



## The University of Texas at El Paso Transfer Articulation: Definition of Terms

### **Academic Transfer Pathway**

Refers to an identified set of courses within an associate's degree at a two-year partner institution that are applicable towards a specific baccalaureate degree at UTEP. The intent of an academic transfer pathway is to ensure a seamless transfer of academic credit and solicit partnerships and articulation opportunities to improve students' success and increase their accessibility to advanced educational opportunities.

### **Applicable Credit**

Applicable credit is transfer credit that applies towards a specific baccalaureate degree at UTEP.

### **Articulation Agreement**

An articulation agreement, often referred to as a general articulation agreement, is a formal agreement between two educational entities, providing the goals and an overview of the responsibilities for development, approval, and review of academic transfer pathways and other articulation activities. Such agreements help ensure that courses successfully completed at one institution will be accepted when a student transfers to the partner institution. In general, the university will develop one articulation agreement with each partner institution, with the understanding that some instances may require that a specific articulation agreement be developed. Such instances may include:

- Creation of a Unique Need Course
- Development of a program that requires co-enrollment, travel, and shared space

### **Articulation Plan**

An articulation plan, which is drafted after an articulation agreement has been established, details the specific articulation-related responsibilities and commitment of the academic units overseeing the academic programs or majors where transfer pathways are being established.

### **Consortium Agreement**

A Consortium Agreement is a contract between two colleges/universities that recognizes a student's combined enrollment for financial aid purposes. See [Financial Aid](#) and [VA Education Benefits](#) guidelines.

### **Reverse Transfer**

Reverse transfer is the process for awarding associate degrees to students who have transferred in pursuit of a bachelor's degree before completing the requirements for an associate degree at a two-year institution. Through reverse transfer policies and programs, students can combine credits they earned at two and four-year institutions to be awarded an associate degree while also working toward a bachelor's degree.

### **Transfer Credit**

Transfer credit is generally awarded for academic courses completed at regionally accredited or nationally recognized institutions, or from institutions that are candidates for regional accreditation if the credit was earned during the candidacy period. In general, only academic courses that are comparable in content to those offered at UTEP are transferable, and transfer credit carries the same value as work completed at UTEP. Whenever possible, equivalent course numbers are given; if there are no numerical equivalents, elective (TR) credit is given. See [transfer policies](#).

### **Transfer Guide**

A transfer guide is intended as a tool for students and counselors/advisors that details which courses students will take at the two-year partner institution that will apply towards the receiving program at UTEP and allow them to see the overall educational plan including the completion of both associate's and bachelor's degrees.