

OU signs transfer agreements with OCC and Macomb Community College

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The objectives of the agreements include helping transition qualified students from OCCC and Macomb to OU in pursuit of School of Business Administration bachelor's degrees. The agreements are effective through July 31, 2021 and subject to review for continuation.

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Oakland University now allows a maximum number of 82 transfer credits for students holding an Associate of Business Administration - Business Administration major from OCC or an Associate of Business Administration - General Business for Macomb as part of this new articulation that can go towards a bachelor's

degree. That number is up from the limit of 64 credits generally accepted for business degrees and should encourage students to complete their associate degree while saving on tuition costs as they prepare to transfer to OU in pursuit of their bachelor's degree.



James P. Lentini, D.M.A., provost and senior vice president for Academic Affairs at Oakland University, signs the articulation agreements between OU, Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College on Aug. 23, 2018.

“These articulation agreements will help ensure clear communication among all three schools, making degree paths more straightforward and achievable,” Dawn Aubry, Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Oakland University said. “There will be increased effort placed on course equivalencies that create far less need for re-taking of core or elective classes. That way, students can take advantage of the benefits offered by each school they make progress towards graduation with both an associate’s and bachelor’s degree.

For adult learners, time-to-degree is extremely important. A robust articulation agreement is the shortest route to completing the degree. With the agreements, students are only paying for courses they need. If students know they want to earn a four-year degree, the entire plan is laid out for them so they know the endpoint when they sign up for their first course at the two-year community college.

“It is not business as usual to have three higher education institutions working collaboratively in this highly competitive environment,” said Dr. Cathey Maze, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Oakland Community College. “Today’s signing is the culmination of work by all three institutions to facilitate a seamless transfer for our business students so they may pursue a bachelor’s degree. By coming together and empowering our students in this way, we provide a pathway to greater achievement in our commitment to excellence in education, student success and economic growth of our region.”

“Collaboration among colleges and universities amplifies the strengths of each institution while leveraging resources and impact for our students and communities,” said Kevin Chandler, Dean, University Relations, Macomb Community College. “Streamlining the path from associate to bachelor’s degree in business supports degree completion, positions students for in-demand career opportunities, develops vital talent to sustain and grow local business and industry, and contributes to regional economic prosperity.”

These articulations focus on business-related majors as students seek bachelor’s degrees in accounting, finance, business economics, general management, human resources management, marketing, operations management and management information systems. However, Aubry added that the schools will work on expanding articulation agreements to include other majors in the future.

Macomb Community College and Oakland Community College students consistently make up the largest numbers of transfer students to Oakland University. In 2017, 55.7% of incoming transfer students were from the two schools and maintained a 3.2 GPA.

This latest articulation is another step in the longstanding partnerships between the schools. In addition, Oakland also offers the [Transfer Admission Guarantee](#) to OCC and Macomb transfer students.

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Oakland also offers the following scholarships for community college transfer students:

- **Presidential Transfer Award: \$10,000 for two years (\$5,000 per year)**

Awarded to new transfer students from a Michigan community college with a GPA of 3.80 or higher and 56 or more transferable credits. Note that 56 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

- **Phi Theta Kappa Award: \$5,000 for two years (\$2,500 per year)**

Awarded to new community college transfer students with a GPA of 3.80 or above and 24-55 transferable credits, OR with a GPA of 3.50-3.79 and 24 or more transferable credits. Also awarded to new transfer students from a four-year college or university with a GPA of 3.50 or higher and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.

- **Talented Transfer Award: \$2,000 for two years (\$1,000 per year)**

Awarded to new transfer students with a college GPA of 3.0-3.49 and 24 or more transferable credits. Note that 24 transferable credits must be earned by the scholarship deadline.