

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

This Partnership Agreement ("Agreement") is effective as of the date of the last party to sign below and is between the **Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University**, a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois, governing Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, including its College of Arts and Sciences ("SIUE") and St. Charles Community College ("SCC"), a Missouri public community college organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri, governing St. Charles Community College.

WHEREAS, SIUE and SCC share a common pride with high quality educational programs and offering curricula that combine various disciplines in arts and sciences with programs that prepare students for careers in various fields; and

WHEREAS, SIUE and SCC desire to enter into this Agreement to establish a Political Science Pathway Program to increase opportunities for student access to and success in Political Science by mutually agreeing to clarify transfer policies and procedures that assure articulation between programs and to assist students in making a seamless transfer of SCC course work to SIUE for the completion of the baccalaureate degree in Political Science;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

I. **Purpose** - The purpose of the Political Science Pathway Program is for students to be able to obtain a bachelor degree by attending SCC and then attending SIUE. Upon completion of the curricula requirements agreed upon by both parties, students will qualify for an Associate in Arts degree from SCC and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from SIUE. Sample curricula outlining how a typical student would be able to satisfy the requirements are attached to this Agreement. The parties agree to inform each other of any future curriculum changes so that the basic agreement between the parties remains in force as curriculum changes occur at either school.

II. Policies and Procedures for Operation of Political Science Pathway Program

A. Student Admissions Eligibility

1. Students are required to submit an Application for Admission to SIUE. Students are encouraged to submit the application as soon as they have identified an interest in the Political Science Pathway Program.
2. Students who are satisfactorily completing the SCC part of the agreed upon curriculum and have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 will be admitted directly to their intended major following formal admission to the University.
3. The SIUE catalog will be in effect from the term of provisional admission throughout continuous enrollment and timely completion of degree requirements. Students failing to complete requirements within the timeline established by SIUE policy may be subject to new and/or revised requirements.

B. Student Matriculation Eligibility

1. While students will be admitted upon acceptance of the application and completion of SIUE admission standards, they will be prevented from matriculating at SIUE until completion of SCC curricula. The curricula standards, which are agreed upon, by both SIUE and SCC are attached to this Agreement. The outlined curricula will be the standard for determining successful completion for matriculation.
2. Prior to the student's anticipated entry term, SIUE will review the student's academic progress to ensure that matriculation requirements of SIUE for the Political Science Pathway Program have been satisfied. Students meeting requirements will be eligible to enroll at that time.

C. Academic Standing & Retention

Once admitted to SIUE, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 to remain in good academic standing. Upon matriculation, students will be subject to standard retention requirements applied to all SIUE students. Students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 to remain in the Political Science program.

D. Transfer of Coursework

Upon receipt of official transcripts from SCC, SIUE will record all transfer credit to the student's record as articulated.

III. SIUE Responsibilities

- A. Designate a contact person to handle all communication with SCC that relates to the administration of the Political Science Pathway Program.
- B. Each semester, provide SCC with a list of SCC students enrolled in the Political Science Pathway Program.
- C. At the completion of the SIUE curricula, provide SCC Office of the Registrar with official transcripts of SIUE students enrolled in the Political Science Pathway Program.
- D. Inform SCC of any current and planned changes to the curriculum that may impact the operation of the Political Science Pathway Program.
- E. Consult with, and obtain approval of, the SCC Office of Marketing and Communications prior to using SCC name and/or logo in any recruitment materials for the Political Science Pathway Program.

IV. St Charles Community College Responsibilities

- A. Designate a contact person to handle all communication with SIUE that relates to the administration of the Political Science Pathway Program.

- B. At the completion of each semester, provide SIUE's Office of the Registrar with official transcripts of students enrolled in the Political Science Pathway Program.
- C. Inform SIUE of any current and planned changes to the curriculum that may impact the operation of the Political Science Pathway Program.
- D. Consult with, and obtain the approval of the SIUE Office of Marketing and Communications prior to using the SIUE name and/or logo in any recruitment materials for the Political Science Pathway Program.
- V. **Term** - The term of this Agreement shall begin on August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2026. Thereafter, this Agreement shall automatically renew for successive twelve (12) month periods unless terminated by either party with or without cause, with 120 days prior written notice to the other party. Termination, however, will not be effective without a negotiated phase-down agreement for students currently enrolled.
- VI. **Relationship of the Parties** - The parties agree that they are independent contractors, and that nothing contained in this Agreement is to be construed as making the parties partners or joint venturers. For purposes of the subject matter of this Agreement, the employees, officers and agents of one party shall not be employees, officers, or agents of the other party and may not hold themselves as such nor may they make any representations or commitments on behalf of the other party. Both parties, however, through their employees, officers, and agents, may represent such matters and understandings as are contained in this Agreement.
- VII. **Notices** - All notices pursuant to this Agreement shall be made in writing and will be deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the following designated representatives for each party or emails sent via institutional email servers. Each entity may designate a new representative for the purpose of this Agreement by providing notice to the other.

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VIII. Mutual Understandings

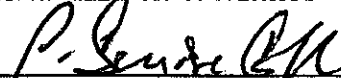
- A. **Compliance** -- Performance pursuant to this Agreement shall comply with all federal, state, and local laws, regulations, ordinances, and orders. Further, each party shall be governed by the applicable and mandatory policies, procedures, and regulations established by their governing bodies, any accrediting bodies, and any other agency with oversight obligations in the implementation and interpretation of this Agreement.
- B. **Non-Discrimination** - The parties agree that neither party shall, in the performance of this Agreement, discriminate against any individual on the basis of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, creed, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, or unfavorable discharge from military service not including dishonorable discharge.
- C. **Program Promotion** - Each party shall advertise the program that is the subject of this Agreement so that it is disseminated to prospective and existing students by reasonable means, which may include, but is not limited to, the Internet, student catalogs, view books, program brochures, and other advertising. Advertising copy for the Political Science Pathway Program shall be reviewed and approved in writing by each party prior to publication. Each party shall have a royalty-free, non-transferrable, limited, non-exclusive right to use the name, trademarks, and logos of the other party solely in the advertising for the Political Science Pathway Program during the term of this Agreement. Upon expiration or termination of this Agreement, the parties shall cease and desist from using the other party's name, trademarks or logos in any manner.
- D. **Cooperation** - Each party shall encourage and maintain a high degree of cooperation between their support staffs in the operation of this Agreement.
- E. **Waiver** - Waiver by either party of any term or provision of this Agreement shall not constitute a waiver of any other terms or provisions. To be effective, any waiver, change, discharge or termination of any provision of this Agreement shall be in writing signed by both parties.
- F. **Confidentiality of Student Education Records** -- Each party shall comply fully with all provisions of the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) in performance of obligations pursuant to this Agreement. Subject to FERPA, the parties shall share student records to the extent necessary to operate the Political Science Pathway Program and shall protect such records from unauthorized disclosure.
- G. **Applicable Law** - Questions of validity, execution, construction, and interpretation which may arise hereunder shall be governed by the laws of the state of Illinois without reference to conflict of law principles. The parties agree that jurisdiction and venue for any legal controversy arising hereunder shall lie exclusively in the Illinois Court of Claims.
- H. **Severability** - If any clause or provision of this Agreement, or the application of any clause to a particular context or to a particular situation, circumstance or person, should be held

unenforceable, invalid or in violation of law by any court, the validity and enforceability of the enforceable portion of any such provision and/or the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.

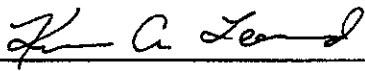
- I. Amendments - This Agreement may be amended only by written addendum signed by both parties.
- J. Entire Agreement - This Agreement and its attachments constitute the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the Pathway Political Science Program and supersedes all prior written or verbal agreements between the parties.
- K. Counterparts - This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each and every one of which shall be deemed an original, notwithstanding variations in format or file designations, which may result from the electronic transmission, storage and printing of copies of this Agreement from separate computers or printers. Facsimile and electronic signatures shall be treated as original signatures.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each party is signing this Agreement on the date stated below that party's signature.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY**


By: 
Denise Cobb, Provost and Vice Chancellor
for Academic Affairs
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Date: 6/14/21

By: 
Kevin Leonard, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Date: April 29, 2021

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
ST. CHARLES COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

By: 
Holly Martin, Vice President of Academic Affairs
St. Charles Community College

Date: 4/7/2021



Pathway - Political Science

St. Charles Community College Associate in Arts

Fall Year 1

SCC Course		Hours
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
POL 101	American Government	3
MAT 157	College Statistics	4
Foreign Language	FRN, SPN, GER, ARB	4
COL 101	College Success Seminar	1
CPT 103	Microcomputer Applications	3
Total		18

Spring Year 1

SCC Course		Hours
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
POL 201	International Relations	3
ECO 100, 110, 120	Survey Economics, Macro, or Micro	3
COM 106	Public Speaking	3
Foreign Language	FRN, SPN, GER, ARB	4
Total		16

Fall Year 2

SCC Course		Hours
POL 102	State & Local Government	3
PHL 102	Introduction to Logic	3
Science w/Lab ¹	Natural (Life) Science with lab	4
Social Science	PSY 101, SOC 101, or ANT 101	3
Elective ²	HIS 115, 145, 146; any POL, ANT, SOC, PSY	3
Total		16

Spring Year 2

SCC Course		Hours
POL 210	Comparative Politics	3
Physical Science ¹	Physical Science	3
POL 296	Internship	3
Humanities	LIT XXX; MUS 231, 232; PHL 101, 160, 201	3
Fine Arts ³	See options	3
Total		15

Completion of Associate of Arts degree 65

¹Students must complete two courses w/a lab component for the BS at SIUE.

²A minor is required for Political Science majors. SCC electives may be used for a minor, double major or double minor.

Students should plan early for either of these options.

³ART 1001, 1500, 1505; MUS 101, 109, 111, 112; THE 122

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Bachelor of Arts

Fall Year 3

SIUE Course		Hours
POLS 300	Introduction to Political Analysis	3
POLS XXX	Political Science Subfield	3
HUM	Humanities	3
ELE XXX	Elective	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Total		15

Spring Year 3

SIUE Course		Hours
POLS XXX	Political Science Subfield	3
POLS XXX	Political Science Elective	3
IS	Interdisciplinary Studies	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Total		15

Fall Year 4

SIUE Course		Hours
POLS 400	Political Science Senior Assignment	3
HUM	Humanities	3
Fine Arts	Fine Arts	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Total		15

Spring Year 4

SIUE Course		Hours
POLS XXX	POLS Elective	3
POLS XXX	POLS Elective	3
ELE XXX	Elective	3
ELE XXX	Elective	3
Minor XXX	Minor Course	3
Total		15

Completion of Bachelor of Arts degree 125

*Students must complete 50% or more of SIUE degree requirements (120+ hours required for SIUE degree).