

TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

AND

UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

I. Parties

This Articulation Agreement (the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between North Dakota State University (herein after referred to as NDSU) and United Tribes Technical College (herein after referred to as UTTC), each individually a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”. The Parties wish to collaborate to facilitate the transfer and degree completion of students earning the Associate of Science degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems at UTTC to the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Sciences at NDSU.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this transfer and articulation agreement is to provide seamless articulation of academic credits for students who have earned an Associate of Science (AS) degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems from UTTC to be applied in a credit transfer towards a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Agricultural Sciences at NDSU. The Parties enter into this Agreement in the spirit of cooperation and mutually expect the following outcomes from this partnership:

- A. Enhanced educational opportunities for UTTC students.
- B. More consistent advising between the two institutions.
- C. Streamlined degree completion by ensuring B.S. graduation is achievable in 120 credits.
- D. Improved access to the Agricultural Sciences degree for students completing an AS in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems from UTTC.
- E. An increase in the number of Indigenous students earning bachelor’s degrees in the state of North Dakota.
- F. Incorporation of Indigenous knowledge within the Agricultural Sciences BS degree.

III. Admission

It is agreed that students who receive the AS degree in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems at UTTC and meet all of the criteria listed below shall be accepted into the Agricultural Sciences major at NDSU without further review. However, final admission to NDSU is contingent on the submission of the student’s application.

IV. Transfer Credit

- A. NDSU shall accept at least 60 semester credits from UTTC.

- B. Upon completion of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems AS degree, UTTC students shall meet all lower division general education requirements upon transfer at NDSU as outlined in the North Dakota University System General Education Requirements Transfer Agreement.
- C. NDSU maintains the following degree requirements:
 - a. 30 credits must be NDSU residence credits
 - b. Within these 30 NDSU resident credits, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above.
 - c. A minimum of 36 credits must be upper-level credits from courses numbered 300 or higher.
- D. UTTC grades shall be recorded on the NDSU academic record but not computed in the institutional cumulative GPA at NDSU. A minimum cumulative institutional grade-point average (GPA) of 2.00 is required for graduation.
- E. The completion of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems AS degree will transfer as a complete core emphasis area (minimum 12 credits) in the Agricultural Sciences degree. Additional credits above and beyond the 12 credits required in the emphasis area can be applied as agricultural electives or within other emphasis areas.
- F. AGR 297, 298, and 299 will replace the required H&CE 496: Field Experience credits at NDSU. A student may choose to enroll in an additional 1 to 4 credits of H&CE 496 to earn up to 4 credits toward their 120-credit minimum.
- G. Please see attached Transfer Guide (Appendix A).

V. Collaboration and Coordination

- A. During the period of this Transfer and Articulation Agreement, NDSU shall:
 - i. Provide the students from UTTC with the path to be successful in completing the BS degree in person or online.
 - ii. Advise students upon transferring to NDSU.
 - iii. Communicate any degree or course changes which impact this agreement with UTTC.
- B. During the period of this Transfer and Articulation Agreement, UTTC shall:
 - i. Advise students in the AS degree plan to ensure transfer credits align with the BS degree
 - ii. Communicate any degree or course changes which impact this agreement with NDSU.
 - iii. Recruit students to enroll in the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems AS degree.
 - iv. Conduct annual field trips to NDSU to expose students to the campus and agricultural opportunities.
 - v. Ensure the Transfer and Career Services Coordinator assists UTTC students with the NDSU application process.

VI. Term, Termination, and Other Provisions

- A. This Transfer and Articulation Agreement is made effective on the date that both parties have fully executed the Transfer and Articulation Agreement. The term of this agreement shall be for 5 years.
- B. The Parties agree to review this Agreement and the Program once during this period

at a time mutually convenient for the Parties but aiming for during the year prior to the end of this agreement's term.

- C. Notification of revisions to NDSU current and anticipated course offerings shall also be sent to Edwin Kitzes at UTTC during the above review period.
- D. Either party may send written notice of terminating the Transfer and Articulation Agreement a minimum of 60 days prior to the effective date of the termination.
- E. If this Transfer and Articulation Agreement is terminated by either party, such termination shall not affect the status of students who have already been admitted to NDSU or who are actively participating in the articulation program prior to the effective date of termination. Such students shall continue to receive all benefits and opportunities provided under this agreement until the completion of their intended program of study or for a period not to exceed two years from the date of termination, whichever occurs first.
- F. A Letter of Review shall be sent between 30 and 60 days prior to contract expiration to ensure both parties can continue to fulfill the terms of this agreement, or if contract revisions may be required.

VII. Notices

All notices concerning this memorandum of agreement and understanding shall be in writing and shall be considered to have been given at the time of receipt of notice by the other Party.

1. Notices to UTTC:

Edwin Kitzes
UTTC Land Grant Director
United Tribes Technical College

2. Notices to NDSU:

Brooke Thiel
Agricultural and Family Education, Agricultural Sciences
North Dakota State University

VIII. Independence of Parties

The Parties are independent contractors. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall constitute either Party the agent, partner, or legal representative of the other Party for any purpose or constitute the Parties as partners. Neither Party has any right, power, or authority to create any obligation or responsibility on behalf of the other.

This Transfer and Articulation Agreement between the North Dakota State University and United Tribes Technical College was executed by the duly authorized representatives of the Parties on this 12th day of February, ~~2025~~ 2026

Authorized Signatures

United Tribes Technical College

Edwin Kitzes 2-24-26
Edwin Kitzes [Date]
UTTC Land Grant Director

Leander McDonald 2-18-26
Leander McDonald, PhD [Date]
UTTC President

Lisa J. Azure 2-12-26
Lisa J. Azure, PhD [Date]
UTTC Vice President of Academic Affairs

North Dakota State University

Adam Marx 1/23/26
Adam Marx, Ph.D. [Date]
Program Coordinator, Department of
Agricultural and Family Education

Greg Lardy 1/26/2026
Greg Lardy, Ph.D. [Date]
Joe and Norma Peltier VP for Agriculture

Shari Veil 1/27/2026
Shari Veil, Ph.D. [Date]
Provost

Carrie Hammer 1/26/26
Carrie Hammer, Ph.D. [Date]
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Food
Systems, and Natural Resources



Agricultural Sciences B.S. Agreement			
UTTC Course		NDSU Course	
Communication		Communication	
ENGL 110	3	ENGL 110	3
ENGL 120	3	ENGL 120	3
COMM 110	3	COMM 110	3
<i>To be taken at NDSU</i>		ENGL 320	3
Quantitative Reasoning		Quantitative Reasoning	
MATH 210	3	STAT 330	3
Science and Technology		Science and Technology	
BIO 111/Lab	4	BIOL or CHEM/Lab	4
CHM 115/Lab	4	CHEM 117/Lab	4
CSC 101	3	CSCI 114	3
Humanities and Fine Arts		Humanities and Fine Arts	
HUM 122	3	FREE ELECTIVE	3
		<i>Waived</i>	
Social and Behavioral Science		Social and Behavioral Science	
ECON 201	3	ECON 201	3
		<i>Waived</i>	
Wellness		Wellness	
FND 106 First Year Exp	2	<i>Waived</i>	3
GPE 101 First Aid	1		
Intercultural Competence and Knowledge		Intercultural Competence and Knowledge	
		<i>Waived</i>	
<p>These courses will be accepted from UTTC. Completion of the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems AS Degree will waive one of the three emphasis areas required for the degree. Classes from UTTC <i>may</i> be used to complement other emphasis areas at NDSU.</p>			
AGR 227	3	Integrated Pest Mgt	3
AGR 111	2	Small Farming Fundamentals	2
AGR 246	3	Food Preservation and Packaging	3
LAB 230	1	Farm and Forage to Fork	1
AGR 210	3	Horticulture Science	3
GPE 240	3	Fundamentals of Nutrition	3
Emphasis Areas (2 required)			
<i>Emphasis 1- 12 credits (6 at 300+ level)</i>			
		<i>Emphasis Area Elective</i>	3
		<i>300+ Level</i>	3
		<i>300+ Level</i>	3
		<i>300 + Level</i>	3
<i>Emphasis 3- 12 credits (6 at 300+ level)</i>			
		<i>Emphasis Area Elective</i>	3
		<i>300+ Level</i>	3
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<i>Required Courses</i>			
SOIL 210	3	SOIL 210	3
		PLSC 110	3
		NRM 225	3
		AGRI 120	3
		<i>Elective Course</i>	3
		<i>Elective Course</i>	3
		<i>Elective Course</i>	2
AGRI 299	3	Internship	3
AGR 297	2	Internship	3
<i>Elective Courses</i>			
AGR 298	3	Internship	3
AGR 242	3	AGEC 242	3
		<i>H&CE 496 or 300+ Elective Course</i>	4
		<i>300+ Elective Course</i>	3
		<i>300+ Elective Course</i>	3
		<i>300+ Elective Course</i>	3
		<i>300+ Elective Course</i>	2
Total Credits	61	Total Credits	120