

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT AND
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between
SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA STATE
UNIVERSITY and
WHITE EARTH TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY
COLLEGE

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made this 4th day of December, 2020 by and between Southwest Minnesota State University (SMSU), Marshall, Minnesota, and White Earth Tribal and Community College ("WETCC"), Mahnomon, Minnesota. This MOU represents the understanding of the undersigned parties ("the Parties") with respect to academic, and workforce training collaboration.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, Southwest Minnesota State University and White Earth Tribal and Community College are collaborative partners for higher education and workforce development, sharing a history of cooperation that both Parties wish to build on; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to promoting economic development, through education and workforce development, in order to meet industry demand and keep the best and brightest of our students in Minnesota,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

Southwest Minnesota State University and White Earth Tribal and Community College, in recognition of their continued collaboration, agree to establish a program that allows WETCC students dual admission to SMSU while enrolled at WETCC.

II. Scope of Agreement

The Parties wish to explore the development of areas of cooperation including but not limited to programs of study, transfer programs, and related services offered by either institution and deemed mutually desirable and feasible by the Parties. This MOU outlines the intentions of the parties with specific program arrangements outlined in separate attachments. Programs including Articulation Agreements, Dual Education Programs, and Joint Educational Programs are subject to review by SMSU's and WETCC's HLC Liaison for compliance with accreditation standards.

III. SMSU -WETCC Dual Admissions Program

SMSU and WETCC will provide eligible students an opportunity to be dually admitted in both institutions under the dual admissions program. The dual admissions program allows WETCC students who meet the defined prerequisites to be admitted at SMSU after completing 24 or more transferable credits at WETCC. WETCC students transfer to SMSU as a junior after completing their AA degree. In the transition period, typically the second year at WETCC, students enrolled in the dual admissions program are provided limited access to student activities with other SMSU students attending SMSU classes. The parties have outlined the specific components of the program, including detailed roles and responsibilities, in Attachment A.

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IV. Proprietary Information

During the course of their collaboration, the Parties, to the extent of their rights, may exchange proprietary and confidential information if they mutually desire to do so. The rights and obligations of the Parties with respect to the exchange of proprietary and confidential information would be defined pursuant to a separate Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) signed by the Parties.

V. Intellectual Property

If either Party finds that an activity undertaken pursuant to this agreement may result in the creation of intellectual property or may require the sharing of proprietary information, the Parties agree to negotiate separate agreements to address those matters as covered by Minnesota State policy. Neither Party shall construe any part of this MOU as an endorsement of the products or services of the other.

VI. Term and Termination

Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party. Where specific initiatives have been contracted, the contract will supersede this MOU for the purposes of the specific initiative. This MOU will be reviewed every three years.

VII. Rights and Duties

Development of specific programs or other agreements will be contingent on mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of each institution. This Memorandum of Understanding is not a contractual obligation between the two Parties, and in no way shall conflict with, modify, or negate clauses of any contracts which have been or are to be negotiated between the Parties. Each Party will bear all costs, risks, and liabilities incurred by it arising out of its obligations and efforts under this MOU.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is executed by the Parties hereto by their respective undersigned and authorized officers as of the date first written above.

On Behalf of Southwest Minnesota State University:

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Kumara Jayasuriya, President

Southwest Minnesota State University

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Ross Westedt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Southwest Minnesota State University

On Behalf of White Earth Tribal and Community College:

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Ebona Lee-Gee, President

White Earth Tribal and Community College

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Brian Dingmann, Academic Dean

White Earth Tribal and Community College

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Attachment A: Dual Admissions Program

Purpose: Define the student and institutional obligations for SMSU -WETCC dual admissions program.

SMSU agrees to:

- 1) Agrees to accept WETCC students meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Agrees to accept the completion of WETCC's Associate of Arts, Liberal Education, Degree (AA) as meeting SMSU's Liberal Education requirements.
- 3) Waive application fee upon acceptance into this program.
- 4) Issue a SMSU ID card to students accepted into the program and allow participation in limited student life activities at SMSU.
- 5) Participate in dual advising with WETCC for students in the program at WETCC once per semester while in their sophomore year at WETCC.
- 6) Work with WETCC enrollment staff to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 7) Market this program on the SMSU website as well as jointly market with WETCC through other venues.
- 8) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.
- 9) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.

WETCC agrees to:

- 1) Enroll and manage WETCC students wishing to enter the program and meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Provide information for eligible students through normal advising venues.
- 3) Participate in dual advising with SMSU for students entered in the program once per semester while in their sophomore year at WETCC.
- 4) Work with SMSU admissions to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 5) Market this program on the WETCC website as well as jointly market with SMSU through other venues.
- 6) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.
- 7) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.

Student eligibility requirements:

- 1) Must have completed 24 transferable credits. Students may apply during the semester they will complete the required credits.
- 2) Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher when applying to this program and maintain that GPA through transfer to SMSU.
- 3) Must have completed advising sessions with both WETCC and SMSU while enrolled in this program and still attending WETCC classes.

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Attachment B: SMSU -WETCC Dual Admissions Program Course Crosswalk

WETCC Course Designator	WETCC Course Title	WETCC Course Credits	Transfer in MnTC Goal Area
AA 100	First Year Experience	1	Elective
AA 200	Capstone	1	Elective
AA250	Academic Internship	1-4	Elective
AART 121	Anishinaabe Art - Beading	3	GOAL 6
AART 131	Anishinaabe Art - Contemp Native Am Sew II	3	GOAL 6
AART 133	Anishinaabe Art - Regalia	3	GOAL 6
AART 221	Anishinaabe Art - Off-Loom Beading	3	GOAL 6
ACCT 100	Intro to Financial Accounting	3	Elective
BIOL 100	General Biology	4	GOALS 3 & 10
BIOL 112	Field Biology of Plants	4	GOAL 3
BIOL 120/120L	Microbiology	4	GOAL 3
BIOL 150	Human Biology	4	GOAL 3
BMGT 130	Business Management and Marketing	3	Elective
BUS 110	Office Methods and Human Resources	3	Elective
BUS 221	Microeconomics	3	Elective
BUS 235	Entrepreneurship	3	Elective
BUS 251	Business and Its legal Environment	3	Elective
BUS 270	Business Ethics	3	Elective
COMM 110	Public Speaking	3	GOAL 1
CPLT 101	Computer Fundamentals and Techniques	1	Elective
CPLT 110	Computer Literacy for College Learners	3	Elective
ECON 220	Micro-Economics	3	GOAL 5
EDU 110	Introduction to Education	3	Elective
EDU 160	Early Childhood Learning Environment	3	Elective
EDU 210	Education Psychology	3	Elective
EDU 230	Child and Adolescent Development	3	Elective
EDU 240	Family, School and Community Relations	3	Elective
EDU 250	Individual with Exceptionalities	3	Elective
EDU 260	Child Guidance and Classroom Management	3	Elective
EDU 285	Cultural Immersion	3	Elective
ENGL 110	College Writing I	3	GOAL 1
ENGL 120	Creative Writing	3	GOAL 6
ENGL 210	College Writing II	3	GOAL 1
ENGL 238	Multicultural Literature	3	GOALS 6 & 7

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GEOS 100/100L	Geoscience Today	4	GOALS 3 & 10
GDTC 100	Introduction to Graphic Design	3	Elective
HUM 100	Intro to Humanities	3	GOAL 6
INST 110	History of Native North America	3	GOALS 5 & 7
INST 111	History of Assimilation	3	GOAL 5
INST 115	History of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe	3	GOAL 5
INST 118	History of White Earth	3	GOAL 5
INST 119	History of the US from 1877	3	GOAL 5
INST 121	Anishinaabe Culture - Overview	3	GOALS 5 & 7
INST 131	Anishinaabe Philosophy	3	GOAL 6
INST 135	Ethics & Leader in Native Communities	3	GOAL 9
INST 140	Contemporary Native American Issues	3	GOAL 7
INST 160	Tribal Government & Economics	3	GOAL 9
INST 170	Tribal Law - Federal	3	GOAL 9
INST 200	Anishinaabe Culture - Customs & Practices	3	GOAL 7
LAW 110	Criminal Law	3	Elective
MATH 105	Contemporary Math	3	GOAL 4
NATR 110	Principles of Ecology	4	GOALS 3 & 10
NATR 120	Environmental Science	4	GOALS 3 & 10
OJIB 100	Beginning Ojibwemowin I	3	GOAL 8
OJIB 200	Beginning Ojibwemowin II	3	GOAL 8
OJIB 250	Intermediate Ojibwemowin I	3	GOAL 8
PE 110	Fitness/Exercise	1	Elective
PHIL 110	Ethics	3	GOAL 9
POL 100	Introduction to Political Science	3	GOAL 5
POL 210	Tribal Public Administration and Community Development	3	GOALS 5 & 9
PSYC 100	General Psychology	3	GOAL 5
PSYC 170	Personality Psychology	3	GOAL 5
PSYC 190	Social Psychology	3	GOAL 5
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3	GOALS 5 & 7
SW 100	Introduction to Human Services	3	Elective
SW 240	Human Behavior and the Social Environment	3	Elective

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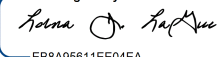
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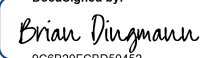
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