

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H (1)**

**DATE: May 10, 2022**

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**SUBJECT**

**Articulation Agreements – NSU**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2:27](#) – Program to Program Articulation Agreements

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

BOR Policy 2:27 Program to Program Articulation Agreements establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AAS is “transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree.” Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

To comply with BOR Policy 2:27, Northern State University requests approval for the following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree program at Southeast Technical College (STC) can apply credit toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at NSU.
- Students who have completed an Associate of Applied Science degree program at Southeast Technical College (STC) can apply credit toward a Bachelor of General Studies degree at NSU.

Board staff recommends approval.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – NSU Articulation Agreements: STC

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**DRAFT MOTION 20220510\_5-H(1):**

I move to approve Northern State University’s articulation agreements with Southeast Technical College, as presented in Attachment I.

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

### Southeast Technical College

Associate Applied Science in Law Enforcement Science

### Northern State University

Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice

- I. Articulation Agreement between Northern State University (NSU) and Southeast Technical College (STC) College of Arts and Sciences Articulation Agreement is prepared per [SDBOR Policy 2:7 Program to Program Articulation Agreements](#). The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BACJUS) program in the College of Arts and Science is available through Northern.
  
- II. Purpose:
  - a. Establish an articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and the complementary nature of the institution's programs.
  - b. Provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region.
  - c. Extend and clarify educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region.
  - d. Provide Southeast Technical College students who have completed an AAS degree program an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice degree from Northern State University.
  - e. Establish collaborative communication protocols between STC and NSU Admissions, Registrars, Advisors, Distance Education Staff, and Faculty.
  - f. Establish shared marketing and promotion of the articulation agreement.
  
- III. SDBOR Policies and Guideline
  - a. [SDBOR Policy 2:5 – Transfer of Credit](#)
  - b. [SDBOR Policy 2:31 – Articulation of General Education Courses: South Dakota Technical Colleges with a Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Regents.](#)
  - c. [SDBOR Academic Affairs – Transferrable Gen Ed with South Dakota Technical Colleges](#)
  
- IV. Transferrable Credits to NSU:
  - a. STC students who complete an AAS degree from STC may matriculate to NSU to complete a BACJUS degree from Northern State University with course to course and block transfer credits outlined in the STC to NSU BACJUS Articulation Transfer Table per SDBOR Policies and Guidelines.
  - b. SDBOR Policy 2:5 paragraph 1.3 limits the number of transferrable credits to 60.
  - c. SDBOR Policy 2:31 and SDBOR Academic Affairs Guideline identifies the general education courses eligible for transfer from South Dakota Technical Colleges.

V. Academic Pathways:

- a. The major degree requirements are listed in the [NSU catalog](#):
  - i. [Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice](#)
- b. STC students who earn an AAS in Law Enforcement Science and matriculate to the NSU Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice receive up to 60 credits through a combination of the course transfers and/or equivalencies provided herein.
- c. STC course SSS 100 fulfills NSU course IDL 190 degree requirement (2 credits).
- d. Block Transfer of STC Credits for Electives:
  - i. STC students who earn an AAS in Law Enforcement Science receive a block transfer of up to 39 credits in criminal justice applied electives, CJUS 292T.
- e. STC students who earn an AAS in Law Enforcement Science receive credit for CJUS 201 (3 credits).
- f. STC students who earn an AAS in Law Enforcement Science and matriculate to the NSU Bachelor of Arts Criminal Justice degree will have the 9 credits in Arts and Humanities and Human Values tied to the BA degree waived.
- g. Additional general education coursework and general elective courses may be transferred from STC if equivalent courses are available at NSU.

VI. Additional Opportunities for STC Students matriculating to NSU:

- a. Criminal Justice majors are eligible for priority admission to NSU's Master of Science in Counseling, nationally accredited through CACREP.
  - i. As a part of the priority admissions, students may apply for admission to NSU Counseling program as a senior.
  - ii. Students must meet the eligibility requirements for admission to the NSU Counseling program per the priority admissions document.
- b. STC AAS graduates who graduate with NSU BACJUS degree program will be granted an interview by the Aberdeen Police Department, South Dakota Highway Patrol, and Brown County Sherrif Department if graduates apply for a position based upon department need. Students interested in the interview program will contact NSU Career Services.

VII. Agreement Administration

- a. NSU and STC Leadership will meet at least annually in July to review all articulation agreements.
- b. Institutions will create a combined annual report detailing the progress of the articulation agreement.
- c. Curriculum changes to the AAS degrees at STC and the BACJUS degree at Northern will be communicated annually between the STC Provost and the NSU Associate Provost by May 31.
- d. Student Information System coding will identify and track students participating in the articulation agreement.
- e. Articulation information will be posted to institutional websites.

- f. Marketing and promotion materials specific to this articulation agreement will be co-branded with respective Communications/Marketing departments.
  - g. Admissions, Registrars, Advisors, Distance Education Staff, and Faculty will establish an annual meeting to review, update, and share program promotions.
  - h. NSU will provide current Programs of Study for STC students planning to complete a BA degree at NSU per this Articulation Agreement.
- VIII. Northern State University and Southeast Technical College will collaborate on modifications to this Agreement. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of the Agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementation of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.
- IX. The term of this Agreement is for an indefinite period beginning June 1, 2022, subject to mutual continuation of the Agreement. The Agreement applies to STC AAS graduates since January 1, 2012.
- X. Termination
  - a. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.
  - b. This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by Northern State University.
  - c. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by Northern State University nor does it give rise to a claim against Northern State University.
- XI. The signatures affixed below agree to the articulation agreement described above. This articulation agreement is considered automatically renewed unless changes are required or written notification of cancellation is provided. NSU or STC may cancel this Agreement with one-year notice, before or during the July meeting of NSU and STC Leadership (see Section V, above).

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Director of Online & Continuing Education(Date)      Vice President Academic Affairs STC (Date)

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Dean College of Arts and Sciences      (Date)

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AVPAA/Director Graduate Studies (Date)

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Provost/VP of Academic Affairs (Date)

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NSU President (Date)

STC Law Enforcement to NSU Business Articulation Transfer Table											
NSU BS Major	To Be Taken at NSU					To Be Taken at STC					
	Major Credits	Criminal Justice Core	General Education	General Electives	Total Credits at NSU	Course for Course transfer toward Criminal Justice degree at NSU upon AAS completion at STC*	Block Transfer of Criminal Justice Electives toward BA degree at NSU upon AAS completion at STC**	Predicted Course for Course transfer of Transferrable General Education Requirements from STC toward <b>general education</b> at NSU^	Predicted Course transfer from STC toward <b>general electives</b> at NSU^^	Total Credits at STC#	Total Credits
	NSU BA Criminal Justice major open only to those with STC AAS in Law Enforcement Science										
Criminal Justice	21	15	18-21	7-8	61-65	5	39	9-12	6	59-60	

\*Course for Course transfer of 5 credits from STC AAS Law Enforcement to NSU BA Criminal Justice: IDL 190 (2); CJUS 201 (3).

\*\*Block Transfer of CJ electives from STC AAS Law Enforcement to NSU BA degree: up to 39 credits of Criminal Justice Electives.

^Potential Course for Course transfer for GE courses = CSC 105 (STC) for CSC 150 (NSU); CMST 101 (STC) for CMST 101 (NSU); ENGL 101 (STC) for ENGL 101 (NSU); SPAN 103 (STC) for SPAN 101

^^Potential Course transfer as general elective = EMT 105, SOC 107 as ELEC 292T

#Only 60 credits are allowed per SDBOR policy.

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**Southeast Technical College**  
Associate Applied Science Degree Programs

**Northern State University**  
Bachelor General Studies

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V. Academic Pathways:

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- c. Block Transfer of STC Credits for Electives:
  - i. STC students who earn an AAS in any program receive a block transfer of up to 40 credits in general electives, ELEC 292T.
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NSU President (Date)

**Plan of Study for Articulation Agreement  
Southeast Technical College AAS Degrees  
and  
Northern State University Bachelor's of General Studies**

Student Name:

STC Degree:

<b>Degree Requirements</b>	<b>Northern State University Requirements</b>	<b>STC AAS Matriculation Predicted Transfer to Northern State University</b>
<b>General Elective Requirement/Block Transfer of up to 40 General Credits from any completed STC AAS Degree</b>	40	40
<b>SDBOR General Education Requirements. All Transferrable General Education Credits from STC will be applied course by course.</b>		
Goal 1 - Written Communication 6 Credits		
English Composition I	3	3
English Composition II	3	
Goal 2 - Oral Communications 3 credits	3	3
Goal 3 - Social Sciences 6 credits		
Discipline 1	3	
Discipline 2	3	
Goal 4 - Humanities and Arts 6 credits		
Humanities and Arts 1	3	
Humanities and Arts 2	3	
Goal 5 - Mathematics 3 credits		
Math 103 or higher	3	3
Goal 6 - Natural Sciences 6 credits		
Science 1	3	
Science 2	3	
<b>Total/Predicted General Education Requirements</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>BGS Degree Requirements. All Transferrable Courses from STC will be applied course by course.</b>		
IDL 190 First Year Seminar 2-credits	2	2
GS 490/491 Capstone 3 credits	3	
<b>Emphasis electives - Choose 3</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>Total/Predicted BGS Requirements</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Degree Requirements</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>120</b>