



**Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement Concentration
Articulation Agreement
between
Dakota College Bottineau and Valley City State University**

Introduction: This articulation agreement formally recognizes that Valley City State University (hereinafter VCSU) and Dakota College Bottineau (hereinafter DCB) are educational institutions which agree to work together to provide educational opportunities for the students of their institutions.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration is an online program. Students do not need to take courses on the VCSU campus to complete this degree.

Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to provide a seamless articulation of credits for students who earn an Associate in Arts or an Associate in Science Degree from DCB to transfer to VCSU in order to earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration from VCSU.

Steps:

1. Complete the DCB Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree.
2. Apply to Valley City State University and declare the Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration.
3. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper level (300-400 level) credit to complete graduation requirements at VCSU. Students must complete 30 hours from VCSU.

4. Graduates under this program would earn a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration.
5. Note: The Bachelor of Arts degree requires completion of a 16 credit Language/Cultural Studies block. There may be remaining upper division general education requirements to complete after transferring to VCSU.

Motivating Principles and Values:

1. Students will be well served by the partnership and the high quality program offered through this agreement.
2. This partnership will benefit the educational needs of the region by providing graduates of high quality.
3. Both campuses seek to maintain compliance with state and national accreditation guidelines to ensure quality.

Accreditation: VCSU is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools--The Higher Learning Commission (HLC); The National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE); and approved by the State of North Dakota Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB). DCB is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools – The Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Longevity of Agreement: This agreement will be in effect for five (5) years, starting January 1, 2015. At the end of the five (5) years, students who have begun the program and are in the process of completion will be allowed to finish (within a one or two year timeline). Agreement will be reviewed annually to reflect changes in curricula and campus procedures and policies.

Termination or Revisions: DCB and VCSU agree to provide at least 90 days advance written notification of their intent to terminate the agreement. All revisions of this agreement must be approved in writing by those who sign this agreement or their successors.

Governance and Management: This agreement shall be governed by the academic policies and procedures of DCB and VCSU. As required by the condition of the program and accreditation, the Bachelor of Science (or Arts) Degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration will be governed by the Social Science Department at VCSU. Conversely, the AA or AS degree will be administered by DCB as required by the guidelines.

VCSU agrees to arrange for a Program Representative to be available to advise Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration students in the program each semester.

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Both Valley City State University and Dakota College Bottineau will provide a liaison that will be available to inform and guide students through this program.

VCSU agrees to grant a Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts with a major in Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration to students who successfully complete the requirements for the degree.

It is agreed upon that DCB will provide general education courses, supplementary curriculum, and elective courses which satisfy VCSU graduation requirements for students enrolled in this program.

Graduation Requirements: A minimum of 120 total credits are required for a Bachelor's degree and must be taken from the appropriate categories. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours of upper level (300-400 level) credit to complete graduation requirements from VCSU. Students must complete a minimum of 30 hours from VCSU. College-level credit hours earned at DCB that do not meet general education requirements, program requirements professional education requirements will be used as general electives and count toward total credits required for graduation. All non-education majors must complete a minor.

As part of VCSU graduation requirements, students must develop a digital portfolio that illustrates the best evidence of meeting the abilities and skills requirements for their degree. VCSU recommends students enroll in the appropriate Senior Portfolio course for 1 semester credit to assist them in developing their digital portfolio.

Admission: Students taking DCB course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at DCB. Students taking VCSU course(s) must apply and be accepted for admission at VCSU. All admission policies at the respective institution will apply.

Registration: Each institution will follow its own policies and procedures for registering students for their programs(s). DCB will be responsible for registering students in the associate program(s), and VCSU will be responsible for registering student(s) in the baccalaureate program(s). Collaborative enrollment processes identified in NDUS Collaborative Student Procedure 404.0 will be used as needed.

Should a student drop credits during the collaborative semester at the "host" campus, the "host" campus is responsible for immediately notifying the "home" campus Financial Aid Office.

Student Services: If students have documented disabilities that may affect their academic experience and are seeking accommodations, it is their responsibility to supply documentation and make a request for services through the office of Student Academic Services as soon as possible.

Financial Aid: Students enrolled in a DCB two-year degree seeking program will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by DCB's Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of FAFSA and other applications, determination of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Administration of all aspects of the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs

During the student's enrollment at DCB, DCB policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (Cost of Attendance) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other DCB students. A contact from the DCB Financial Aid Office will be identified to work with the Valley City State University Financial Aid Office assigned contact.

Students may be employed in a DCB student employee position funded through institutional funds if enrolled in at least six (6) DCB credits hours during each semester of employment, and must meet all DCB student employee requirements.

Valley City State University will be responsible for awarding aid to students who have been admitted to Valley City State University. Students will have all aspects of their Federal Title IV Financial Assistance administered by Valley City State University Student Financial Aid Office. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Processing of applications, evaluation of eligibility, awarding, and disbursement of funds;
- Assessment and enforcement of satisfactory academic progress standards;
- Calculation and distribution of refunds;
- Notifying changes in enrollment status to lenders under the Federal Family Educational Loan Programs.

During this enrollment the Valley City State University policies and procedures will apply. Student budgets (costs) used in establishing aid amounts will be the same as those used for awarding federal aid to other Valley City State University students.

Students on the DCB campus are not eligible for Valley City State University sponsored scholarships, waivers, or federal student work-study while pursuing a degree from Valley City State University. Students enrolled in the Valley City State University program are not eligible for DCB sponsored scholarships or waivers.

Entrance and exit loan counseling requirements will be met with the use of electronic counseling available through the website <http://www.mappingyourfuture.org/OSLC> (for

Perkins Loans) and <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action> for all Federal Direct Loans.

Tuition and Fees: NDUS procedure 805.3.1, Collaborative Distance Learning Tuition, will apply to this agreement.

Technology and Support Services: VCSU will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from VCSU. DCB will provide students in this program adequate technical support in a timely manner for the courses taken from DCB.

Students enrolled in at least one VCSU course will have full access to VCSU technology services, including VCSU wired and wireless computer network, Blackboard account, VCSU email/messaging account, printer access, and computer peripheral equipment checkout. Students may elect to pay the VCSU technology “buy up” fee if they would like full-time access to a VCSU laptop according to the established procedures at the following URL: <http://technologyservices.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=2921>

All online students in VCSU courses are expected to abide by the technical requirements, as outlined at <http://distancelearning.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=1288>

The following URL provides additional information regarding the notebook computer initiative at VCSU: <http://technologyservices.vcsu.edu/vp.htm?p=2958>

Marketing: A VCSU representative will come to the DCB campus once a year to recruit new students for this program. VCSU will be responsible for providing DCB with marketing materials to distribute to prospective students. Both institutions will display information about this agreement on their Transfer Website. DCB will work collaboratively with VCSU to identify prospective students for this program.

Textbooks: The textbooks for the VCSU courses will be purchased through VCSU. Likewise, the textbooks for the DCB courses will be purchased through DCB.

Faculty and Staff: VCSU will select and assign qualified faculty members to teach the required courses. VCSU will name a Program Coordinator for this agreement. DCB will assign a faculty member as a liaison for this agreement.

Per NDUS guidelines, VCSU’s Agreement Manager for this articulation is the Director of Distance Learning and Faculty Development and can be reached through the Academic Affairs office (701-845-7202).

VCSU’s Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation Law Enforcement concentration program coordinator is Bob Anderson, Associate Professor, Science Department (701-845-7338).

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Amendments to the Agreement: Mutually agreed upon amendments to this agreement may be approved by those who sign this agreement or their successors. The agreement may be terminated at any time through joint action of the two presidents with adequate provision for currently enrolled students.

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VALLEY CITY STATE UNIVERSITY
Composite Major: Fisheries & Wildlife Science
B.A. / B.S. 2014-2016

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Student Name _____
Student ID _____
Advisor _____

General Education Requirements 39 Crs					Required Courses 34 Crs					continued Concentrations				
Subject-Catalog Nbr-Course Title - Credits	Cr	Gr	Hpt	Sub	Subject-Catalog Nbr-Course Title - Credits	Cr	Gr	Hpt	Sub	Subject-Catalog Nbr-Course Title - Credits	Cr	Gr	Hpt	Sub
Communication & Collaboration - 9 crs					BIOL 121 Intro to Fish & Wildlife Sciences - 4					Concentration C - Conservation Law Enforcement - 38 crs				
ENGL 110 College Composition I					BIOL 122 Fisheries & Wildlife Techniques - 4					Required: 38 crs				
ENGL 120 College Composition II					BIOL 150 General Biology - 4					BIOL 343 Ornithology - 4				
or ENGL 125 Intro to Professional Wrtg					BIOL 151 General Biology - 4					BIOL 355 Mammalogy - 4				
COMM 110 Fund of Public Speaking					BIOL 170 General Zoology - 4					BIOL 367 Ichthyology - 4				
or COMM 212 Interpersonal Comm					BIOL 311 Botany - 4					BIOL 410 Field Ecology - 4				
or COMM 216 Intercultural Comm					BIOL 360 Environ Law & Regulations - 3					BIOL 455 Introduction to GIS - 4				
Problems Solving - 11 crs					BIOL 375 Conservation Biology - 4					POLS 116 State and Local Government - 3				
Mathematics - 3 crs (Select one course)					BIOL 430 Hum Dimen in Fish & Wildlife - 3					POLS/SOC 252 Intro to Criminal Justice - 3				
MATH 103 College Algebra					<i>Student must complete the Required Courses and select at least one Concentration from the following:</i>					POLS 376 U.S. Constitution: Civil Lib - 3				
MATH 104 Finite Mathematics										SOC 390 Criminology & Delinquency - 3				
MATH 107 Precalculus					Concentration A - Fisheries Focus - 40 crs					Select two courses from the following:				
MATH 165 Calculus I					Required: 32 crs					COMM 200 Intro to Media Writing - 3				
Lab Science - 8 crs (Select two courses)					BIOL 347 Aquatic Entomology - 4					COMM 314 Public Relations - 3				
CHEM 116 Intro to Organic & Biochem * - 5					BIOL 367 Ichthyology - 4					ENGL 410 Technical & Scientific Writing - 3				
CHEM 121 General Chemistry * - 5					BIOL 412 Fisheries Management - 4					Total Major Credits Required with Concentration C - 72				
					BIOL 470 Limnology - 4									
Technology - 3 crs (Select one course)					BIOL 440 Biostatistics & Exp Design - 4					For B.A. degree, Language/Cultural Studies				
CIS 170 Intro to Computer Info Systems					CHEM 122 General Chemistry - 5					In consultation with your advisor, select a				
CSCI 127 Intro Java; CSCI 160 Intro Struc					MATH 146 Applied Calculus I - 4					16 credit block of related courses from the				
Wellness - 2 crs					ENGL 410 Technical & Scientific Writing - 3					following: Spanish, Art, Music, English,				
HPER 100 Concepts Fitness & Wellness					or COMM 200 Intro to Media Writing - 3					Theatre, Photography, and History.				
					or COMM 314 Public Relations - 3					Courses may not be double-counted and				
Aesthetic Engagement - 6 crs					Electives: 8 crs					may not include credits for portfolio				
Literacies - 3 crs (Select one course)					BIOL 315 Genetics - 4					preparation or internships.				
ENGL 220, 225, 241, 242, 261, 262					BIOL 410 Field Ecology - 4					<i>These credits are recorded as Electives on a graduation audit until approval of the Language & Cultural Studies Block form</i>				
HUM 201 Civil, Thought, & Lit Heritage					BIOL 455 Introduction to GIS - 4									
SPAN 201 2nd Yr I; SPAN 202 2nd Yr II					GEOL 300 Environmental Earth Science - 4					For B.S. degree, Related Field				
THEA 110 Intro Theatre; THEA 161 Acting I					ENVT 270 Water Res Mgmt (DCB) - 4									
Art & Music - 3 crs (Select one course)					BIOL 497 Internship-4					In consultation with your advisor, select				
ART 110 Intro to Visual Arts					Total Major Credits Required with Concentration A - 74					courses within your area of interest or				
HUM 202 Fine Arts & Aesthetics					Concentration B - Wildlife Focus - 39 crs					within your area of career choice.				
MUS 100, 101, 207					Required: 39 crs					<i>These credits are recorded as Electives on a graduation audit.</i>				
Global Awareness & Effective Citizen - 6 crs (Select two courses)					RNG 236 Intro to Range Mgmt (DCB) - 4									
COMM 112 Under Media; COMM 114 Human					BIOL 312 Botany (BOT 212 @ DCB) - 4					B.A./B.S. Degree Requirements - see details in 14-16 catalog				
ECON 201 Prin Micro; ECON 202 Prin Macro					BIOL 343 Ornithology - 4									
GEOG 151 Human Geog					BIOL 355 Mammalogy - 4					Completion of Gen Ed Requirements				
HIST 103, 104, 211, 212, 260, 267, 270					BIOL 410 Field Ecology - 4					Completion of a major and a minor,				
POLS 115 Amer Gov; POLS 116 State Gov					BIOL 411 Wildlife Management - 4					a double major, or a composite major				
PSYC 111 Intro Psyc					BIOL 440 Biostatistics & Exp Design - 4					Graduation Requirements - see details in 14-16 catalog				
SOC 110 Intro to Soc; SOC 111 Intro Anthro					BIOL 455 Introduction to GIS - 4					Completion of a 30 upper division				
					MATH 146 Applied Calculus I - 4					semester hours at 300-400 level				
Additional General Education - 2 crs					ENGL 410 Technical & Scientific Writing - 3					Completion of a 120 semester hours				
Select from Aesthetic Engagement or Global Awareness areas					or COMM 200 Intro to Media Writing - 3					Minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.0				
or ART 112 ₍₃₎ ; 231 ₍₃₎ ; 281 ₍₃₎ ; GEOG 111 ₍₂₎					or COMM 314 Public Relations - 3					Completion of a digital portfolio				
MUS 104 ₍₁₎ ; 105 ₍₁₎ ; 130 ₍₁₎ ; 131 ₍₁₎ ; 140 ₍₁₎ ; 141 ₍₁₎					Total Major Credits Required with Concentration B - 73					Total Credits Required to Graduate - 120				
PHYS 275 ₍₁₎ ; THEA 201 ₍₁₋₃₎														
Total Gen Ed Credits Required - 41 * Required by Major					Total Major Credits Required - 72-74									

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Signatures:

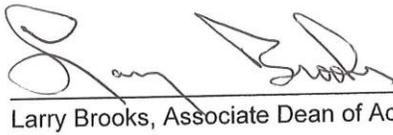
For Dakota College Bottineau:



Dr. Ken Grosz, Campus Dean

10-16-14

Date

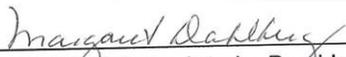


Larry Brooks, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

10/14/2014

Date

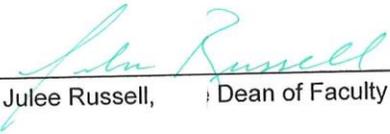
For Valley City State University:



Dr. Margaret Dahlberg, Interim President

11-3-2014

Date



Dr. Julee Russell, Dean of Faculty and Student Academic Affairs

11-4-14

Date



Dr. Andre DeLorme, Department Chair

11-3-14

Date