

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY  
AND  
SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

**Articulation Agreement**  
**Associate of Arts in Sociology (STC)**  
**Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (UTRGV)**

This AGREEMENT, effective the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2019, is between The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (“UTRGV”), a component institution of The University of Texas System, and South Texas College (“STC”), a College having its principal office in McAllen, Texas.

WHEREAS, UTRGV and STC desire to implement an Articulation to provide students enrolled at STC with an opportunity to smoothly transition to and further their educational opportunity at UTRGV;

WHEREAS, students declaring Sociology as their major at STC and successfully completing the courses outlined below is an indicator to UTRGV that the student has completed the appropriate courses, received the necessary instructions and preparation, and that similar knowledge, skills, and student learning outcomes can be expected, enabling the student’s progression to the upper division course sequence or requirement at UTRGV;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties agree to the following:

1.0 Term

This agreement shall be effective for two years from the date of its execution, upon revisions mandated by state requirements, or until a new agreement is created. The agreement may be renewed upon the mutual written approval of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and South Texas College.

2.0 Courses of Study

UTRGV’s College of Liberal Arts will accept the complete set of lower division courses from a student who successfully completes courses outlined below from STC and is admitted to UTRGV

- All STC courses transferred to UTRGV shall be part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
- For the UTRGV **Bachelor of Arts in Sociology**, the following STC **Associate of Arts in Sociology** field of study electives will satisfy degree requirements as follows:

<u>STC</u>		<u>UTRGV</u>	
SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI 1306	Social Problems	SOCI 1323	Social problems
SOCI 2301	Marriage and the Family	lower division free elective	
SOCI 2319	Minority Studies	lower division free elective	

- For the STC Associate of Arts in Sociology, students will be required to take two of the following three courses (6 hours) as Field of Study electives, all part of the *Lower Division Academic Course Guide Manual* and *Texas Academic Course Guide Manual* issued by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. These STC courses will transfer to the UTRGV Bachelor of Arts in Sociology as lower division free electives:

<u>STC</u>		<u>UTRGV</u>	
ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 2351	Cultural Anthropology
PSYC 2314	Lifespan Growth & Development	lower division free elective	
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	PSYC 2301	General Psychology

- 2.1 In accordance with Sec 61.822 of the Texas Education Code, a student who successfully completes courses in the STC core curriculum will receive academic credit at UTRGV for each of the core courses transferred. However, there are circumstances where additional classes are required by the major even when core is complete. If the entire STC core curriculum is completed, the STC core curriculum will substitute for the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(c) of the Texas Education Code. If the STC core curriculum is not completed, a student will receive credit for those core courses taken but may be required to take additional courses to satisfy the UTRGV core curriculum pursuant to Sec. 61.822(d) of the Texas Education Code.
- 2.2 Transfer students must apply for admission and meet requirements to UTRGV and the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. Transfer students are encouraged to complete their Associate of Arts in Sociology at STC prior to completion of their first semester of study at UTRGV. STC and UTRGV faculty will work with students to help promote the completion of the Associates degree in a timely fashion.
- 2.3 This Articulation Agreement will be published and provided as a transfer guide during academic advisement at STC.

3.0 Designated Liaison

Each institution designates the following officials to serve as its liaison to coordinate and facilitate activities under this Articulation Agreement and to address any concerns or disputes that may arise relating to the terms and conditions of this Articulation Agreement.

**South Texas College:**

Dr. Rolando Longoria  
 Department Chair  
 Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work

**The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley:**

Dr. William Donner  
 Department Chair  
 Department of Sociology

Executed by the undersigned representatives of the two institutions on December 13, 2019.

APPROVED:

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE

Dr. Patricia Alvarez-McHatton  
 Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs,  
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