

Articulation Agreement (Undergraduate)
between
San Joaquin Valley College
And
Grand Canyon University

Grand Canyon University ("GCU") hereby establishes an Articulation Agreement to facilitate students' transfer from San Joaquin Valley College to Undergraduate Programs at GCU.

I. PURPOSE

- A. This Articulation Agreement formally recognizes that San Joaquin Valley College and GCU are committed to providing greater educational opportunities and services for students who transfer. This commitment strongly supports the concept of seamless transfer that embraces the principle that transfer students should not be required to repeat competencies already demonstrated.
- B. The purpose of this collaboration is to facilitate the matriculation of San Joaquin Valley College students to an academically challenging baccalaureate degree through Grand Canyon University.
- C. Grand Canyon University enters into this Articulation Agreement in the spirit of recognizing San Joaquin Valley College as a quality institution with a history of demonstrated excellence delivering high quality educational programs. Each institution, furthermore, was and is dedicated to serving students from all backgrounds, regardless of age, race, color, national origin, gender, disability, or any other classification protected by applicable law in its programs or activities.
- D. Through ongoing communication with San Joaquin Valley College graduates, GCU will better understand the needs of students who are transferring and cooperate in responding to these needs.

II. TRANSFER ELEMENTS

A. Treatment of Associate Degrees and General Education Core as Admission Criteria

- 1. This Articulation Agreement establishes the principle that all applicable Associate Degrees at San Joaquin Valley College transfer to GCU, allowing San Joaquin Valley College Associate degrees to combine with GCU's baccalaureate degree. Credits are accepted and applied toward the designated/appropriate college degree(s). Articulated Associate degrees will be identified, maintained, and available as Appendix A to this Articulation Agreement.
- 2. San Joaquin Valley College graduates with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, courses numbered 100 and above, entering under the terms of this Articulation Agreement will transfer into Grand Canyon University as long as the courses apply to their program requirements. Students should be advised that some degree programs at GCU have competitive admissions or require college-specific admission requirements beyond the University level admission requirements. These college-specific admission requirements are available in the GCU Policy Handbook located on www.gcu.edu.
- 3. San Joaquin Valley College graduates will follow GCU's transfer process and, therefore, must meet all applicable requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for

admission, advising, registration, length of program availability, and payment of tuition and fees. They will abide by the policies and procedures, along with any revisions thereof that apply to all students from that institution.

4. In order to complete the baccalaureate program in a timely manner, students are advised to follow the Transfer Guide for the academic program they plan to pursue at GCU (See Appendix C). If the student intends to change degree focus upon admission to GCU, the student may be required to complete some lower division preparation work prior to beginning the program at GCU.

B. Treatment of San Joaquin Valley College Coursework

Students who transfer to GCU with less than an Associate Degree and have not completed the General Education requirements will complete their General Education requirements at GCU. However, if these students have taken equivalent General Education courses at San Joaquin Valley College, these courses will be accepted toward satisfying General Education requirements at GCU (See Appendix B).

C. Total Number of Transferable Credits

The determination of how many credit hours GCU may accept from San Joaquin Valley College programs is subject to accreditations and regulatory requirements. GCU agrees to provide an Articulation Agreement for San Joaquin Valley College Associate Degrees. A maximum of 90 hours of transfer credit, no more than 84 credits of which can be lower division, can be applied to an undergraduate program at GCU. After GCU evaluates the student's transfer credits, GCU will only apply those transfer credits that fulfill program requirements including general education, electives, and, with college approval, courses in the program major.

D. Evaluation Process

There will be an evaluation of the partnership supported by this Articulation Agreement every two years. The information obtained from this evaluation will be used to improve the transfer process for the benefit of students.

III. OTHER ITEMS RELATED TO THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

A. Internship and Work Study Agreements

If applicable to the student's program GCU will endeavor to provide internship and work-study opportunities for San Joaquin Valley College transfer students. These opportunities will be based on availability and students must be enrolled in a course to be considered eligible. It is understood that internship and work-study employment decisions are made by the employers, not GCU. Also, applicable U.S. Federal Regulations, INS guidelines and all other laws and regulations will be followed.

B. Creating and Distributing GCU Materials

All GCU-related printed and media materials created by San Joaquin Valley College shall be approved by GCU prior to their use.

C. Longevity of the Articulation Agreement

This Articulation Agreement shall be effective immediately upon approval and shall continue in force and effect until terminated by Grand Canyon University or San Joaquin Valley College. Either party may terminate this Articulation Agreement with a 45 day written notice. Immediate termination will occur if either Grand Canyon University or San Joaquin Valley College loses their current accreditation status. If an agreement is terminated due to the loss of accreditation the Articulation Agreement will end retroactive to the date the accreditation status changed. In the event of termination, GCU agrees to ensure students currently enrolled in a program under this Articulation Agreement will be given the opportunity to complete their degree with GCU.

D. Opportunities to Expand the Articulation Agreement

GCU may choose to expand this Articulation Agreement as mutually beneficial opportunities are presented or in response to the needs that are identified.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES OF GCU

GCU will provide enrollment counseling and/or academic advising to San Joaquin Valley College students upon notification of intent to transfer. Additionally, GCU will provide the University Policy Handbook, Academic Catalog, and other information to San Joaquin Valley College students to facilitate their understanding of University requirements and academic programs.

GCU may place San Joaquin Valley College students, interested in attending GCU, on its mailing list and invite the students to participate in cultural events, social activities, and presentations open to the public.

V. JOINT RESPONSIBILITIES

San Joaquin Valley College and GCU agree to exchange data and documents as agreed that will contribute to the maintenance and improvement of these transfer arrangements, and promote effective cooperation between the two institutions. The Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) governs the disclosure of information about students. The institutions may exchange admissions, grades, and retention data after obtaining appropriate permission from the students involved, if applicable, and in compliance with all federal, state, and local guidelines.

In collaboration with San Joaquin Valley College, the development, distribution, and accuracy of all transfer articulation products (e.g., Transfer Guide) are the responsibility of GCU.

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