

# 11.01 Collaboration Among System Academic Institutions



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## Policy Summary

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This policy requires that universities (academic institutions) of The Texas A&M University System create collaborative agreements between academic institutions, colleges, departments, or degree programs that can provide a higher level of service to students and the community while efficiently using institutional resources.

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## Policy

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1. Presidents of the academic institutions are charged to develop collaborative programs that achieve the highest effective utilization of the resources of the academic institutions and respond most fully to the needs of students.
2. Individual departments or colleges at any two or more of the academic institutions are permitted to make collaborative arrangements for handling the programs of study for students enrolled at their institutions. Each collaborative arrangement is to be in written form and must be approved by the president or designee at each academic institution.
3. Collaborative arrangements should be based on the principles that course content and quality are mutually acceptable, that facilities are adequate and that details of the arrangements are agreed upon in advance of their application. The following operating guidelines apply to all collaborative arrangements:
  - 3.1 Program arrangements must be consistent with authorities for degree programs and course inventories established by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.
  - 3.2 The student may maintain registration at either academic institution. If credit for any course or work taken at a secondary academic institution is to be through student registration in an appropriate course at the primary academic institution (such as graduate special problems), the dean or other appropriate official of the secondary academic institution certifies the course grade to the dean or other appropriate official of the primary academic institution by letter or by form adopted for this purpose.
  - 3.3 Students doing work at a secondary academic institution comply with all appropriate rules of the secondary academic institution as applicable.

- 3.4 Students pay all applicable fees at the academic institution at which they register as outlined in the collaborative agreement.
- 3.5 Students on a fellowship or in receipt of financial assistance at the primary academic institution may continue receiving such assistance, if otherwise appropriate, while doing research in a laboratory or taking courses at a secondary academic institution.
- 3.6 Where appropriate, collaborating departments agree on matters which facilitate the collaboration, such as:
- (a) use of faculty between academic institutions for teaching courses or for serving on examining committees;
  - (b) joint filing of degree plans;
  - (c) waiver of transfer credit restrictions;
  - (d) creating financial aid consortiums to allow students to remain eligible for financial aid based upon total semester credit hour enrollment between the academic institutions; and
  - (e) other items germane to the particular program situation.
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## **Member Rule Requirements**

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A rule is not required to supplement this policy.

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## **Contact Office**

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