

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BROWARD COLLEGE, FLORIDA

AND

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

I. Parties

This Articulation Agreement is made by and between The District Board of Trustees of Broward College, Florida (BC), located at 111 East Las Olas Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33301 and The Florida International University Board of Trustees (FIU), on behalf of The Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management, located at 3000 NE 151st Street, North Miami, Florida 33199. Collectively, both BC and FIU shall be referred to as the “Parties.”

II. Purpose

This Agreement establishes a “4 + 1” Bachelor to Master’s transfer pathway in which students graduating from the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program in Hospitality and Tourism Management at BC will, upon meeting all requirements listed in Section III, become qualified for admission into the Master of Science (MS) Hospitality Management program at FIU’s Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management. BC graduates entering an MS program at FIU under the terms of this Agreement will have the opportunity to complete the MS degree in one year if enrolled full time. MS programs at FIU require at least 33 graduate level credits.

III. Admission Eligibility

- A. Earn a minimum 3.2 GPA (at BC) to join the 4+1 program.
- B. Complete at least 75 credits in the BAS and meet the admissions criteria for the MS for the catalog year in which students apply.
- C. Submit the graduate admissions application before completing 90 credits in the BAS.
 - i. The \$30 application fee to FIU will be paid for by the Chaplin School of Hospitality and Tourism Management for students admitted to this 4+1 program.
- D. A student admitted to the combined degree program will be considered to have undergraduate status until the student graduates from the BAS program. Upon conferral of the BAS, the student will be granted graduate status.

IV. Transfer Credits

Each student may transfer a maximum of 12 credit hours that may be applied towards both degrees. The transfer of these courses is limited to those BC BAS students that have been conditionally admitted to the MS Program in Hospitality. In order to transfer course credits for the MS Program, the graduate course taken at BC must be approved (on the below list), successfully completed, and a final course grade of “B” or better earned.

Below are the four approved FIU graduate courses that will meet BC's bachelor's degree requirements and FIU master's degree requirements.

FIU Courses
Link to FIU's Course Catalog
HMG 6280 Global Issues (3 credits)
HMG 6477 Accounting and Financial Management (3 credits)
HMG 6466 Hospitality and Tourism Revenue Management (3 credits)
HMG XXXX Hospitality Masters Elective (3 credits)

- Additionally, this Agreement acknowledges that HFT 3263 Dining Room Management will be offered to BC students as a reverse transfer option. This course is not part of the 4+1 program, but it is part of the BAS with a specialization in Hospitality and Tourism Management at BC.

V. Tuition

Students are required to pay all applicable tuition and fees related to graduate courses directly to FIU. Tuition and fees are subject to change by FIU, in its sole discretion. Financial aid is available for eligible students.

VI. Reporting of Grades

At the completion of each term, and after FIU grades are posted, BC students are responsible for requesting an official FIU transcript to be sent to BC. In addition, as successful completion of the BC BAS program and bachelor's degree award is mandatory for students and graduates covered under this Agreement, the Registrar at BC, upon the request of any student covered under the terms of this Agreement, will report undergraduate degree completion to FIU in a timely manner to meet FIU's Hospitality Program and degree requirements.

VII. Collaboration and Coordination

During the period of this Agreement, BC will:

- A. Appoint a program coordinator to monitor BC bachelor student progress.
- B. Identify BC students interested in the transfer pathway during the third year of the bachelor program.
 - i. Ensure students meet all requirements for admittance to FIU.

During the period of this Agreement, FIU will:

- A. Appoint a program academic advisor to offer guidance to students while at BC as well as during the onboarding process at FIU.
- B. In coordination with the BC Program Director, assign faculty to teach graduate courses in-person at BC, if the minimum enrollment is met. If minimum enrollment is not met to run a course at BC, students can take the courses at FIU on campus.

During the period of this Agreement, both Parties will:

- A. Have the option to list the programs in appropriate institutional publications.
- B. Share links to official institutional catalogs and any other publications which may be helpful in advising students.
- C. Provide timely information about significant changes in the program provisions and curriculum requirements that relate to the preparation of participating students.

- D. Share information as appropriate and as permitted by law related to the academic progress/status of those students enrolled in the BAS in Hospitality. This may include academic standing, program application and acceptance status, course progress, and or GPA and course grade information.
- E. FIU and BC stipulate that use of their respective logos to promote and market this 4+1 pathway, represented by their headings and logotypes, are solely for the purposes set forth in this Agreement with the express written authorization of the other Party. This Agreement does not authorize any one of the Parties to express him/herself on behalf of the other, either verbally or in writing or to act on each other's behalf.

VIII. Term, Termination, and Other Provisions

- A. **Term:** This Agreement is made effective on the date that both Parties have fully executed it (the "Effective Date"). The term of this Agreement shall be three (3) years from the Effective Date.
- B. **Amendments/Modifications:** Any modification to this Agreement must be made in writing and signed by both Parties.
- C. **Termination:** Either Party may send written notice of terminating the Agreement for any reason a minimum of ninety (90) days prior to the effective date of the termination. It is understood and agreed that any student who has begun the process of applying to FIU through this Agreement will be allowed to complete the program notwithstanding the termination provisions above, so long as the student remains in good standing and is making progress toward degree completion as determined by FIU.
- D. **Third-Party Beneficiary:** The Parties expressly acknowledge that it is not their intent to create or confer any right or obligations in or upon any third person or entity under this Agreement. The Parties agree that there are no third-party beneficiaries to this Agreement and that no third-party shall be entitled to assert a claim against any of the Parties based upon this Agreement.
- E. **FERPA:** Both Parties agree to comply with the applicable provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) as it pertains to education records for students.
- F. **Sovereign Immunity:** Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts of negligence. Nothing herein shall be construed or interpreted as (1) denying either Party any remedy or defense available to such Party under the laws of the State of Florida; (2) the consent of the State of Florida or its agents and agencies to be sued; or (3) a waiver of sovereign immunity of the State of Florida beyond the waiver provided in Section 768.28, Florida Statutes.
- G. **Governing Law:** the laws of the state of Florida shall govern this Agreement. Venue for disputes arising from this Agreement shall be the courts of competent jurisdiction in Miami-Dade County, Florida.
- H. **Assignment:** Neither Party shall assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- I. **Independent Contractors:** The Parties shall be considered independent contractors and nothing in this Agreement shall be interpreted to establish any relationship other than that of an independent contractor between the Parties and their respective

employees, agents, subcontractors or assigns, during or after the term of the Agreement.

- J. **Non-Discrimination:** The Parties to this Agreement shall not discriminate against any employee or participant regarding responsibilities and obligations under this Agreement because of race, age, religion, color, gender, national origin, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or any other basis prohibited by law. Nor shall the Parties deny participation in or benefits arising out of this Agreement to any student, employee or participant or otherwise subject anyone to discrimination in any activity hereunder. The Parties shall take all measures necessary to effectuate these assurances.
- K. **Records:** Each Party shall maintain its own respective records and documents associated with this Agreement in accordance with the records retention requirements applicable to public records. Each Party shall be responsible for compliance with any public documents' request served upon it pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes, and any resultant award of attorney's fees for non-compliance with that law.
- L. **Compliance with Laws:** Each Party shall comply with all applicable federal and state laws, codes, rules and regulations in performing its duties, responsibilities and obligations pursuant to this Agreement.
- M. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement states the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all written or oral representations, statements, negotiations, or agreements previously existing.
- N. **Binding Effect:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- O. **Notices:** All notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered by personal delivery; United States mail, certified, return receipt requested; or a nationally recognized overnight courier service with tracking requested. Such notices shall be delivered to the following:

For BC:

Broward College
1000 Coconut Creek Drive Building 49-Room 200
Coconut Creek, Florida 33066
Attn: Luz Negron-Alvarez, Dean
954 201 2372
lnegrona@broward.edu


For FIU:

Florida International University
3000 NE 151st St
North Miami, FL 33181
Attn: Diann Newman, Vice Dean, Chaplin School
of Hospitality & Tourism Management
305 919 4523
newmand@fiu.edu

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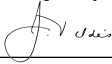
Authorized Signatures


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Elizabeth M. Bejar, Ph.D. Date
Provost, Executive Vice President & COO

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Michael September 15, 2025
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Michael Cheng, Ph.D. CHE Date
Dean, Chaplin School of Hospitality &
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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

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Vilma Mesa Date
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