

MITRANSFER PATHWAYS

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

COMMUNICATION

TO: MiTransfer Pathway Communication Participating Institutions

FROM: Michigan Community College Association, Michigan Association of State Universities, Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities

SUBJECT: MiTransfer Join/Modify Summary

The MiTransfer Pathways agreement, signed on August 3, 2020 provides for institutions to modify worksheets and equivalencies or join the MiTransfer Pathways agreement. The MCCA, MASU, and MICU worked with institutions to make the following adjustments to the Communication Pathway:

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### FALL 2020 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A	APPENDIX B	APPENDIX C	APPENDIX D
		COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	EXCEPTION CHANGE
Jackson College	Modifying	X		X	X
Kellogg Community College	Modifying	X		X	X
Lake Michigan College	Modifying			X	X
Lansing Community College	Modifying	X			X
Montcalm Community College	Modifying			X	X
North Central Community College	Modifying	X			
Saginaw Valley State University	Modifying		X		X

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### SPRING 2021 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A	APPENDIX B	APPENDIX C	APPENDIX D
		COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	EXCEPTION CHANGE
Concordia University-Ann Arbor	Joining		X	X	X
North Central Michigan College	Modifying	X			
Saginaw Valley State University	Modifying		X		
Western Michigan University	Joining		X	X	X

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### FALL 2021 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A	APPENDIX B	APPENDIX C	APPENDIX D
		COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	EXCEPTION CHANGE
Kellogg Community College	Modifying	X			
North Central Michigan College	Modifying	X			

## COMMUNICATION

### SPRING 2022 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A	APPENDIX B	APPENDIX C	APPENDIX D
		COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	EXCEPTION CHANGE
Jackson College	Modifying	X			

## COMMUNICATION

### FALL 2022 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A	APPENDIX B	APPENDIX C	APPENDIX D
		COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	EXCEPTION CHANGE
Kalamazoo Valley Community College	Modifying	X		X	X
Kellogg Community College	Modifying	X			
Washtenaw Community College	Modifying	X		X	X

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### SPRING 2023 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A  COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	APPENDIX B  UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	APPENDIX C  EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	APPENDIX D  EXCEPTION CHANGE
Adrian College	Joining		X	X	X
Albion College	Joining		X	X	
Macomb Community College	Modifying	X			
Olivet College	Joining		X	X	X
University of Detroit Mercy	Modifying		X		

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### SPRING 2024 JOIN/MODIFY

INSTITUTION	JOINING/ MODIFYING	APPENDIX A  COMMUNITY COLLEGE WORKSHEET CHANGE	APPENDIX B  UNIVERSITY WORKSHEET CHANGE	APPENDIX C  EQUIVALENCY CHANGE	APPENDIX D  EXCEPTION CHANGE
Montcalm Community College	Modifying	X			

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## OVERVIEW

In Fall 2017, the Michigan Community College Association (MCCA) and the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU) received a one-time appropriation from the state of Michigan to support the development of multi-institutional associate to bachelor's degree transfer pathways. MCCA and MASU in partnership with the Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities (MICU) and the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) convened the Transfer Steering Committee with more than 30 representatives from colleges and universities from across the state to develop the MiTransfer Pathways project. The MiTransfer Pathways project plan selected 12 programs with high enrollment and/or high labor market demand. The goal of the project was to build multi-institutional transfer pathways so students can enroll at any participating community college, complete an associate degree, transfer, and complete a bachelor's degree in the identified program of study.

In fall 2018 and spring of 2019, communication faculty from community colleges, public universities, and independent colleges and universities in Michigan met to identify courses that are required, recommended, optional or appropriate in the first and second year of the bachelor's degree programs at all participating universities. We refer to these commonly required courses as "MiTransfer Pathways courses." The MiTransfer Pathways courses in communications are:

- Interpersonal Communication
- Public Speaking
- Small Group Communication

These courses have been reviewed by receiving institutions and will be accepted for transfer and applied to the communication program at all participating institutions (unless otherwise indicated in this agreement). The participating institutions agreed to establish direct equivalencies between these courses. Direct equivalencies are established when a course at the sending institution transfers as a direct equivalent to the course at the receiving institution and the credit is transcribed as a department and number (i.e. COM 105) instead of department and no number (i.e. COM GEN or COM 100X). Direct equivalency is preferred because students can see how the transferred course applies to the degree program.

In addition to identifying MiTransfer Pathways courses as described above, the faculty also identified Remaining Degree Requirements. The Remaining Degree Requirements identified by receiving institutions (universities) include courses that students can transfer from the community college but were not identified as MiTransfer Pathways courses because they were not accepted at every participating receiving institution. The Remaining Degree Requirements identified by sending institutions (community colleges) included courses or requirements that meet community college degree requirements but will not necessarily transfer to participating universities. Participating

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institutions submitted program worksheets (see Appendices A and B) that outlined these courses. Participating institutions will use these worksheets to communicate requirements to students.

## TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This agreement is effective on August 3, 2020.
2. Participating institutions agree that all courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.0) or better unless otherwise indicated by the receiving institution.
3. Participating institutions agree that to use this agreement, students must apply and be admitted to the participating institution and to the program if the program requires secondary admission. Receiving institutions agree to communicate the application process for institution and program admissions for transfer students on a publicly available website and through advising.
4. Participating institutions agree to accept the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) in accordance with the institutions' MTA policy.
5. Participating institutions agree to award equivalent credit for MiTransfer Pathways courses (see Course Equivalency Matrices in Appendix C) and apply courses to the bachelor's degree requirements unless otherwise noted in the Course Equivalency Exceptions documented in Appendix D. If no direct equivalent exists because the course is not offered or required at the receiving institution, then the receiving institution agrees to accept the course and apply the course toward the Communication degree program. If the community college does not offer the course, the community college should communicate this information to students on a publicly available website and/or the Michigan Transfer Network at [mitransfer.org](http://mitransfer.org) and help students find an equivalent course at other institutions.
6. Participating institutions agree to upload course equivalencies for MiTransfer Pathways courses to the Michigan Transfer Network at [mitransfer.org](http://mitransfer.org).
7. Receiving institutions agree to accept the Remaining Degree Requirements as outlined in the receiving institutions' Program Worksheet included in Appendix B. Participating institutions agree to work toward awarding direct equivalency for Remaining Degree Requirements, apply courses to the bachelor's degree requirements, and add course equivalencies to the Michigan Transfer Network.

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8. Sending institutions agree that Remaining Degree Requirements identified by community colleges that are not required by the receiving institution may not transfer or may not apply to bachelor's degree requirements at the receiving institution.
9. Alternative credit awarded by the sending institution through AP, CLEP, IB, credit earned through credit for prior learning, or other means may be accepted and applied to the degree program at the discretion of the university. Sending institutions may apply alternative credit to the associate degree, but students should confirm whether or not credit is acceptable at receiving institutions.
10. Students may earn credit from multiple institutions as long as the course was completed at a sending institution that is participating in the agreement. There is no assurance that credits earned from institutions not participating in the agreement will apply.
11. Participating institutions agree to maintain up-to-date course equivalencies and information about their participation with this agreement. This information will be made publicly available through their own systems and on the [mittransfer.org](http://mittransfer.org) website.
12. In the performance of their respective duties and obligations under this Agreement, each Party is an independent contractor, and neither is the agent, employee, or servant of the other. Each is responsible only for its own conduct.

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## MAINTENANCE AND REVIEW

### *Modifications to Worksheets and Equivalencies*

Colleges and universities will use the worksheets in Appendix A and B as the basis to advise transfer students. Any changes to program worksheets in Appendix A and B should be communicated to participating institutions as soon as possible to avoid students completing courses that will not transfer.

Changes may include:

- Adding programs in the pathway (e.g., add Environmental Studies to the Biology pathway);
- Modifying, removing, or adding MiTransfer Pathways courses;
- Modifying, removing, or adding courses to the Remaining Degree Requirements;
- Materially modifying the educational experience or content of the MiTransfer Pathways courses.

If any of the aforementioned changes occur, participating institutions are expected to communicate with their sector representative from the Michigan Association of State Universities (MASU), Michigan Community College Association (MCCA), or Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities (MICU). These changes will be vetted among participating institutions, including reviewing and establishing equivalencies where needed. Changes to the worksheets and equivalencies will be documented and available at [mitransfer.org](http://mitransfer.org) website.

### *Joining the Agreement*

Institutions can join the agreement at any time and should contact their sector representative at the Michigan Association of State Universities, the Michigan Community College Association, or the Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities. Institutions that join the agreement will be required to comply with the terms of the agreement.

### *Renewing the Agreement*

This agreement will be up for renewal on June 30, 2022. The Michigan Community College Association, the Michigan Association of State Universities, and the Michigan Independent Colleges and Universities agree to coordinate renewal of this agreement during the 2021-2022 academic year. Participating institutions may choose to leave the agreement at that time.



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## SIGNATURES

By signing this agreement, institutions agree to the terms of the agreement and maintenance and review.

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