

# ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

## FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE  
AUTOMOTIVE MANAGEMENT

AND

## Macomb Community College

Associate of Applied Science Degree  
AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

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THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter "Agreement") is entered into by Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter "Ferris") and Macomb Community College (hereinafter "Macomb") on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2008.

### *RECITALS*

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan, and offers the Bachelor of Science degree in Automotive Management (hereinafter the "Bachelors Program"); and,

WHEREAS, Macomb is a Michigan community college with its main campus in Warren, Michigan, and offers the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Automotive Technology (hereinafter the "Associates Program"); and,

WHEREAS, Macomb's Associates Program includes courses that may be applied toward the Ferris Bachelors Program; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and Macomb desire to collaborate to provide opportunities for continued education to Macomb's graduates of the Associates Program through the Ferris Bachelors Program;

### *AGREEMENT*

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the terms listed below. Further, Ferris is a party to the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) Articulation Agreement and has general education transfer guidelines ("guidelines") as set forth in an

Academic Affairs Policy Letter. Except as governed by the MACRAO Agreement or the guidelines, the following terms shall apply:

1. Macomb students who have completed 48 transferable credits, or who have graduated from Macomb's Associate Program, and have earned a cumulative grade point average of not less than a 2.3 on a 4.0 scale (hereinafter the "*qualified student*") may apply for admission to the Bachelors Degree Program at Ferris. A "C" or better in Macomb's MATH 0070 is also a requirement prior to admission. A qualified student may transfer all credits with a 'C' or better in the associate program towards the bachelor's degree. Courses completed on a *Pass* or *Fail* basis require a grade of "Pass" in order to transfer. Both Ferris and Macomb define a Pass grade as equivalent to a minimum of 'C' (2.0 on a 4.0 scale). Qualified students who have earned not less than forty eight (48) credits shall be considered juniors for academic purposes at Ferris, provided, however, that such qualified students received a grade of "C" or higher, or a pass, in such transfer credits.

2. Ferris and Macomb establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from Macomb may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and Macomb recognize that Ferris may refuse admission to any person who does not meet all admissions requirements set by Ferris.

3. Attached hereto, and made a part hereof, is a transfer plan for the Bachelors Program (hereinafter the "Articulation Guide"), setting forth the Bachelors Program prerequisites, including the course equivalencies for the Ferris Bachelors Program and Macomb's Associates Program that are the subject of transfer from Macomb to Ferris by qualified students. The Articulation Guide is subject to programmatic review and periodic change by Ferris and Macomb. Ferris and Macomb will communicate regularly, but not less than once every year, regarding any required programmatic changes, and shall inform each other in writing of the impact of any changes on the Articulation Guide prior to the implementation of any programmatic changes.

4. This Agreement shall be for an initial term of three (3) years, and shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year terms for not more than an additional three (3) years, unless Ferris or Macomb terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or unless either party is in material breach of any term in this Agreement. Ferris or Macomb may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with written notice, by first class mail, of the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

5. This Agreement is intended solely for the mutual benefit of the parties hereto, and there is no intention, express or otherwise, to create any rights or interests for any party or person other than Ferris and Macomb. Without limiting the generality of the

foregoing, no rights are intended to be created for any student, qualified student, as defined herein, parent or guardian of any student, or employer or prospective employer of any student.

6. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any amendment or modification of this paragraph, shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written in the preamble to this Agreement.

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We, the representatives of Ferris State University and Macomb Community College, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of six (6) years, effective February 1, 2008, through February 1, 2014.

## Signatures

### Ferris State University

### Macomb Community College

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David Eisler  
President

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Albert Lorenzo  
President

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Thomas Oldfield  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Dean for the College of Technology

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Donald Ritzenhein  
Provost and Chief Learning Officer

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Donald Green  
Dean  
University Center for Extended Learning

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James Sawyer  
Vice Provost, Career Programs

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Greg Key  
Department Chair

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Joe Petrosky  
Associate Dean  
Applied Technology

Academic Affairs Policy Letter

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GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER POLICY

Effective September 6, 2005

Transfer of degrees to FSU in relation to BS/BA/BIS/BSW  
General Education Requirements

**Objective:** To clarify the process of transferring general education credits to Ferris for students with completed degrees and/or with the Michigan Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (MACRAO) stamp. The MACRAO agreement applies only to students entering bachelor degree programs, pertains solely to general education, and does not exempt students from meeting specific requirements for their program major.

**MACRAO stamp only:** Students transferring to Ferris State University with a MACRAO STAMP will have met the lower division general education requirements, meaning that in order to complete the general education requirements for a bachelor's degree at FSU they must still complete the upper-level communication competence requirement and have a minimum of 33 hours in general education coursework.

**AA and AS degrees and MACRAO stamp:** Students transferring to Ferris State University with a completed associate degree in arts or associate degree in science will have met the lower division general education requirements. In addition, they must complete the upper-level communication competence requirement and have a minimum of 33 hours in general education coursework.

**AAS and AAA degrees:** Students transferring to Ferris State University with a completed associate in applied arts or associate in applied science (unless accompanied by a MACRAO stamp) must complete the general education requirements for the bachelor's degree.

**BS and BA degrees:** Students transferring to Ferris State University with a completed bachelor's degree are assumed to have completed ALL general education requirements.

**Transfer of Grades Lower than C:** Students transferring completed degrees, associate or bachelors, or MACRAO stamp only to Ferris State University will not have to repeat courses with grades lower than "C" (2.0) in order to meet General Education requirements. Programmatic requirements and prerequisites override the acceptance of grades lower than "C." **The Transfer of grades less than a "C" (2.0) Rule\* still applies for individual courses transferred outside of degrees and the MACRAO stamp.**

\*Ferris accepts transfer courses in which the student earned a grade of "C" (2.0) or better. Consistent with program progression policies, coursework taken at other institutions and not accepted for credit at FSU may need to be repeated. All references to a 2.0 GPA are on a 4.0 scale.

Individual college requirements or programmatic requirements supersede these general education transfer guidelines.



## AMENDMENT TO ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THIS is an AMENDMENT to an ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) dated February 1, 2008, between Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and Macomb Community College (hereinafter “Macomb”) entered into on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008.

The Articulation Agreement entered into between Ferris and Macomb for the Bachelor of Science Degree in Automotive Management is amended as follows:

### RECITALS

Page 1, Paragraph 2, add the following Macomb associate degree:

Associate of Applied Science Degree in Comprehensive Automotive Training

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the day and year written in the preamble to this Agreement.

### MACOMB COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kristin Stehouwer

Its: Vice Provost for Arts & Sciences

### FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Oldfield

Its: Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

