

**TOPIC: APPROVAL OF SOCIOLOGY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
STATEWIDE TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS**

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**I. SUMMARY**

This agenda item recommends approval of statewide transfer articulation agreements for the Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology.

**II. BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to §23-1-108 C.R.S., the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) has the authority to establish and enforce “statewide degree transfer agreements” between two-year and four-year state institutions. Pursuant to HB10-1208, the CCHE must establish at least 14 statewide transfer articulation agreements before July 1, 2016. Moreover, according to §23-1-108(7)(a) the Commission must consult with the governing boards or institutions throughout the process of establishing statewide transfer articulation agreements and procure signatures of the CEO at each participating institution or system. CCHE has utilized the GE Council to conduct this work.

**III. STAFF ANALYSIS**

Department staff have worked extensively with the GE Council in developing the attached two articulation agreements in Political Science and Sociology. Members of the GE Council meet monthly to discuss transfer articulation in Colorado which includes identifying academic majors that appear suitable for statewide transfer agreements. Faculty representatives have been involved in this process as well through the biannual Faculty-to-Faculty conferences, during which representatives from both the two-year and four-year institutions discuss the acceptable curricular framework for possible articulation agreements within a certain discipline.

The Chief Academic Officer and campus President/Chancellor of each public institution in the state must sign these two agreements. The signatures on these statewide transfer articulation agreements represent, at a minimum, a commitment by the institutions to accept these classes toward a bachelor’s degree assuming successful completion of the prescribed curriculum by the student.

**IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**That the CCHE approve the proposed statewide articulation agreements in Political Science and Sociology.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

23-1-108(7)(a) Duties and powers of the commission with regard to system-wide planning.