

**Dakota County Technical College  
and Metropolitan State University  
First College  
Cooperative Agreement Regarding:  
Photographic Imaging 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 Photographic Imaging 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 Photographic Imaging 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 Photographic Imaging 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 Photographic Imaging Technology Program at Dakota County Technical College will be responsible for implementing this articulation agreement. Each institution

will conduct an outcomes assessment, and the persons responsible will meet regularly to review the agreements.

**Metropolitan State University**

**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 requirement  
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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3 or more credits at or above college algebra level

Goal V History, Social & Behavioral

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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

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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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3 or more credits

Goal X People & the Environment

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

**Program Requirements**

Dakota County Technical  
College Courses

**Program Credits: 40**

**General Education Credits: 20**

**Total Accepted: 60**

Goal X People & the Environment  
3 or more credits.

General Education Electives

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

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.)

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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 1400 Intro to QuarkXPress – 2 cr.  
VCOM 1410 Intro to Illustrator – 2 cr.  
VCOM 1515 Photo Lighting Techniques – 2 cr.  
VCOM 1520 Basic Processing and Monitoring – 3 cr.  
VCOM 1530 Copy and Restoration – 1 cr.  
VCOM 1541 Intro to Custom Printing – 3 cr.  
VCOM 1550 Machine Printing Systems – 3 cr.  
VCOM 1561 Custom Color Printing – 3 cr.  
VCOM 1570 Portrait Photography – 2 cr.  
VCOM 1580 Intro to Digital Imaging – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2000 VisCom Career/Portfolio Development – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2510 Commercial Photography – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2520 Digital Photography – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2550 Digital Darkroom – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2560 Photography on the Internet – 1 cr.  
VCOM 2570 Business Presentations – 2 cr.  
VCOM 2580 Portfolio Development (Photo Careers) – 2 cr.  
Total: 43 credits

**Electives:**

Elective – 1 cr.

(Students may select their elective credit from a course in Visual Communication curricula with the approval of the advisor.)