

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND
UNIVERSITIES*
TRANSFER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN

White Earth Tribal and Community College
AND
Bemidji State University

*The Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is authorized by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 136F to enter into Agreements and has delegated this authority to colleges and universities.

This Agreement is entered into between **White Earth Tribal and Community College** (hereinafter sending institution), and **Bemidji State University** 1500 Birchmont Drive NE, Bemidji, MN 56601-2699 (hereinafter receiving institution). This Agreement and any amendments and supplements, shall be interpreted pursuant to the laws of the State of Minnesota.

The sending institution has established a **Associate of Arts** (hereinafter sending program), and the receiving institution has established a **Indigenous Sustainability Studies BS** (hereinafter receiving program), and will facilitate credit transfer and provide a smooth transition from one related program to another. It is mutually agreed:

Admission and Graduation Requirements

- A. The receiving institution's admission and program admission requirements apply to both direct entry students and to students who transfer under this agreement.
- B. Students must fulfill the graduation requirements at both institutions.
- C. Students must complete the entire sending program and meet the receiving institution's admission requirements for the agreement to apply, including grade requirements for courses and an overall GPA requirement.

Transfer of Credits

- A. The receiving institution will accept **60** credits from the sending program. A total of **60 credits** remain to complete the receiving program.
- B. Courses will transfer as described in the attached Program Transfer Table. For system institutions, once the courses are encoded, they will transfer as described in the "Transferology" audit.

Implementation and Review

- A. The Chief Academic Officers or designees of the parties to this agreement will implement the terms of this agreement, including identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, assuring compliance with system policy, procedure and guidelines, and conducting a periodic review of this agreement.
- B. This Transfer Agreement is effective on **8/19/2021** and shall remain in effect until **8/18/2026** or for five years, whichever occurs first, unless terminated or amended by either party with 90 days prior written notice.
- C. The college and university shall work with students to resolve the transfer of courses should changes to either program occur while the agreement is in effect.
- D. This Transfer Agreement will be reviewed by both parties beginning **2/18/2026** (within six months of the end date).
- E. When a student notifies the receiving institution of their intent to follow this agreement, the receiving institution will encode course waivers and substitutions.

PROGRAM TRANSFER TABLE

Check if the sending program ___ or receiving program ___ is new.

	College (sending)	University (receiving)
Institution	White Earth Tribal and Community College	Bemidji State University
Program name	Associate of Arts	Indigenous Sustainability Studies
Award Type (e.g., AS)	AA	B.S.
Credit Length	60	120
CIP code (6-digit)	24.0101	05.0202
Program Requirements	See MOU	See MOU

Instructions

- List all required courses in both academic programs.
- MnTC goal areas transfer to the receiving institution according to the goal areas designated by the sending institution.
- Do not indicate a goal area for general education courses that are not part of the MnTC.
- For restricted or unrestricted electives, list number of credits.
- Credits applied: the receiving institution course credit amount may be more or less than the sending institution credit amount. Enter the number of credits that the receiving institution will apply toward degree completion.
- Show equivalent university-college courses on the same row to ensure accurate DARS encoding.
- Equiv/Sub/Wav column: If a course is to be encoded as equivalent, enter Equiv. If a course is to be accepted by the university as a "substitution" only for the purposes of this agreement, enter Sub. If a course requirement is waived by the receiving institution, enter Wav. If a course is to be accepted by the university as a MnTC goal area, restricted elective or unrestricted elective, leave cell blank.

SECTION A - Minnesota Transfer Curriculum-General Education

College (sending)			University (receiving)			
course prefix, number and name	Goal(s) ¹	Credits	course prefix, number and name	Goal(s)	Credits Applied	Equiv Sub Wav
Minnesota Transfer Curriculum-General Education						
Area 1 Communication English – 9 Credits						
**COMM 110 Public Speaking	1	3	MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	1	3	Equiv
**ENGL 110 College Writing I	1	3	ENGL 1151 Composition	1	3	
**ENGL 210 College Writing II	1	3	ENGL 2152 Argument & Exposition	1	3	
Area 3: Natural Science (One in each category, min. one lab class)						
Natural Science/Biological			MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits			Equiv
*** NATR 120: Environmental Science Lecture & Lab (4 credits) recommended	3	7	***ENVR 2000 Intro. to Environmental Sci.	3	7	
Natural Science/Physical Science			MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits			Equiv
*** GEOS 100 Geoscience Today w/Lab			***GEOL 1110 Physical Geology			
Area 4: Math/Logical Reasoning	4	3	MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	4	3	Equiv
Area 5 History, Social & Behavioral Sciences						Equiv
*INST 121 Anishinaabe Culture	5,7	6	MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	5,7	6	
*INST 118 History of White Earth	5					
Area 6: Fine-Arts						Equiv
Group 1- Arts (3 credits)	6	6	MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	6	6	
Group 2 – Humanities (3 credits)						
Area 7: Human Diversity	7	3	MnTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	7	3	Equiv

¹ MnTC goal areas transfer to the receiving MnSCU college/university according to the goal areas designated by the sending college/university

*INST 121 Anishinaabe Culture						
Area 8: Global Perspective	8	3	MNTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	8	3	Equiv
*OJIB 100 Beginning Ojibwemowin (3 cr.)						
Area 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility	9	3	MNTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	9	3	Equiv
Area 10: People and the Environment	10	3	MNTC Equivalent Goal Area and Credits	10	3	Equiv
MnTC/General Education Total	43					

Special Notes, if any: * Required courses for students earning their AA at White Earth Tribal and Community College.

** To meet MNTC requirements, Students must take these designated courses.

***Students not taking NATR 120 at the college will need to take ENVR 2000 at the university.

***Students not taking GEOS 100 at the college will need to take GEOL 1110 at the university.

Students will complete their AA at White Earth Tribal and Community College thus meeting Bemidji State University's Liberal Education requirements according to the MOU signed on 12/4/2020

SECTION B - Major, Emphasis, Restricted and Unrestricted Electives or Other

(pre-requisite courses, required core courses, required courses in an emphasis, or electives (restricted or general) within the major). Restricted electives (in Major) fulfill a specific requirement within a major. Example A: "Chose two of the following three courses;" Example B: A Biology degree may require 40 science credits (20 credits of required courses + 20 credits of listed related courses, such as botany, genetics, sociobiology, etc. which students can select).

Major, Emphasis, Restricted, Unrestricted Electives or Other Courses					
* AA 100 First Year Experience	1		General Elective Credit	1	
* CPTL 100 Computer Literacy	2		General Elective Credit	2	
* AA 200 Last Year Experience	1		General Elective Credit	1	
NATR 120: Environmental Science Lab	0		*ENVR 2000 Intro. to Environmental Sci.	0	Equiv
GEOS 100 Geoscience Today w/Lab	0		*GEOL 1110 Physical Geology	0	Equiv
Unrestricted elective credits (if none enter 0)	13		College's unrestricted elective credits accepted in transfer (if none enter 0)		
Major, Emphasis, Unrestricted Electives Total	17		Total College Credits Applied (sum of sections A and B)	60	

Special Notes: * Required courses for all students earning their AA at White Earth Tribal and Community College.

**Courses meet WETCC Area 3 requirements and are also required or electives in the major. Students not taking NATR 120 at the college will need to take ENVR 2000 at the university. Students not taking GEOS 100 at the college will need to take GEOL 1110 at the university. Credits are reflected in section A of this agreement.

SECTION C - Remaining University (receiving) Requirements

course prefix, number and name	Credits
General Elective Credits	18
I REQUIRED CORE COURSES	
ENVR 3880 Environmental Controversies (2 cr.)	2
ENVR 4880 Senior Seminar I (1 credit)	1
INST 1107 Introduction to Turtle Island (3 cr.)	3
INST 2201 Creation to Contact (3 cr.) or INST 2202 Survivance Since Contact (3 cr.)	3
NST 3170 Indigenous Education (3 cr.)	3
INST 4418 Federal Indian Law (3 cr.)	3
ENVR 3710 or INST 3710 Indigenous Environmental Knowledge: Global Perspective (3 cr.)	3
SELECT 3 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES: (3 cr. ea.) -ENVR 3720 or INST 3720 Food Sovereignty, Health & Indigenous Environment -ENVR 3730 or INST 3730 Sustainable Communities: Local Indigenous Perspective -ENVR 3740 or INST 3740 Environment, Wellness & the Sacred Connection to Place -ENVR 3750 or INST 3750 Sustainable Communities: Global Indigenous Perspective	9
SELECT 1 OF THE FOLLOWING COURSES:	3

	ENVR 4970 Internship (3 cr.) ENVR 4990 Thesis (3 cr.)	
	<p style="text-align: center;">II REQUIRED ELECTIVES (Select 12 credits)</p> BIOL 2339 Ethics of Fish and Wildlife Management (3 cr.) BIOL 2610 General Ecology (3 cr.) BIOL 3361 Limnology (4 cr.) BIOL 3400 Fish & Wildlife Law and Administration (3 cr.) BIOL 3420 Human Dimensions of Wildlife and Fisheries Management (3 cr.) BIOL 3610 Principles of Wildlife Management (3 cr.) BIOL 3630 Conservation Biology (3 cr.) or GEOG 3630 Conservation Biology (3 cr.) BIOL 3730 Plant Diversity (4 cr.) BIOL 4623 Forest Ecology (4 cr.) CHEM 3110 Laboratory Management and Safety (2 cr.) CRJS 4477 Restorative Justice (3 cr.) ENVR 3040 Environmental Economics (3 cr.) or ECON 3040 Environmental Economics (3 cr.) ENVR 3600 Environmental Justice and Sustainability (3 cr.) ENVR 3700 Natural Resource Management (3 cr.) ENVR 4210 Environmental Law and Policy (3 cr.) ENVR 4220 Sampling and Analysis (4 cr.) ENVR 4610 Sustainability: Theory and Practice (4 cr.) GEOG 3231 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems (3 cr.) GEOG 3410 Geography of North America (3 cr.) GEOL 3120 Soils (4 cr.) or BIOL 3120 Soils (4 cr.) GEOL 3211 Environmental Hydrology (3 cr.) or GEOL 3212 Hydrogeology (3 cr.) HLTH 2800 Multicultural Health in America (2 cr.) HLTH 3500 Community Health (3 cr.) INST 1202 Indigenous Environmental Current Events (3 cr.) INST 2925 People of the Environment: Indigenous Knowledge Perspective (3 cr.) INST 3317 Tribal Government and Leadership (3 cr.) INST 3888 Indigenous Women Writers (3 cr.) INST 4900 Social Justice (3 cr.) LEAD 3500 Theories and Contexts of Leadership (3 cr.) MASC 3270 Media and Social Change (3 cr.) MATH 1120 Environmental Mathematics (3 cr.) OJIB 1100 Ojibwe Culture (4 cr.) OJIB 1111 Elementary Ojibwe I (4 cr.) OJIB 1112 Elementary Ojibwe II (4 cr.) OJIB 2211 Intermediate Ojibwe I (4 cr.) OJIB 2212 Intermediate Ojibwe II (4 cr.) OJIB 3311 Advanced Ojibwe I (4 cr.) OJIB 3312 Advanced Ojibwe II (4 cr.) PHIL 2250 Human Nature (3 cr.) POL 3230 Environmental Politics (3 cr.) PSY 3367 Social Psychology (3 cr.) PSY 4588 Multicultural Psychology (4 cr.) SOC 3050 Environmental Sociology (3 cr.) SOWK 2110 Intercultural Communication (3 cr.) TADD 1440 Drawing Foundations (4 cr.) TADD 3748 Ceramics/Hand Building (4 cr.) TADD 3749 Ceramics/Wheel (4 cr.) TADT 1111 Introduction to Project Management (3 cr.) TADT 2100 Impact Of Technology, Art & Design (2 cr.) TADT 3267 Economic and Cost Analysis (3 cr.) TADT 4385 Sustainability and Emerging Technologies (3 cr.) TADT 4878 Quality Assurance (3 cr.)	12

	University unrestricted elective credits not counted elsewhere (if none enter 0)	
	Total Remaining University Credits²	60
Special Notes: Students will need to be sure they meet the 40-credit upper division graduation requirement by choosing 3000 and 4000 level courses in their "II Required Electives" and "General Elective Credits" listed above in Section C.		

SECTION D - Summary of Total Program Credits			
College (sending) Credits		University (receiving) Requirements	
MnTC/General Education	45		
Major, Emphasis, Unrestricted Electives or Other	16		
Total College Credits	61	Total College Credits Applied	61
		Remaining credit to be taken at the university (receiving institution)	59
		Total Program Credits	120
Special Notes, if any:			

² At least 40 of the required credits for the baccalaureate degree shall be at the upper-division level. If a lower division course is shown as equivalent to an upper division course, check with the university to determine if it will count toward the 40 required credits of upper division.

College Chief Academic Officer	Name	Signature	Date
President	Lorna LaGue		
Title			
University Chief Academic Officer	Name	Signature	Date
Provost	Dr. Allen Bedford		
Title			
DARS Encoder	Beverly Hodgson		
Date when equivalencies were verified/encoded in DARS by the receiving Minnesota State institution.			