

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
The University of Central Missouri, Honors College  
And  
Metropolitan Community College

OVERVIEW:

This formal program memorandum of understanding (hereinafter "MOU") is made and entered into by the University of Central Missouri Honors College (hereinafter "UCM") and Metropolitan Community College (hereinafter "MCC"). Through this agreement, MCC and UCM look to decrease barriers to student success, particularly for our shared high achieving students. In this MOU, we explicate a process for students transferring from MCC's honors program to UCM's Honors College. This initiative speaks directly to UCM's Honors College mission to create an "inclusive environment that results in a community of forever learners." In addition, these types of MOUs are both encouraged by the National Collegiate Honors Council as a way to "facilitate partnerships that allow students to transfer seamlessly from one to another."

PURPOSE:

This MOU is to support the transfer of students between the MCC Honors Program and the UCM Honors College.

TIMELINE:

This Memorandum of Understanding is valid for three years from the date of all signatures.

AGREEMENT:

- After completion of 6-credit hours of the MCC Honors Program (at B-level or above) and formal acceptance into UCM, MCC honors students will be automatically accepted into UCM Honors College. MCC transfer students must still complete the Honors College application, but will have the \$100 program fee waived.
- Once enrolled at UCM, MCC honors students who have completed 6-credit hours of the MCC Honors Program (at B-level or above) will be immediately eligible for all benefits from UCM's Honors College, including, but not limited to, access to Achauer House, up to \$2,000 in honors-only grants, and early enrollment.
- MCC honors students who complete 6-credits hours (at B-level or above) will have the UCM Honors College requirement for an Honors College-only general education (HCGE) waived. Students will still be required to fulfill UCM general education and program requirements outside of The Honors College.
- MCC honors students who complete 6-credits hours (at B-level or above) will not have to fulfill 3 credit hours of their Knowledge Area I general education through a language per

UCM Honors College requirements. Students will still be required to satisfy UCM general education and program requirements outside of The Honors College.

- MCC honors students who complete 6-credits hours (at B-level or above) will be required to fulfill UCM Honors College upper-level requirements of HONR 3000 (colloquium) and HONR 4000 (honors project) respectively in order to graduate with an honors distinction.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OR CANCELLATION:

Either institution may change or cancel this agreement by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of change of cancellation.

**Metropolitan Community College**

Signed by:

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