

Normandale Community College
and Metropolitan State University
First College
Cooperative Agreement Regarding
Individualized Competence-Based Education Program

This agreement has been entered into by Normandale Community College and Metropolitan State University 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.

Joint Admission

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

1. are guaranteed a place in Metropolitan State University's First College, upon transfer from the Normandale Community College ICBE Program;
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 ICBE Program at Normandale Community College and their relationship to Metro 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. Community 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 community college.

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 a 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 the First College at Metropolitan State University and the ICBE Director at Normandale 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.

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Metropolitan State University First College
and Normandale Community College
Program Articulation Agreement
ICBE Program

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

Normandale Community College Courses

Admissions Requirements

Reading, Writing and Math Placement tests

General Education/Liberal Studies Requirements

Liberal Education requirements, including
Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements for
AS, AAS, or AA degrees.

Metropolitan State University Courses

Reading, Writing and Math Placement tests

Students complete credits in the categories listed below in addition to any liberal education credits transferred from Normandale Community College.

Communications

Must include two writing courses
One oral/visual communications course
required

Math/Natural Science

Must include one math course and one
natural science course

Social/Behavioral Sciences

Choose from Political Science, Anthropology,
Sociology, Social Sciences

Humanities

Choose from History, Literature, Media and
Fine Arts, Ethnic Studies, Religious Studies,
Women's Studies, Philosophy, Humanities

Total - 40 credits

Liberal Studies - 8 credits

Choose upper division (junior-senior level
courses) in any of the categories previously
listed under General Education.

Total - 48 credits

Program Requirements

Minimum of 20 classroom credits at Normandale
in addition to Assessment of Prior Learning credits

First College Courses: Perspectives:
Educational Philosophy and Planning - 4
credits

Capstone Course (final program integrative
course) - 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 interests and goals to total 124
semester credits needed for graduation.