

**North Hennepin Community College  
and Metropolitan State University  
First College  
Articulation Agreement Regarding:  
Individualized Studies, A.S. Degree**

This agreement has been entered into by North Hennepin Community 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 provide a pathway for students to pursue an Individualized Bachelor of Arts degree from Metropolitan State University (First College), and 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.**

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 Individualized Studies A.S. degree from North Hennepin Community College and their relationship to Metropolitan State requirements are listed in Attachment A.
3. Community college courses will be accepted toward meeting Metropolitan State University general education requirements consistent with Minnesota Transfer curriculum and goal areas.
4. All Metropolitan State students must complete eight upper-division credits of liberal studies course work.


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.

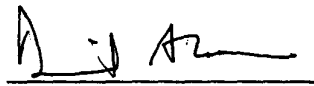
Persons Responsible/Evaluation

The Dean of First College at Metropolitan State University and the Dean of Student Success Programs of North Hennepin Community 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**

  
Wilson Bradshaw, President      2/15/06  
Date

  
William Lewis, Provost & Vice  
President, Academic Affairs      15/2/06  
Date


  
Daniel Abebe, Dean,  
First College      2/14/06  
Date

  
John Burton, Department  
Chair      2/14/06  
Date

**North Hennepin Community  
College**

  
Ann Wynia, President      1-20-06  
Date

  
Anita Olson, Vice President,  
Academic & Student Affairs      01-19-06  
Date

  
Mary Friedrich, Dean of Student  
Success Programs      01-18-06  
Date

## **Individualized Studies, A.S. Degree North Hennepin Community College**

### **Program Degree – Related Courses:**

PLA 1010 Individualized Studies Development – 2 cr.

PLA 1020 Prior Learning Portfolio Development – 1 cr.

A total of 27 credits are designed by the student to fit their career goals. The credits may be earned from: NHCC courses, prior learning assessment, internships, transfer credits or ACE Equivalencies. The guidelines are as follows:

- A minimum of 12 program area credits must be earned in courses, prior learning assessment, or internships managed by NHCC faculty.
- No more than 15 credits may be applied to this area from transfer credits from accredited institutions or ACE equivalencies.

### **Total Degree – Related Credits: 33 Credits**

#### **General Education Courses:**

ENGL 1111 Freshman English I – 3 cr.

ENGL 1112 Freshman English II – 3 cr.

SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Public Speaking or

SPCH 1110 Interpersonal Communication – 3 cr.

MnTC Electives – Natural Science or Math/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 3 or 4) – 3 cr.

MnTC Electives – Social/Behavioral Sciences (Goal Area 5) – 3 cr.

MnTC Electives – Humanities/Fine Arts (Goal Area 6) – 3 cr.

MnTC Electives – Additional Courses (Goal Areas 7 – 10) – 3 cr.

Electives – Additional Courses – 9 cr.

### **Total General Education: 30 Credits**

**Note:** CIS 1101 Business Computer Systems I – 3 credits, or similar transfer course or demonstrated computer application competency is required for graduation.

#### **Transfer of credits to Metropolitan State University will be accepted as follows:**

- **33 credits from the program degree-related courses to be included in the First College individualized degree plan focus area.**
- **30 General Education credits.**
- **Total accepted in transfer for the Associate in Science Degree is 63 credits.**

**Students admitted to First College must complete PRSP 301 Perspectives: Educational Philosophy and Planning and PRSP 499 First College Capstone as a part of their degree program.**