

# **PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

with Respect to Applying the **COMMUNICATION**

## **Associate of Arts Degree Program**

Towards the

### **COMMUNICATION STUDIES**

## **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree Program**

Between

WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (WITCC)

and

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

### **I. Parties**

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU), Brookings, SD and Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC), Sioux City, IA.

### **II. Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students; and
- D. provide WITCC students who have completed an A.A. degree in Communication an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Communication Studies.

### **III. Academic Program Requirements**

- A. Upon successful completion of the major requirements specified below, SDSU will accept up to 60 course credits from the A.A. degree in Communication for students majoring in Communication Studies. Students must successfully complete the A.A. degree in Communication from WITCC prior to transferring to SDSU for this agreement to apply. Students must meet all South Dakota Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.
- B. Requirements to be completed at SDSU to earn a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Communication Studies are outlined below.
- C. **General Education Requirements (SGRs):** 30 credits  
Transferable general education requirements in the A.A. in Communication curriculum are italicized and listed next to the SDSU requirement in the table below. Additional (not required for the A.A. in Communication degree) transferrable general education credits could be transferred if the courses meet SDBOR and SDSU guidelines.

SDSU General Education Requirements

Required Coursework 28 credits

SGR Goal	SDSU Course(s)	Cr	Course	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication	ENGL 101 Composition I	6	<i>ENGL 105 Composition I</i>	3
	ENGL 201 Composition II		<i>ENGL 106 Composition II</i>	3
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication	SGR #2	3	<i>SPC 112 Public Speaking</i>	3
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences	SGR #3	6	<i>SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology</i>	3
			<i>PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology</i>	3
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities	SGR #4	6	<i>MMS 101 Mass Media</i>	3
			<i>PHI 105 Intro to Ethics</i>	3
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics	SGR #5	3	<i>MATH 111 Math for Liberal Arts</i>	3
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences	SGR #6	6	<i>BIO 105 Introductory Biology</i>	4

**D. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at SDSU:**

1. SGR Goal #6: Natural Sciences (2 credits)

**E. College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Requirements**

- One declared minor outside of the major discipline OR a second major OR a teaching specialization. The minor may be a traditional minor within one department or school or it may be interdisciplinary involving more than one department or school. The minor can be in a different college. The minor must be declared no later than the student’s third semester of enrollment.
- Capstone course in the major discipline (e.g., CMST 465: Capstone: Communication Studies at SDSU)
- Upper division coursework Credits: 33

**Bachelor of Science Degree Requirements 10+ credits**

1. Natural Science Electives (10 credits)
  - a. Any two lab sciences.
  - b. Coursework must include 2 prefixes.
  - c. MATH and STAT courses do not count toward the science requirement.

**Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements 6+ credits**

1. Modern Foreign Language through the 202 level (6+ credits)

System General Education and/or major coursework may satisfy some or all of the above requirements. Consult program advisor for details.

- F. **Major Requirements:** 41 credits required; 4 of those credits met at WITCC
1. CMST 201 - Interpersonal Communication (COM) [SGR #3]  
*(3 credits, met with SPC 122 at WITCC)*
  2. CMST 215 - Public Speaking (COM) [SGR #2] (3 credits)  
or CMST 222 - Argumentation and Debate (COM) [SGR #2] (3 credits)
  3. CMST 305 - Communication Research (COM) (3 credits)
  4. CMST 405 - Theories of Communication (COM) (3 credits)
  5. CMST 410 - Organizational Communication (COM) (3 credits)
  6. CMST 416 - Rhetorical Criticism (COM) (3 credits)  
or CMST 422 - Persuasion (COM) (3 credits)
  7. CMST 434 - Small Group Communication (COM) (3 credits)
  8. CMST 465 - Capstone: Communication Studies (Capstone; 3 credits)
  9. CMST 470 - Intercultural Communication (COM)
  10. MCOM 119 - First-Year Seminar in Communication and Journalism (2 credits,  
*met with SDV 108 at WITCC)*

Select 12 credits from the following (recommend 300-400+ courses):

1. CMST 215 - Public Speaking (COM) [SGR #2] (3 credits)  
or CMST 222 - Argumentation and Debate (COM) [SGR #2] (3 credits)
2. CMST 281 - Speech and Debate Activities (COM) (1-4 credits)
3. CMST 311 - Business and Professional Communication (COM)
4. CMST 320 - Communication in Interviewing (COM) (3 credits)
5. CMST 401 - Advanced Interpersonal Communication (COM) (3 credits)
6. CMST 415 - Communication and Gender (COM)
7. CMST 416 - Rhetorical Criticism (COM) (3 credits)  
or CMST 422 - Persuasion (COM) (3 credits)
8. CMST 440 - Health Communication (COM) (3 credits)
9. CMST 441 - Current Issues in Health Communication (3 credits)
10. CMST 491 - Independent Study (COM) (1-3 credits)
11. CMST 492 - Topics (COM) Credits: 1-5 (1-3 credits required)
12. CMST 494 - Internship (COM) Credits: 1-16 (1-3 credits required)
13. CMST 498 - Research (COM) Credits: 1-4

G. Electives: As needed to reach 120 credits total.

**Total minimum number of credits at SDSU: 60 \*\*\***

**Transfer credits from WITCC: 60**

**Total credits required: 120**

\*\*\* Additional transferable general education course credits could be completed at WITCC and would reduce the number of general education credits at SDSU. However, no more than 60 credits total can be transferred from WITCC to SDSU.

Additional requirements:

Students transferring from WITCC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. Any course taken at WITCC with a grade below a "C" (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) must be retaken at SDSU if required for the SDSU Communication Studies major.

**IV. Obligations**

Both parties agree to confer with each other on a regular basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.

**V. Modifications**

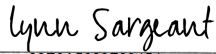
This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Western Iowa Tech Community College. Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of the agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementation of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.

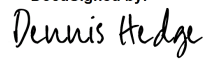
**VI. Effective Date of Agreement**

This agreement will go into effect at the start of the Fall 2024 semester term at WITCC and SDSU.


## VII. Acceptance of Agreement

For South Dakota State University:

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Dr. Lynn Sargeant  
Dean, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

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Dr. Dennis Hedge  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

For Western Iowa Tech Community College:

 Date: 3/30/24  
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President