

## OAKLAND UNIVERSITY ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Oakland University, a Michigan constitutional body corporate and institution of higher education located in Rochester, Michigan ("OU") and the institution of higher education identified in **Exhibit 1** that is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Institution") enter into this Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") as of the date of the last signature below. OU and the Institution may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, the Parties recognize the benefits of cooperation regarding their respective educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to create an agreement to create an articulation arrangement (the "Articulation") that will allow students to obtain the bachelor's degree identified in **Exhibit 1** (the "Degree") from OU upon successful completion of coursework in accordance with the curriculum guide attached in **Exhibit 2** and incorporated herein by reference, and OU's Degree program.

THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Articulation Requirements. Students interested in participating in the Articulation must:
  - a. Complete the required coursework as specified in the curriculum guide attached in **Exhibit 2**, and
  - b. Apply to, and be admitted by, OU. In addition, where applicable, students must apply to, and be admitted by OU, into the Degree major. Applicants will be considered for admission to OU based upon OU's criteria for undergraduate admission as such criteria are revised from time-to-time, completion of coursework at the Institution, including without limitation completion of the coursework specified in the curriculum guide attached as **Exhibit 2**, does not guarantee admission to OU or to any particular major.
2. OU's Degree Requirements. Students enrolled in OU's Degree program pursuant to this Agreement must:
  - a. Satisfy all of OU's requirements for progression, retention and graduation for the Degree program as stated in the applicable OU catalog(s) when the student is admitted to OU; and
  - b. Comply with OU's academic, conduct and other requirements, policies, codes, ordinances and regulations while attending OU.
3. Transfer of Credits. OU will accept a transfer of courses identified as approved for transfer in OU's transfer equivalency tool in which a student earned a grade of 2.0 (numerical grading system) or C- (alpha grading system) or better and those credits will be indicated on the student's OU transcript. This grade requirement only applies to the minimum grade required to transfer the credits to OU. Program and major grade requirements may differ from these minimum transfer requirements. If any credits were awarded by an institution other than the Institution, then the awarding institution must have been regionally accredited when the credits were awarded. OU will not accept the transfer of credits for a non-OU course if the student re-takes the equivalent course at OU. If a student in the Articulation subsequently transfers out of OU's Degree program,

then all of the student's transfer credits will be re-evaluated -- and may be denied -- based upon OU's transfer policies in effect at that time.

4. Grade Point Average. A student's grade point average for the Degree program will be the grade point average earned in courses taken at OU.
5. Communication. The Parties will cooperate in communicating with each other and with their common and respective audiences concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. The Parties will also communicate curriculum changes which may affect the articulated programs at their respective institutions.
6. Marketing. Each Party will be responsible for marketing the Articulation to their respective student and/or faculty populations. Each party may provide a link on its website to the other Party's website.
7. Student Information. To the extent permitted by law, OU may provide aggregate, non-personally identifiable, student performance information to annually and upon request to the Institution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, both Parties will comply with the Family Rights and Privacy Act and its implementing regulations.
8. Term. The term of this Agreement will commence and expire on the dates set forth in **Exhibit 1**, unless terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement. Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time and without cause upon one hundred eighty (180) calendar day's prior written notice. In addition, either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon ten (10) days' prior notice ("Notice Period") if the other Party breaches this Agreement and fails to cure the breach – to the non-breaching Party's reasonable satisfaction – within the Notice Period. All students participating in the Articulation as of the date that this Agreement is terminated will be allowed to complete the Articulation under the terms of this Agreement but only if those students apply to and are admitted by OU within three (3) years of the date that this Agreement is terminated.
9. Accreditation. The Parties will maintain their respective regional accreditation during the term of this Agreement and each Party will notify the other immediately if their regional accreditation is revoked, suspended or limited for any reason. If either Party's accreditation is revoked, suspended or limited, the other Party may terminate this Agreement immediately and the Parties will, to the extent practicable, cooperate to accommodate students in the Articulation at the time and at the Party that remains properly accredited.
10. Oversight. Representatives from each Party will meet regularly to review the Articulation, the curriculum guide attached as **Exhibit 2**, and the terms of this Agreement.
11. Notices. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder must be in writing and must be mailed by first class, registered or certified mail, postage paid, or delivered personally, by overnight delivery service, by facsimile, or by electronic transmission with confirmation of receipt, addressed as specified in **Exhibit 1**. Either Party may, by like notice, specify or change an address to which notices and communications must thereafter be sent.
12. Indemnity. To the extent permitted by Michigan law, the Parties will defend, indemnify, and hold each other, and the other institution's trustees, officers, employees, students,

volunteers, agents, representatives and designees, in both their official and personal capacities, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, damages, judgments, liabilities, losses and expenses including without limitation property damage, personal or bodily injury to or death of any person, and reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses of litigation, to which one Party may become subject actually or allegedly arising out of or relating to: (a) any failure of the indemnifying Party to observe or perform any of the covenants, conditions, agreements or obligations observed or performed pursuant to this Agreement; and (b) any gross negligence or willful misconduct of the indemnifying Party. This provision will survive termination or expiration of this Agreement.

13. Miscellaneous. Neither Party may assign this Agreement without the other Party's prior written consent. The invalidity or unenforceability of any term or provision of this Agreement will in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other term or provision. A waiver by either Party of any provision or breach of this Agreement will not waive any other provision or breach, nor will the same be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach, either of the same provision or otherwise. Except for indemnity and hold harmless obligations arising out of third party claims, neither Party will be liable to the other for, and the Parties hereby release each other from, any liability for special, incidental, punitive and/or consequential damages of any kind, nature or description, including without limitation lost revenues or profits, even if either Party had knowledge of the possibility of such potential loss or damage. Neither Party will be liable for any losses or damages of any kind, nature or description caused by fire, water, accident, weather, riot, strike, act of God, acts of terrorism or any other cause beyond that Party's control. The captions or headings in this Agreement are for convenience only and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of any term, clause, provision or paragraph. This Agreement and the recitals contain the entire agreement between the Parties, and will be binding upon the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. No amendment to this Agreement will be effective unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties' authorized representatives. This Agreement is for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Parties, and neither institution intends to create a benefit in favor of any other person, entity or third party including, without limitation, any student, parent, guardian or other third party. In the performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Agreement, the Parties are each independent contractors and neither is a partner, joint venturer, employee or servant of the other, and each is responsible only for its own conduct.
14. Applicable Law. Michigan law, including without limitation the Michigan Persons with Disabilities Civil Rights Act, the Michigan Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act and the Michigan Governmental Tort Liability Act ("Act"), all as may be amended from time to time, including the provision that illegal discrimination by either Party may be considered a material breach of this Agreement, will govern the validity, construction and performance of this Agreement. Michigan will be the forum for any legal or equitable proceedings in connection with this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, whether express or implied, no provision of this Agreement waives either Party's rights under the Act or effectively creates any direct or indirect liability for either Party otherwise prohibited by the Act.

15. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, all of which taken together will constitute one single Agreement between the Parties.

**OU:**

*Jennifer C Thor*

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Jennifer Cordon Thor, J.D.  
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Director, Interdisciplinary Studies

Dated: 1/30/2025

*Kevin J. Corcoran*

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Kevin J. Corcoran, Ph.D.  
Interim Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

Dated: Feb 5, 2025

**Institution:**

*Pete Lacey*

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Pete Lacey, Ph.D.  
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Chief Partnership Officer/Senior Vice Pre

Dated: 02/12/2025

*Ethan J. Flick*

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Chief Academic Officer/Senior Vice Presi

Dated: 02/14/2025

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## Exhibit 1

**1. Institution Name:**

St. Clair County Community College

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**2. Degree Name:**

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

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**3. Agreement Commencement Date:**

4/1/2025

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**4. Agreement Expiration Date:**

3/31/2030

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**5. Notices to OU:**

Office of the Provost and Legal Affairs

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371 Wilson Blvd. Suite 3000

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Rochester, MI 48309

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**6. Notices to the Institution:**

Academic Services

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323 Erie St., P.O. Box 5015

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Port Huron, MI 48061-5015

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Articulation Agreement  
Between Oakland University and St. Clair County Community College  
For a Bachelor's of Interdisciplinary Studies

**Exhibit 2 Curriculum Guide:** Effective April 1, 2025- March 31, 2030

The Interdisciplinary Studies program allows students to combine courses from the university curriculum with associate degrees from Michigan community colleges. The **three-plus-one** program provides for transfer **up to 88 semester credits** from accredited two-year community colleges in Michigan. The program requires that courses accepted for transfer must have a grade of C- or above and that all coursework has been taken at accredited institutions.

The Interdisciplinary Studies program is a degree that allows students to design a **customized plan of study** that is directly related to their career and educational goals. The degree is transfer-friendly as it can apply most transferable credits allowing students to maximize their past coursework by integrating it with their coursework at OU.

**Curriculum Guide**

**Complete at St. Clair County Community College:**

1. Complete any associate degree from St. Clair County Community College:
  - a. Associate in Arts Transfer, Associate in Science Transfer, Associate in Business Transfer, Associate in Applied Science, or Associate in General Education.

**Complete before or after transfer to Oakland University:**

2. The Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) or OU General Education categories to ensure maximum transferability of 88 credits.

**Complete at Oakland University:**

3. BIS and University requirements for degree. This can be completed in a minimum of 32 credits.
4. Meet with a BIS Adviser to complete required application steps to achieve major-standing in Interdisciplinary Studies. This includes course work selection, written rationale, and approval by the BIS faculty council. The BIS academic advising office can be contacted at (248) 370-3229 or [bis@oakland.edu](mailto:bis@oakland.edu).

**Notes:**

The Interdisciplinary Studies major also offers [Law School Partnerships](#) with Wayne State University Law School and the University of Detroit Mercy Law School. Students may double count their first 30 credits from Law School as their last 30 credits at Oakland University to complete their bachelor's degree and law degree in six years.

Admission to Wayne or Detroit Mercy Law is not guaranteed: [read more](#) about pre-law studies at OU!

A focus area option for BIS students is to prepare for the **Accelerated Second Degree (ASD) Nursing program**. Student's complete all prerequisites required for the ASD program along with approved integrative coursework.

Other focus area options may include (but are not limited to) **self-designed interdisciplinary programs** with focuses in business leadership/communication, entrepreneurship, public health administration, creative design/writing, broadcasting, IT/cybersecurity, public service, pre-professional programs, etc. The opportunities are endless with Interdisciplinary Studies!

Students may also choose this program to **prepare for graduate school** by completing required prerequisites along with other coursework to prepare for the next step in their education.

A Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree allows highly motivated students considering going to graduate school to study **clinical mental health counseling or school counseling** to earn both their undergraduate and graduate degrees in less time with the Combined B.I.S./Clinical Mental Health M.A. or the Combined B.I.S./School Counseling M.A. Students in this program complete 12 graduate-level credits at undergraduate tuition rates.

**Please contact the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies at [bis@oakland.edu](mailto:bis@oakland.edu) or 248-370-3229 for more information regarding the program, or visit their [website](#).**