

# AGREEMENT FOR ARTICULATION OF CRIMINAL/SOCIAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

#### LEWIS UNIVERSITY and HARPER COLLEGE

#### Introduction

The United States system of justice is regarded by many as the cornerstone of our democratic, free and civilized society. Over the last two centuries the justice system has evolved and grown into a complex network of public and private organizations. More than two million people are presently employed within the justice system and there exists an obvious need for these practitioners to possess the requisite professional knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively address all threats to the security and safety of the nation. For more than three decades Lewis University has served the educational needs and academic interests of students preparing for careers in the various components of the justice system. Many of the students who came to Lewis University were transfer students who planned to earn a bachelor's degree after completing foundational coursework at a community college.

In the spirit of the founder of the Christian Brothers, John Baptiste DeLaSalle, Lewis University enters into articulation agreements to fulfill its mission and foster the university's core values of Justice, Knowledge, Association, Wisdom, and Fidelity.

This agreement seeks to establish an articulation agreement with Harper College to assist students planning to continue their studies in higher education and facilitate their transfer to Lewis University to complete the requirements for a bachelor's degree in Criminal/Social Justice.

With mutual institutional respect, our two institutions enter into an articulation agreement. The objectives of the agreement are;

To provide criminal justice students with a high quality formal education process directly related to the requirements for practitioners in criminal/social justice organizations in order to enhance professional ability.

To provide prospective criminal/justice personnel and current practitioners with a high quality formal education process directly related to the modern criminal justice organization in order to prepare for entry into the field of criminal justice.

To facilitate, for both organizations, the efficient flow of students from an Associate of Arts to a Bachelors of Arts degree program.



## Articulation Agreement

- 1. Under the provisions of the program the student will matriculate to the Lewis University Criminal/Social Justice Degree program after completing the pre-requisite \*requirements specified in the Bachelor of Arts Criminal/Social Justice program which can include up to 72 hours of community college credit. Traditional students under the age of 24 will enroll in non-accelerated classes consisting of sixteen week courses.
- 2. Students seeking the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal/Social Justice are required to fulfill the \*requirements of the degree program which include a total of 128 credit hours including 39 major credit hours.
- 3. To meet University graduation requirements, students must achieve a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 and at least 2.00 GPA in the major.
- \* Requirements are detailed in the Criminal/Social Justice section of the <u>Lewis University</u> <u>Undergraduate Curriculum Guide</u>.

## Mutual Promotion of the Agreement

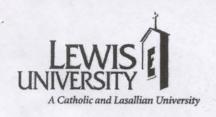
Harper College and Lewis University agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this agreement via basic marketing techniques and the dissemination of related information in a timely and complete manner.

#### Student Advisement

Both institutions are very interested in the success of the students, therefore every effort will be made to advise the students of the benefits and the actions needed to effectively participate in the programs of both institutions.

# Force of Agreement

This agreement shall be in force until either institution decides to terminate the relationship. The decision to terminate agreement must be given in writing. For the benefit of the students in the program, at time of termination the termination will not be completely effective until all admitted students have the opportunity to complete the program.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto affixed their signatures the 14th day of the year <u>2008</u>.

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#### APPENDIX A

Evaluation of current transfer potential from Harper College Associate in Arts (AA) Degree with a concentration in Criminal Justice.

Total transfer credit 61 – 72 hours as detailed below:

#### General Education:

Communications
ENG 101 - English Composition 3
ENG 102 - English Composition
SPE 101 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication
Humanities and Fine Arts
Humanities and Fine Arts electives * 6
PHI 101 - Critical Thinking
Social and Behavioral Sciences
SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology
SOC 205 - Social problems
Social/Behavioral Science elective*
Physical and Life Science electives*
Mathematics elective *
TOTAL 37

<sup>\*</sup> Specific HC courses that satisfy degree requirements are listed in the attached Lewis/Harper College Transfer Guide.

#### **Core Courses:**



Elective Credit		
LEJ elective credit*	3	
Special elective credit**	6	
	TOTAL 9*	*

- \* Any HC-LEJ 200-level course will be accepted and partially satisfy the six-hour CSJ major elective requirement at Lewis University.
- \*\* A maximum of 72 semester hours of community college credit can be accepted at the time of entry. Transfer courses that are college-level (non-remedial) that do not meet the Lewis University General Education or Major Requirements will be accepted as elective credit, including any 100-level or 200-level LEJ course required by HC to fulfill the credit hour requirements for an Associate of Arts Degree with a concentration in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration.