

**Dakota County Technical College
and Metropolitan State University
First College
Cooperative Agreement Regarding:
Graphic Design Technology, A.A.S.**

This agreement has been entered into by Dakota County Technical College and Metropolitan State University (First College) for the benefit of students and prospective students at the two institutions. The purpose of the agreement is to insure programs of high academic quality, to encourage student achievement, to facilitate the transfer of course credits and to provide a smooth transition from one related degree program to the other. Dakota County Technical College students in the Graphic Design Technology Program must complete the A.A.S. degree to benefit from this articulation agreement.

Joint Admission

Students may be jointly admitted to both institutions. With joint admission, students:

1. are guaranteed a place in Metropolitan State University's First College, upon transfer from the Graphic Design Technology Program at Dakota County Technical College;
2. can concurrently enroll in courses at both institutions;
3. can apply appropriate lower division credits, including those awarded through Competence Based Education, with a grade of better than "D" (or the equivalent), toward Metropolitan State University degree requirements;
4. will have access to program advisors at both institutions; and
5. will have any other rights and privileges of students at both institutions and will be sent mailings from both institutions.

Program Articulation

1. For graduation, students will need to complete a total of 124 semester credits including at least 40 upper division credits. A minimum of 30 semester credits must be completed while at Metropolitan State University.
2. The courses required for the Graphic Design Technology Program at Dakota County Technical College and their relationship to Metropolitan State requirements are listed in Attachment A.
3. Students with an Associate of Arts degree from a MnSCU institution or

students who have completed the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum do not have to complete any additional general education requirements at Metropolitan State University.

4. Dakota County Technical College courses will be accepted toward meeting Metropolitan State University general education requirements consistent with Attachment A. Attachment A also includes recommendations for general education curriculum at the technical college.
5. All Metropolitan State students must complete eight upper-division credits of liberal studies course work.

Other Cooperative Agreements

1. Faculty at both institutions will cooperate in scheduling course offerings in a convenient, flexible manner. The resources of both institutions, including faculty and space, will be used in a manner that enhances the educational opportunities available to students.
2. When appropriate, each institution will offer jointly sponsored courses – courses taught by faculty from one institution but listed in the schedules of both institutions.
3. Unless otherwise arranged, any tuition, fees, and state appropriation will be paid to the institution from which the student takes the course.
4. Both institutions will work together to develop registration and financial aid procedures to facilitate concurrent enrollment of students.
5. At the end of each semester, each institution will forward to the other institution copies of transcripts from students in this program.
6. Both institutions will inform potential students about this program through their catalogs and a program brochure to be jointly developed.

Duration of Agreement

This agreement becomes effective upon the date it is signed and remains in effect until terminated by either party. It may be terminated or amended for succeeding academic years by either institution on or before June 30 of each year.

Persons Responsible/Evaluation

The dean of First College at Metropolitan State University and the dean of the Graphic Design Technology Program at Dakota County Technical College

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The following includes specific requirements for admission into a program and outlines the requirements for Metropolitan State University's First College and indicates the Dakota County Technical College courses that can be used to meet: 1) program prerequisites, 2) general education and liberal studies requirements, and 3) major or program requirements.

**Dakota County Technical
College Courses**

**Metropolitan State University
Courses**

Admissions Requirements

Application and Diagnostic
Testing

Application and Reading, Writing and
Math Diagnostic Tests

Prerequisites

None

None

**General Education/Liberal Studies
Requirements**

Students complete 40 credits for
General Education and 8 Liberal
Studies credits (300-400 level) as
needed in the following 10 goal areas:

Goal I Written & Oral Comm.

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2 writing courses – 6 or more credits
1 oral/visual course – 3 or more credits

ENGL 1100 Writ & Research Skills – 3 cr.
SPEE 1020 Interpersonal Communication-
3 cr. (also goal 7)

Meets 1 writing requiremen
Meets Oral/Visual requirement

Goal II Higher Order Thinking

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Students who complete the University's
General Education requirements will
have met this goal.

Goal III Natural & Physical Science

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3 or more credits

Goal IV Mathematics/Symbolic
Systems

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Systems
3 or more credits at or above college
algebra level

Goal V History, Social &
Behavioral

Goal V History, Social &
Behavioral
2 disciplines – 6 or more credits

Goal VI Humanities & Fine Arts

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2 disciplines – 6 or more credits

Goal VII Human Diversity

Goal VII Human Diversity
3 or more credits

SPEE 1020 Interpersonal
Communication – 3 cr. (also goal 1)

Meets goal

Goal VIII Global Awareness

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3 or more credits

Goal IX Ethical & Civic
Responsibility

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Responsibility
3 or more credits

Goal X People & the Environment

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3 or more credits.

Students completing this Associate in Applied Science degree will complete 12-15 credits for Goals 1, 2, 3 or 4, and 7, out of the 20 total minimum required.

General Education Electives
COML 1400 Computer Literacy – 3 cr.
Minimum total 5-8 credits of Electives

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Additional General Education credits as needed to total 40 semester credits. May include Physical Education credits.

Liberal Studies Requirements
8 credits from upper division (300 level or above) courses in any of the categories previously listed under General Education.

Total: 48 Credits

Program Requirements
Dakota County Technical
College Courses

First College Courses
Prsp 301 Educational Philosophy
And Planning – 4 credits
Prsp 499 Capstone – 4 credits
Total of 32-48 semester credits in focus area or areas, depending on student’s educational goals. Additional elective courses based on student’s interest and goals needed for graduation. (Includes transfer credits from Dakota County Technical College.)

Program Credits: 40
General Education Credits: 20

Total Accepted: 60

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Required:

VCOM 1000 Intro to Visual Communications – 3 cr.
VCOM 1010 Intro to Photoshop – 2 cr.
VCOM 1020 Intro to Photography – 2 cr.
VCOM 1030 Visual Design Fundamentals – 3 cr.
VCOM 1050 Scale and Perspective – 3 cr.
VCOM 1400 Intro to QuarkXPress – 2 cr.
VCOM 1405 Internet Fundamentals – 2 cr.
VCOM 1410 Intro to Illustrator – 2 cr.
VCOM 1415 Typography Fundamentals – 2 cr.
VCOM 1420 Print Image Assembly – 2 cr.
VCOM 1425 Print Processes – 3 cr.
VCOM 2000 VisCom Career/Portfolio Development – 2 cr.
VCOM 2400 Advanced Photoshop – 3 cr.
VCOM 2405 File Terminology – 2 cr.
VCOM 2410 Computer Image Output – 2 cr.
VCOM 2415 Advanced Electronic Publishing – 3 cr.
VCOM 2420 Advanced Computer Illustration – 3 cr.
VCOM 2425 Portfolio Dev. (Graphic Design) – 2 cr.
VCOM 2655 Intro to Director – 2 cr.
VCOM 2685 Web Page Construction I – 2 cr.
Total: 47 Credits

Electives:

Electives – 5 cr.

(Students may select elective credits from Visual Communications curricula with advisor's approval.)