

Title: Reverse Articulation and Consortia Agreements

Policy Abstract: This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for the oversight and maintenance of the College's reverse articulation and consortia agreements with other academic institutions and entities.

Responsible Office: Provost's Office

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Applies to: Institutions and consortia with which the College maintains reverse articulation and other academic agreements.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014

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Introduction/Background: The College has long maintained reverse articulation agreements with partner institutions (e.g., pre-engineering) and agreements with other academic institutions and consortia (e.g., Birmingham Area Consortium for Higher Education), but has no written policy for the review, revision, and maintenance of those agreements. This policy creates a systematic review process for all such agreements.

Purpose: This policy provides guidelines and procedures for the oversight of the College's relationship with partner institutions that establish reverse articulation arrangements and other consortia agreements.

Applicable Regulations:

SACSCOC The Principles of Accreditation: Foundations for Quality Enhancement (2018)

Education Policies, Procedures, and Practices (10.9)

The institution ensures the quality and integrity of the work recorded when an institution transcribes courses or credits as its own when offered through a cooperative academic arrangement. The institution maintains formal agreements between the parties involved, and the institution regularly evaluates such agreements. (*Cooperative academic arrangements*)

Policy Statement: The College maintains written agreements with other academic institutions and consortia in order to offer Birmingham-Southern College students the opportunity to participate in reverse articulation programs and to enroll for coursework that enhances their educational experience. Such agreements will be reviewed, revised as necessary, and renewed at least once in every-three-year period. The Associate Provost of the College will be responsible for reviewing the status of these agreements to ensure:

- quality of courses offered through the consortia or partner institution
- compliance with SACSCOC requirements
- support of the College's mission

Details/Process: The Provost's Office will maintain an updated file on each of these agreements and will work with designated officers and faculty at partner institutions to ensure the above. Birmingham-Southern College faculty involved with each reverse articulation program or consortium relationship will be identified and will serve as liaisons who work with the Associate Provost to ensure that each agreement remains compliant and up-to-date. The Associate Provost will communicate to each partner institution changes in the Birmingham-Southern College curriculum that may have an impact upon each of these agreements, particularly with respect to general education requirements and specific coursework required for enrollment in all reverse articulation programs.

References:

Birmingham-Southern College Catalog, <https://www.bsc.edu/academics/catalog/index.html>

SACSCOC, Principles of Accreditation 2018,
<http://www.sacscoc.org/pdf/2018PrinciplesOfAccreditation.pdf>