

Options for the Transfer Student

As a student in Michigan you have the advantage of an outstanding higher education system that provides many paths to a college degree.

The following tools are designed to help you as you navigate your educational experience:

- Michigan Transfer Agreement
- Transfer Guides/Plans
- Articulation Agreements (2+2, 3+1, etc.)
- Other Transfer Student Resources



Michigan Transfer Agreement

The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) was designed to help you transfer from your community college to a Michigan four-year college or university. The MTA replaced the previous MACRAO Transfer Agreement in the Fall of 2014. Students currently pursuing the MACRAO Transfer Agreement guidelines have until the end of the summer semester of 2019 to complete the requirements. Students pursuing the MACRAO Transfer Agreement are encouraged to work with their advisors in order to ensure timely completion.

If you are unsure about which academic program to pursue and/or about which four-year college or university to transfer to, the MTA is an excellent resource to utilize when selecting

community college courses. Within this plan one completes a minimum of 30 semester hours of college-level credit which will fulfill a portion of the lower-division general education requirements at participating four-year colleges or universities. This plan includes the following:

- One course in English Composition
- A second course in English Composition or one course in Communications
- Two courses in Social Sciences (from two disciplines)
- Two courses in Natural Sciences including one with laboratory experience (from two disciplines)
- Two courses in Humanities/Fine Arts (from two disciplines excluding studio and performance classes)
- One math course in College Algebra, Statistics or Quantitative Reasoning, or an advanced level course in any of these areas will also be accepted

Note: Each course must be completed with a grade of 2.0 or higher.

To review the previous MACRAO requirements visit:

www.macrao.org/Publications/MACRAOAgreement.asp

Student Responsibilities

Many Michigan colleges and universities participate in the MTA, but it is the responsibility of the student to understand how the MTA fulfills general education requirements at their preferred transfer institution.

Some participating colleges and universities may require you to complete additional courses that cannot be satisfied with the courses listed within the categories of this agreement. To learn about a four-year institution's requirements, you should contact your college counselor or academic advisor.

When I am ready to transfer, how can I be sure that the Michigan Transfer Agreement will be applied to my four-year degree?

You are encouraged to inquire about your community college's policy regarding the review of your transcripts in order to determine whether or not a MTA has been satisfied. Note that some schools automatically include the MTA on your transcripts when you have earned an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree. If you do not plan to earn a two-year degree, you may be required to request a review of your transcripts.

Upon receipt of your community college transcripts which include the "Michigan Transfer Agreement Satisfied" statement, the participating four-year school will appropriately apply it to your bachelor's degree requirements.

Transfer Guides

If you have decided on an academic program and you know which four-year college or university you plan to transfer to, a transfer guide is your best resource when selecting community college courses.

Usually, transfer guides (may also be referred to as curricular guides or transfer plans) will include courses offered by the community college that transfer to the four-year school and fulfill requirements within a bachelor's degree. Transfer guides may also include other pertinent information such as admission requirements for a major, academic grade requirements, knowledge/skills gained within the major, and career information.

Although most four-year colleges and universities make transfer guides available on their institution's website, many community colleges

will also link to them from their website. You are encouraged to contact your community college counselor/advisor and four year school.

Articulation Agreements

An articulation agreement is a formally signed agreement between two partner colleges or universities. Depending on your situation, it can be an excellent path towards completing your educational goals.

Although an articulation agreement is similar to a transfer guide, it usually includes a value-added component. This could be pre-approved course substitutions, a block of two-year college courses which fulfill a block of four-year college or university courses, full acceptance of a two-year technical or applied degree as fulfilling half of a four-year degree (2+2), and/or allowance of more than the maximum number of credits transferring from the community college (3+1).

As you can see, an articulation agreement is a more detailed transfer guide. For more information regarding articulation agreements, you should contact your college counselor or academic advisor.



Other Transfer Student Resources

There are many resources available to help make your path to a bachelor's degree a smooth one; you are encouraged to take advantage of them.

College Advising/Counseling Office:

Your two-year college counselors and academic advisors can assist you with career information, four-year college options, and transfer plans (Michigan Transfer Agreement, transfer guides, and articulation agreements).

MACRAO's website, www.macrao.org, provides links to Michigan college websites, transfer fairs hosted by community colleges and the Michigan Transfer Network.

Michigan Transfer Network allows students to view transfer course equivalencies between many Michigan colleges and universities. If you wish to view how your courses will transfer to another college or university, go to www.michigantransfernetwork.org.

Admissions representatives from four-year colleges and universities can help you with the transfer admissions process. They can also provide information regarding transfer credit, transfer guides and articulation agreements, transfer scholarships, and other transfer student information.

Michigan College Access Network, www.micollegeaccess.org, coordinates Michigan college access resources, programs and services.

Transfer Resources for the Michigan Community College Student



*Transferring
College Credit
within the State of Michigan*

