, or status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era.
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 change in either its private interests or obligations under this Agreement, and such party will raise to the other any questions regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.
15. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This Agreement, attachments, and incorporated references shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior communications and writings 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 federal or state courts located in Illinois, all protest based on jurisdiction or venue being hereby waived. 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. 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 ISU

Dr. Robert Rhykerd, Chair  
 Department of Agriculture  
 Illinois State University  
 Normal, IL 61790-5020


For Heartland Community College

Lauren Denofrio-Corrales, Instructional Chair  
 Science, STEM and Business  
 Heartland Community College  
 1500 West Raab Road  
 Normal, Illinois 61761


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University**

**Heartland Community College**

  
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 Dr. Jan Murphy  
 Vice President and Provost

9.1.17  
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 Date

  
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 Dr. Rick Pearce  
 Vice President of Learning and Student Success

8-29-17  
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 Date

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 as to legal form  
 Office of General Counsel**

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**Agriculture  
 Transfer Guide  
 Between  
 Heartland Community College  
 and Illinois State University**

**Heartland Community College  
 First & Second Year**

**General Education Core Curriculum (GECC)**

**Major/Program Related Courses**

<u>Areas</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
<b>COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>9 hours/ three courses</b>
<i>Two courses written/one course oral</i>	
ENG 101	3.0
ENG 102	3.0
COMM 101	3.0
<b>MATHEMATICS</b>	<b>3 hours/one course</b>
MATH 141	4.0
<b>SCIENCES</b>	<b>7 hours/two courses</b>
<i>At least one Physical/ one Life/one must include a lab</i>	
CHEM 120	4.0
IAI Biology	4.0
<b>HUMANITIES &amp; FINE ARTS</b>	<b>9 hours/three courses*</b>
<i>*At least one Humanities and one Fine Arts</i>	
IAI Humanities	3.0
IAI Fine Arts	3.0
IAI H or FA	3.0
<b>SOCIAL &amp; BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE</b>	<b>9 hours/ three courses*</b>
<i>*Two disciplines must be represented.</i>	
ECON 101	3.0
ECON 102	3.0
IAI Social Sci	3.0

<u>Course Dept. &amp; Title From Sending Institution</u>	<u>Hrs.</u>
MATH 111 Finite Math	4.0
Elective	3.0
Elective	2.0
ACCT 200 Financial Acct	3.0
AGRI 110 Intro Ag Econ	3.0
AGRI 120 Intro Horticulture	3.0
AGRI or BUS Elective	3.0

**Sub Total      60 hrs.**

**Only 70 semester hours from a Community College will apply toward 120 semester hours required for graduation.**

Students must satisfactorily complete the following course requirements at Illinois State University to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture-Agribusiness Sequence

**Illinois State University**
**Third & Fourth Year**
**Major/Program**
**First Semester**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Dept. &amp; Title</u>	<u>Sem. Hrs.</u>
AGR 109 Intro to Agricultural Industry		3.0
Agribusiness Senior Elective		3.0
AGR 130 or 170		3.0
Business Senior Elective		3.0
Agribusiness Senior Elective		3.0

**Second Semester**

Agribusiness Senior Elective		3.0
Agribusiness Senior Elective		3.0
AGR 150 or 157		4.0
Business Senior Elective		3.0
AGR Senior Elective		3.0

**Third Semester**

AGR 203 Agriculture & the Environment		3.0
ISU Global Studies Course		3.0
Senior Elective		6.0
Business/Econ Senior Elective		3.0

**Fourth Semester**

AGR 205 Microcomputer Apps in Agriculture		3.0
AGR Elective		2.0
Senior Elective		6.0
Business/Econ Elective		3.0

**Sub Total            60 hrs.**

**Grand Total**

**Must equal 120 or more semester hours            120.hrs**  
**(Must include 42 senior hours)                    42 hrs.**

AGR 203 satisfies the SMT requirement for the BS Degree