

## ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

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

**Northern State University**  
Bachelor General Studies

- 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 NSU Bachelor General Studies (BGS) program in the College of Arts and Science is available both entirely online and on-campus.
- 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 General Studies 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 BGS degree from Northern State University with course to course and block transfer credits outlined in the STC to NSU BGS 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 Guidelines identify the general education courses eligible for transfer from South Dakota Technical Colleges.

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- V. Academic Pathways:
- a. The major degree requirements are listed in the [NSU catalog](#):
    - i. [Bachelor General Studies](#)
  - b. STC course SSS 100 fulfills NSU course IDL 190-degree requirement (2 credits).
  - 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.
  - d. Additional general education coursework and general elective courses may be taken at STC if equivalent courses are available at NSU.
- VI. 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 BGS 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 be created to 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 BGS degree at NSU per this Articulation Agreement.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. 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.
- IX. 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

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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.


X. 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 VI, above).

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

Student Name:

STC Degree:

Degree Requirements	Northern State University Requirements	STC AAS Matriculation Predicted Transfer to Northern State University
<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>