

Articulation, Transfer Agreements, and Options

Start your Bachelor degree, while completing your Associate degree, at Columbus State Community College

Columbus State Community College works with more than 35 four year institutions to give you more than 200 transfer options. This allows you to start on your bachelor's degree while you're working on your associate's degree. It also enables you to take advantage of Columbus State's quality instruction, smaller class sizes, and lower tuition rates. The College works together with four year partners to create articulation agreements. These agreements show a pathway from your associate's degree to a bachelor's degree (and even, in some cases, a master's degree).

Columbus State works with two types of agreements, an Institutional Articulation Agreement and a Program-to-Program Agreement.

Institutional Articulation Agreement: a formal and written agreement, signed by institutional leaders, outlining the relationship between the two institutions. This agreement speaks to all students at the college. It can include (but is not limited to):

- admission requirements
- the acceptance or non-acceptance of 'D' grades
- awarding of financial aid
- administration of the agreement
- and other benefits specific to Columbus State graduates

Limited Institutional Agreement: a formal and written agreement, signed by institutional leaders, outlining the relationship between the two institutions. This agreement is only applicable to certain programs and/or a certain group of students (*ex: Chamberlain College of Nursing*).

Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement: a formal and written agreement, signed by institutional leaders, documenting the pathway between an associate's degree at Columbus State and a bachelor's degree at a four year partner. This agreement can include (but is not limited to):

- major or program admission requirements
- detailed course equivalency information
- step by step instructions for students
- administration of the agreement
- other benefits specific to program graduates

Program-to-Program Agreements can include:

2+2 Agreement: a formal agreement between institutions outlining the path to a bachelor's degree. Students complete the associate's degree (2 years) at Columbus State followed by the 3rd and 4th year (2 years) at the four year institution.

Example: The Ohio State University 'Preferred Pathway Pre-majors' allow students to complete the first 2 years of coursework at Columbus State and obtain their associate degree, followed by 2 years at Ohio State and a bachelor's degree in a wide variety of programs.

3+1 Agreement: a formal agreement between institutions outlining the path to a bachelor’s degree. Students complete the associate’s degree plus another year of coursework (3 years) at Columbus State or in combination with courses from the four year partner to complete the fourth year (1 year) at the four year institution.

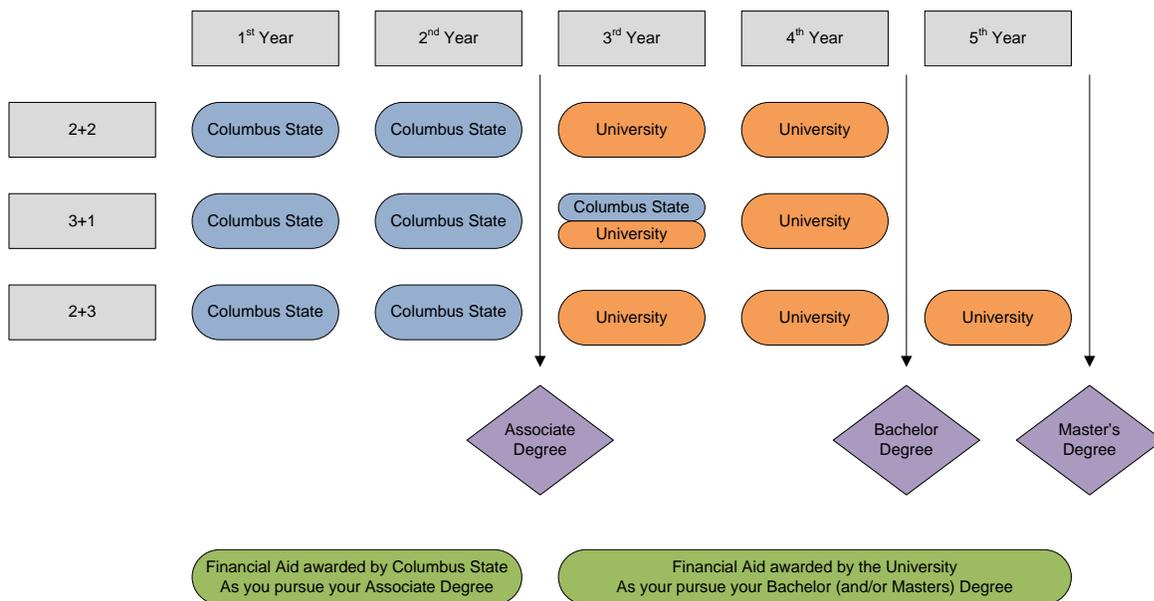
Example: Students completing an A.A.S. can take a 3rd year of coursework at Columbus State, followed by 1 year at Ohio University to complete a Bachelor of Technical & Applied Studies (BTAS). Students completing an associate’s degree can also take advantage of a 3+1 agreement with Franklin University where the third year is usually a mixture of classes from both Columbus State and Franklin.

2+3 Agreement: a formal agreement between institutions outlining the path to a master’s degree. Students complete the associate’s degree (2 years) at Columbus State to complete your bachelor’s and master’s degree (3 years) at the university.

Example: Students completing an A.A. or A.S. in Economics or an A.A.S. in Business Management can transfer to Ohio Dominican University, where they take an additional 3 years to receive both their Bachelor and Master’s degree in Business.

It’s important to note that while we say it would take you 2 years to complete ‘a program’, you understand that it could take longer. It might take you longer to complete the required coursework; if you attend part-time; if there are limited course offerings; or if other circumstances impact your enrollment. Please work closely with your advisor at both Columbus State and the four year partner to make sure you are making the best choices and taking the right classes.

Program-to-Program Agreements are outlined here,



The following two options are not formal or written agreements between institutions. Students must adhere to the admission requirements, transfer decisions, and policies of the four year institution.

Technical Completion Program: a path that leads a Columbus State graduate to a bachelor’s degree. Admission to the four year institution’s program requires a specific associate’s degree and/or credential however Columbus State may or may not have a formal agreement with the institution.

Example: Columbus State graduates holding an A.A.S. in Dental Hygiene (being an ADA accredited dental hygiene program) can apply to The Ohio State University's Dental Hygiene Baccalaureate Degree Completion Program (also ADA accredited).

Please note: A Technical Completion Program, formal agreement, can be signed with or without an Institutional Agreement being in place. The unique nature of these programs, allows for that exception.

Transfer Opportunity: a path that leads a Columbus State graduate to a bachelor's degree however Columbus State does not have a formal agreement with this program. Students must adhere to the admission requirements, transfer decisions, and policies of the four year institution.

Example: Columbus State graduates holding an A.A.S. in Paralegal Studies might be interested in pursuing a B.A. in Paralegal Studies at Kent State University. While Columbus State does not have a formal agreement with Kent State (at this time) it is one of only six Bachelor degree programs in Ohio accredited by the American Bar Association (ABA).

You might transfer to a school where Columbus State has a formal agreement and you might not. There is one thing you can start doing today, to ensure a smooth transition down the road. **Save your syllabi.** If a school is unfamiliar with a course you took, the best way to assist them is to provide a syllabus. The syllabus gives the transfer credit evaluator at the four year institution a 'snapshot' of the course you took and will assist them in making the decision to award or not award transfer credit. This can save you both time and money, because you wouldn't have to re-take a course.

In addition, if you are transferring to a public four year institution in Ohio, courses identified as 'TAG' courses are guaranteed to transfer as equivalent courses at the new institution. Columbus State advisors can help you to identify these courses.

Once you decide where you want to transfer, formal agreement or not, be sure to reach out to that institution. **The sooner you connect with that school, the better.** They can help you understand admissions requirements, transfer processes, classes you need to take at Columbus State, and other information you need to ensure a smooth transfer.