



Degree Map Agreement
Between
Oakton Community College
Associate of Arts (A.A.)
And
Elmhurst University
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish

This exclusive agreement entered into this 15th day of May 2022 by and between *Oakton Community College* and *Elmhurst University*.

WHEREAS, Oakton Community College and Elmhurst University do hereby intend to form a cooperative relationship through this Articulation Agreement to better accommodate our students by offering a degree completion program and a seamless transfer experience for the *Bachelor of Arts Spanish Degree* from Elmhurst University for students pursuing the *Associate of Arts degree* at Oakton Community College.

WHEREAS, in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Agreement, Elmhurst University will accept students from Oakton Community College with an Associate of Arts degree, and may transfer up to 70 credits including a required 22 semester hours of Spanish major related course credits that could be applied toward the requirements leading to the award of a Bachelor of Arts Spanish Degree from Elmhurst University.

Through this Agreement and by following the attached Academic Plan (*AP*), students may earn both an *Associate of Arts degree* and a *Bachelor of Arts Spanish Degree*, as long they meet both Oakton Community College and Elmhurst University degree requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto as follows:

A. POLICY

1. **Transfer Credit Hours:** Elmhurst University will accept a maximum of 70 credit hours from Oakton Community College. All transferable courses must be at college level and satisfy Elmhurst University eligibility requirements.
2. **Student Prerequisites:** Oakton Community College students are required to complete an Associate's degree and meet Elmhurst University admission requirements. Elmhurst gives preference to students with cumulative grade-point averages of 2.50/4.0 for college admission.

ADVISING AND ADVERTISING

1. Both parties will provide advising services for interested students. Such services may include but are not limited to telephone advising, interactive videos, on-site presentations, computerized and or Internet communications.
2. Both parties may not use the other's name, seal, logo or other identifying information in catalogues, advertising materials or anything else, unless the other has reviewed and approved of the proposed use in writing.

Oakton Community College agrees to the following:

1. Identify an individual to serve as a representative to monitor implementation of this agreement.
2. Oakton Community College agrees to promote the *Elmhurst University Spanish program* in accordance with established procedures.
3. Assist students to submit official transcripts to Elmhurst University admissions team within 30 days after the applicant has completed his or her third semester. Assist students to submit official transcripts with final grade information, degree conferred and conferral date for Elmhurst University Spanish Program applicants within 30 days following the posting of the final A.A. grades.

4. Notify Elmhurst University if there are any changes in the Oakton Community College degree plan that impacts the students' qualifications to enter Elmhurst University.
5. The faculty responsible for the Spanish discipline will work with Elmhurst University representative(s) to ensure Oakton Community College students and alumni have access to the program. Activities include but are not limited to the following:
 - Announce the Partnership to students and post information on the program on the Oakton Community College transfer information web pages,
 - Provide relevant information to the World Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Department at Elmhurst University to assist in recruiting Oakton Community College students who have expressed interest in pursuing the Spanish major at Elmhurst University.
 - The faculty responsible for the Spanish discipline will assist with communicating information regarding this program to current students and graduates.

Elmhurst University agrees to the following:

1. Provide Oakton Community College with a degree Academic Plan including all recommended general education courses that should be completed in addition to the AA curriculum in order to enter into Elmhurst University Spanish Program.
2. Notify Oakton Community College if there are any changes in the degree plan or admissions criteria that impact students' qualifications to enter Elmhurst University.
3. Provide graphics, templates, posters and other materials in order to assist Oakton Community College with informing current students and graduates of this program.
4. Provide a detailed, step-by-step student instruction sheet.
5. Offer admission to eligible Oakton Community College graduates to junior standing in the Spanish Program provided:
 - a. They have successfully completed all general education requirements and degree requirements in accordance with this agreement.

- b. The student earned a course grade of “C” or better in all Spanish major related courses.
- c. The student has met Elmhurst University admission requirements. Elmhurst gives preference to students with cumulative grade-point averages of 2.50/4.0.

C. TERM AND TERMINATION

1. **Term:** The term of this Agreement shall be indefinite, with a review every three years by either parties, or more frequently if there are curriculum or program changes. Articulation pursuant to this Agreement may commence with the *fall 2022* semester.
2. **Termination:**
 - a. Either institution may dissolve this Agreement by giving 180 days written notice to the cooperating institution’s president or chief academic officer at least one academic semester prior to the proposed date of termination/withdrawal.
 - b. Termination by either party must be accompanied by a plan to allow all currently enrolled students to complete their program of study and obtain their degree under the terms of this agreement.
 - c. Students who are already attending Elmhurst University at the time of Agreement termination will be permitted to continue as long as their academic performance remains in good standing.

D. NOTICES

All notices required under this Agreement must be sent by registered or certified mail properly addressed, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested, by nationally recognized overnight courier or by expedited or personal delivery to the following or to such other address as either party provides from time to time:

*Oakton Community College
Attn: Academic Affairs
1600 E Golf Road
Des Plaines, IL 60016*

*Elmhurst University
Attn: Office of Admission
190 S. Prospect Avenue
Elmhurst, IL 60126*

E. CONFIDENTIALITY

1. **Proprietary Material:** The parties therefore agree that all confidential or proprietary information including student information, is “Confidential” and shall remain so during the term of this Agreement and thereafter.

F. ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. **Entire Agreement/Modifications:** This document shall be the entire understanding and agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter set forth herein, and all prior agreements, understandings, covenants, promises, warranties, and representations, oral or written, not incorporated herein and superseded hereby.
2. **Amendments and Waivers:** This Agreement may not be amended, modified, altered, supplemented or changed in any way and no provision may be waived except in writing, signed by the parties and attached hereto as an amendment.
3. **Assignment:** Neither party may assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without prior written consent of the other party.
4. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
5. **Exclusivity:** This Agreement is non-exclusive and either party may enter into similar agreements with other institutions.
6. **Headings:** The headings of section and subsections are used for convenience only and shall not construe to affect the substance of any section or subsection.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Articulation Agreement to be executed in their respective corporate names and by their duly authorized officers.

Oakton Community College

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