

**Articulation Agreement  
Between Lincoln College  
And  
The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University**

Lincoln College (LC) and The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University (ISU) have entered into this articulation agreement to serve students impacted by the closure of Lincoln College.

The two institutions agree to the following:

1. Term of the Agreement:
  - a. This Articulation Agreement will become effective after the Higher Learning Commission has approved all terms and condition of the Agreement or upon the latest signature date, whichever is later.
  - b. Either party can terminate this agreement with [90] days prior written notice. All Qualifying Students admitted to ISU under this Agreement at the time such termination becomes effective shall be permitted the opportunity to complete their degree or program upon such terms and conditions as were in effect at the time such student was admitted.
2. Eligible Lincoln College students: This Articulation Agreement pertains to the transfer of “Qualifying Students” who:
  - a. Were enrolled at Lincoln College or on an approved leave of absence at Lincoln College as within 120 days prior to May 7, 2022.
  - b. Apply and matriculate at Illinois State University by [Fall 2022].
  - c. Have a transfer grade point average of 2.0 or higher.
3. Lincoln College agrees to the following:
  - a. For students applying to ISU, a list of names and birthdates will be submitted to LC so that transcripts may be obtained. Transcripts received directly from LC will be considered official transcripts. After May 7, 2022, transcripts will be obtained from the Illinois Board of Higher Education or other agency with which LC partners to provide transcripts.
  - b. LC agrees to provide Qualifying Students with information concerning the transfer opportunity with Illinois State University.
  - c. LC will provide a repository of all course syllabi for ISU to use in refining course articulations.
  - d. LC agrees to provide information to Qualifying Students regarding the U.S. Department of Education’s loan discharge policy. Illinois State University will not advise LC students regarding whether the student is eligible for loan discharge.
4. Illinois State University agrees to the following:
  - a. Illinois State University will waive admission application fees for all Qualifying Students applying through this agreement. Qualifying students should use the ISU institutional admissions application by July 29, 2022: <https://connect.illinoisstate.edu/apply/>.
  - b. The residency requirement will be waived for both undergraduate and graduate students.

c. Course Articulations:

i. Graduate:

1. LC students who are currently pursuing an MBA degree may transfer to ISU to complete their degree requirements and earn an MBA degree from ISU. The MBA program will work with each individual student to articulate their completed graduate level courses at LC as core or elective requirements in the Illinois State University MBA degree program.
2. Any LC students pursuing the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership may switch to the MBA program. A course review will be conducted and it may be possible to count their completed courses as electives in the MBA program.
3. Students graduating with a master's degree from Illinois State University must be in academic good standing in order to be conferred a degree. Coursework completed at Illinois State University must be at a 3.0 GPA or higher.

ii. Undergraduate:

1. ISU currently has 600 course articulations completed and will maximize the course credit accepted towards a Qualifying Student's degree. Each student will be evaluated upon application based on courses needed to complete the LC degree requirements and the ISU degree to create a plan of study for degree completion. Students with 75 or fewer hours will be categorized as transfer students and complete ISU degree requirements, including program length requirements. Students with more than 75 hours will follow a teach-out plan of study that replicates the LC degree as closely as possible. Students in a teach out plan will automatically be placed in the major upon acceptance to the university.
2. Students needing a teach out plan will be evaluated within 2 weeks of application to determine a plan of study All students following a teach out plan will be required to complete the courses outlined on the plan at a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher and be in good academic standing.
3. The following programs articulate between ISU and LC:

<b>Lincoln College</b>	<b>ISU Degree</b>
<b>BACHELOR OF ARTS</b>	
Liberal Arts	Interdisciplinary Studies
Music	Music
Organizational Leadership	Communication Studies
Radio, Television, & New Media	Mass Media
Theatre	Theatre
<b>BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION</b>	
Business Management	Business Administration
<b>BACHELOR OF APPLIED MANAGEMENT</b>	
Entrepreneurship	Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management

<b>BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE</b>	
Organizational leadership	Organizational Leadership
<b>BACHELOR OF SCIENCE</b>	
Conservation Biology	Conservation Biology
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice Sciences
Exercise Science	Exercise Physiology
Health Services Administration	Health Informatics & Management
<b>BACHELOR OF GENERAL STUDIES</b>	
General Studies	Interdisciplinary Studies
<b>MASTERS PROGRAMS</b>	
Organizational Leadership	Transfer to MBA program
Master of Business Administration	Master of Business Administration

- d. ISU will establish a support team for undergraduate students through University College and related units to assist LC students in the transition to ISU. The Graduate School will provide support for graduate students.
- e. ISU will come as close as possible to matching the out-of-pocket costs for tuition, fees, room and board for each LC student. This will be accomplished by reviewing award offers and costs from Lincoln College and then creating an award offer from ISU by using state, federal, and institutional aid sources.

5. General Terms and Conditions:

- a. Neither party shall use the name of the other in any written material without the prior written consent of the other party.
- b. The parties are and shall remain in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, laws, ordinances, and regulations relating to this Agreement, as amended from time to time.
- c. It is understood and agreed that neither party to this Agreement shall be legally liable for any negligent or wrongful acts, either of commission or omission, of the other, unless such liability is imposed by law and this Agreement shall not be construed as seeking to either enlarge or diminish any obligation or duty owed by one party against the other or against third parties.
- d. Both parties agree to comply with all applicable federal and state nondiscrimination, equal opportunity and affirmative action laws, orders and regulations. Neither party shall engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, ancestry, national origin, religion, pregnancy, sexual orientation, order of protection, gender identity and expression, age, marital status, disability, genetic information, unfavorable military discharge, status as a veteran, or sex (including sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking).
- e. The relationship of each party to the other under this Agreement shall be that of independent contractor, and no employment, partnership or joint venture relationship shall be created by the entry into or performance of this Agreement by the parties.

- f. Both parties affirm that, to the best of its knowledge, there exists no actual or potential conflict between such party's family, business, or financial interests and its obligations under this Agreement; and, in the event of change in either its private interests or obligations under this Agreement, and such party will raise to the other any questions regarding possible conflict of interest which may arise as a result of such change.
- g. This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the prior written consent of the other party. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. This Agreement, attachments, and incorporated references shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the content of said Agreement. This Agreement may not be amended by either party unless such amendment is mutually acceptable to both parties and is reduced to writing and signed by both parties.
- h. The failure of either party to enforce any provision hereof shall not be construed as a waiver of such party's right to enforce such provisions in the future. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be void, voidable or otherwise unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.
- i. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois, without regard to the conflicts of laws. Any dispute arising hereunder shall be brought only in the appropriate courts located in Illinois. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including by facsimile signature, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which together shall constitute a single instrument.
- j. Any notice required hereunder shall be deemed given when delivered in person or three (3) days after being sent by first class mail to the following addresses, which may be changed by notice provided pursuant to this Agreement:

University Contacts:

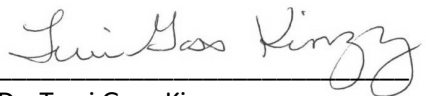
Illinois State University: Amy R. Hurd, Associate Vice President, Undergraduate Education

Lincoln College: Donna Bradley, Provost

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

**The Board of Trustees of Illinois State University**

**Lincoln College**

  
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Dr. Terri Goss Kinzy

04-14-2022  
Date

  
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Dr. David Gerlach

4-13-2022  
Date