

Illinois State University Honors Program and HCC Honors Program

This constitutes an agreement between The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University ("ISU") and Heartland Community College ("HCC") concerning requirements for admission into the Illinois State University Honors Program. The purpose of the agreement is to formalize an understanding of cooperation between the two institutions in order to assist HCC honors students in their admission and transfer to the Honors Program at Illinois State University. The agreement is based on an analysis of the program requirements for the HCC Honors Program and the Illinois State University Honors Program in 2017. It is understood that this agreement will be reviewed and, if necessary, modified when either institution issues a new catalog or alters program requirements, or as otherwise desired by both parties.

Heartland Community College Honors Program:

The Honors Program at Heartland Community College seeks to provide qualified students the challenges inherent in enriched and advanced study related to general education courses and/or areas of concentration or specialization. The HCC Program is based on the core tenets of Phi Theta Kappa: Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. Honors students at Heartland Community College have the opportunity to work on individual research with instructors and participate in honors courses with fellow honors students.

Honors students at Heartland Community College who have completed a minimum of 4 credit hours of honors seminar coursework, 2 credit hours of service learning coursework, and two in-course honors projects have a special designation placed on their transcript, and are recognized at commencement.

Illinois State University Honors Program:

The Honors Program at Illinois State University strives to enrich students' learning experiences by providing opportunities, resources, and support for its Honors students to customize their learning in ways that are valuable to them across all disciplines. The ISU Honors Program framework is comprised of six dimensions of learning, which are considered the learning outcomes of the program. Students explore these learning outcomes through six Honors learning experience options, allowing them to choose the experiences that best suit their interests and goals.

Honors Program students at Illinois State University must complete a minimum of one Honors learning experience per semester, and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.3 each semester. Students who maintain these requirements have a special designation placed on their transcript and are recognized at commencement.

Terms of the Agreement:

ISU and HCC mutually agree that the following arrangements for honors work done at Heartland Community College shall count at Illinois State University, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Articulation Agreement:

1. A student who graduates from the HCC Honors Program may transfer to Illinois State as a member of the Honors Program as long as the other ISU transfer requirements are satisfied. An HCC Honors Program student who has not graduated from the HCC Honors Program may also transfer to Illinois State University as a member of the ISU Honors Program if he or she meets the admission requirements of the Honors Program at Illinois State University.
2. Notification of a student's intent to join the ISU Honors Program should be provided by HCC or the student in the semester prior to ISU admission.
3. The HCC student must submit a completed transfer application to Illinois State University and a form to ISU's Honors Program indicating that they are a current HCC Honors student.
4. This Agreement will become effective upon signature by all parties, and will continue for a period of one (1) year, and will be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year terms for a total of five (5) years, unless earlier terminated in accordance with the terms hereof. The parties may mutually agree to renew and/or amend this Agreement. Any such renewal or amendment will be reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
5. 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.
6. Either party may terminate this Agreement for any reason upon at least sixty (60) days written notice to the other party, provided that any student enrolled at Heartland in the final year of the AA or AS program who submits an application in the year in which the Agreement is terminated, shall be allowed to enroll at ISU under the terms outlined in this Agreement.
7. 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, unfavorable discharge from the military, protective order status, or status as a disabled veteran or a veteran of the Vietnam era.
8. Neither party shall use the name of the other in any written material without the prior written consent of the other party.
9. 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.
10. HCC affirms that, to the best of its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between HCC'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, HCC will raise with ISU any questions regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.

ISU affirms that, to the best of its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between ISU'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, ISU will raise with HCC any questions regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.

11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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:
 - a. For Illinois State University:
Honors Program
Illinois State University
Campus Box 6100
Normal, IL 61790-6100
 - b. For Heartland Community College:
Office of the Vice President for Learning and Student Success
Heartland Community College
1500 W. Raab Road
Normal, IL 61761
14. 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.

