

PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)
and
WESTERN IOWA TECH COMMUNITY COLLEGE (WITCC)

Agreement with Respect to Applying the
BIOLOGY EMPHASIS
Associate of Science Degree Program at WITCC
Towards the
BIOLOGY
Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC).

II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

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

III. Academic Program

Graduation Requirements for the BS in Biology at USD

Total credits required:	120
Biology Major Requirements:	50-62
General Education Credits:	30
Minor and General Electives	28-40
WITCC Transfer Credit Hours	66 ¹

¹ WITCC transfer credits will fulfill some Biology major requirements, some General Education requirements, and may fulfill other university elective credits.

A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the Biology major are reflected in the catalog website:

http://catalog.usd.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=25&poid=3957

B. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at WITCC if equivalent courses are available. General education coursework required for the AS in Biology is identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all credits indicated below are completed at WITCC while successfully completing the Biology program a total of 66 credit hours may transfer. If students have additional equivalent coursework that meets General Education or Arts & Sciences B.S. requirements, a total of 90 transfer credits may be allowed.

General Education Course Requirements

System General Education Requirements			WITCC Coursework (Must meet SD Regental System requirements)	
SGR #1 Written Communication	ENGL 101 Composition ENGL 201 Composition II	6	ENG 105 Composition I ENG 106 Composition II	6
SGR #2 Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SPC 112 Public Speaking	3
SGR #3 Social Science (3 credits required)				
SGR #4 Humanities and Fine Arts (6 credits required)	ARTH 100 Art Appreciation	3	ART 101 Art Appreciation	3
SGR #5 Mathematics	MATH 114 College Algebra, MATH 115 Precalculus, or MATH 121 Survey of Calculus	3-5	MAT 121 College Algebra, MAT 129 Precalculus, or MAT 201 Applied Calculus	4-5
SGR #6 Natural Science	BIOL 151/L General Biology I with lab BIOL 153/L General Biology II with lab	8	BIO 116 General Biology I plus Lab BIOL 117 General Biology II plus Lab	8
Total General Education Credit Hours		23- 25		24- 25
Additional Arts & Sciences Requirements				
Literature	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3	LIT 101 Introduction to Literature	3
Additional Social Sciences/Humanities (6 credits required)	GEN 200T	3	CLS 212 Diversity	3
Additional Natural Science courses	CHEM 112/L General Chemistry I plus Lab CHM 114/L General Chemistry II plus lab	8	CHM 166 General Chemistry I plus Lab CHM 176 General Chemistry II plus lab	10
Total Additional Arts & Sciences Credit Hours		14		16

** Additional general education credits to meet the SGR may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements up to a total of 90 credit hours.

IV. Forward Articulation (completing the AS in Biology at WITCC and transferring to USD to complete the Bachelor of Science in Biology)

- A. Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AS in Biology Emphasis, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Biology. If all credits indicated below are completed at WITCC while successfully completing the Biology program a total of 66 credit hours may transfer. If students have additional equivalent coursework that meets General Education or Arts & Sciences B.S. requirements, a total of 90 transfer credits may be allowed.
- B. Students who complete Genetics and Ecology plus Ecology Lab at WITCC may transfer those courses to USD as part of the Biology BS requirements.
- C. Students will complete the remaining requirements for the Biology major and any other general education or free elective requirements that remain unsatisfied.
- D. Students must meet all Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.

V. Additional requirements

Students transferring coursework from WITCC must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

VI. Obligations

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

VII. Modification

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Western Iowa Tech Community College.

VIII. Termination

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the University of South Dakota. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the University of South Dakota nor does it give rise to a claim against the University of South Dakota.

IX. Effective Date of Agreement:

This agreement updated in 2019 is in effect upon signature of all parties.

X. Signatures

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