

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

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Associate of Arts Degree in Social Work

And

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Article I Agreement on Principle

Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Gogebic Community College agree that students who choose to transfer from a community college to a senior college or university to earn a bachelor's degree should be provided with a smooth curriculum transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. Therefore, Northern Michigan University and Gogebic Community College agree to enter into this curriculum articulation agreement for students who complete the A.A. in Social Work at Gogebic Community College and transfer to NMU to complete the Bachelor of Social Work Degree. Both institutions enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

Article II Agreement on Program Specifics

Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Gogebic Community College agree that any student who has successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined on the attached articulation guide may transfer the course credits indicated toward the Bachelor of Social Work Degree at Northern Michigan University. Students who follow this articulated program agreement must apply and be admitted to Northern Michigan University. Students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. The bachelor's degree graduation requirements for students who follow this articulated program agreement are listed on the attached articulation guide.

Article III Agreement on Communication

Northern Michigan University (NMU) and Gogebic Community College agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. Communication may include the development of various kinds of publications to inform those who might benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by this agreement. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to students and prospective students.

Article IV Agreement on Maintenance and Review Procedures

At least one administrative or faculty member from each institution will be appointed to act as agents for the implementation of this agreement, to speak for the institutions and to communicate changes to respective faculty members, advisers, counselors, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the transfer coordinator at Gogebic Community College and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University.

Both parties agree to communicate annually any changes in their respective programs that may affect this articulation agreement. During the third year, both parties will review the agreement for revision and possible renewal. If the agreement is not reviewed by the end of the effective agreement, Gogebic Community College students who started the articulated program prior to termination of the agreement, will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under terms of this agreement.

Note Regarding Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA): Students who transfer to Northern Michigan University from a Michigan community college and who have *Michigan Transfer Agreement Satisfied* posted on their transcript will be considered to have met the requirements of NMU's Liberal Studies/General Education program. Students will still be expected to complete all other degree requirements, including graduation requirements (world cultures, lab, and composition and math competencies) and any courses listed as "Other Required Courses" that may also be Liberal Studies/General Education courses. Degree requirements can be found at www.nmu.edu/catalog. Transfer students who do not complete the entire block of courses required by the MTA will receive credit for courses they do complete on the basis of individual evaluation and established transfer equivalencies.

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Introduction:

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to provide a smooth transition for students who want to earn an A.A. degree in Social Work at Gogebic Community College prior to a transfer to Northern Michigan University to complete a Bachelor of Social Work degree. As displayed in this document, the first and second years of coursework are completed at Gogebic Community College and third and fourth years at NMU.

The mission of the Bachelor of Social Work program at NMU is to prepare competent professionals committed to advancing social justice, human rights, and the dignity and worth of diverse individuals, groups, families, service delivery systems and communities through social work practice in a global context.

The Bachelor of Social Work program at NMU is the first program in Michigan to be accredited by the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE). The program provides students with an understanding of the contexts of social work practice, the changing nature of those contexts, the behavior of organizations, and the dynamics of change. Throughout the curriculum, students will be exposed to the values and ethics that guide professional social work practice.

The Baccalaureate Social Work (BSW) degree is a gateway to career fields such as child protective services, juvenile probation, substance abuse treatment, service to the aging and more. Our graduates are eligible for licensure throughout the U.S. In addition to entering professional employment upon graduation, many BSW graduates opt to complete an advanced degree, such as an MSW. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, overall employment of social workers is projected to grow 13% from 2019 to 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.

Effective Dates:

The effective dates of this agreement are from **July 1, 2023-July 1, 2026**. If this agreement is not renewed at the end of the effective period, students who have already started this articulated program at Gogebic Community College will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under the terms of this agreement. Students, who began the program prior to the effective date, may use the agreement to the extent that the requirements completed are consistent with this agreement.

First and Second Years at Gogebic Community College:

The first and second years of NMU's Bachelor of Social Work Degree will be completed at Gogebic Community College as an Associate of Arts Degree in Social Work. A maximum of 90 semester credits may transfer to NMU from a two-year college. Unless otherwise designated, a grade of C- or higher is required for transfer to NMU. The following section displays the Gogebic Community College A.A degree with restricted selections to meet requirements within NMU's General Education Program:

GCC Course #	Gogebic Community College	Credit Hours	NMU Equivalent	NMU Degree Requirement
	Fall Semester – Year One			
COL 101	College and Transfer Success	1	GEN 1009	General Elective
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	EN 111	General Education (EFF)
PSY 101	General Psychology	4	PSY 101	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Psychological Science Category (PERS)
MTH 108 or MTH 110	Practical Math OR College Algebra	4	MA 1001 OR MA 111	General Education (QUAN)
BIO 105 Recommended	Science Course (Anatomy & Physiology)	3-4	SCII 1009	General Education (SCII) *BIO 105 will also count in Human Behavior Cluster Minor Biological Science Category
		15-16		
	Spring Semester – Year One			
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	EN 211	General Education (EFF)
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	SO 101	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Sociological Science Category (PERS)
PSY 225	Psychology of Personality	3	PSY 325	General Elective
SWK 101	Introduction to Social Work	3	SW 100	Major
	General Science/lab science: Choose from transfer courses with prefix BIO, CHM, ENV, GLG, PHY, or SCI	3-4		General Education Science Course with lab
		15-16		
	Fall Semester – Year Two			
PSY 204	Social Psychology	3	PSY 220	General Elective
PSY 295	Abnormal Psychology	4	PSY 240	General Elective
PLS 101	Introduction to American Government	3	PS 105	General Education Course (PERS)
	Humanities Elective: choose from select courses with prefix ART, DRA, ENG 201 or higher, HST, HUM, MUS, PHI	3-4		
MTH 211 (Recommended)	General Transfer Elective (Introduction to Statistics Recommended)	3	DATA 109	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Research Methods Category (Quant)
		16-17		
	Spring Semester – Year Two			
PSY 210	Lifespan Development	3	PSY 210	General Elective
SOC 102	Social Problems	3	SO 113	General Elective (PERS)
ECO 201	Macroeconomics	3	EC 202	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Economic Justice Category

	History Elective HST 224 History of Women in the US OR HST 226 Native American History OR HST 229 African American History	3	HS 283 or HS 233 or HS 292	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Diversity Category (HS 233 is SOC/WC) *HS 283 and HS 292 will also count for this minor.
	Humanities Elective: choose from select courses with prefix ART, DRA, ENG 201 or higher, HST, HUM, MUS, PHI	3		General Elective
		15		
	Total Credit Hours	61-64		

Students must apply to Upper Level Social Work Curriculum by Oct. 1 Junior Year.

Third and Fourth Years at NMU...

The third and fourth years of NMU's Bachelor of Social Work Degree is comprised of at least 60 credits. To qualify for a bachelor's degree at NMU, students must meet all graduation requirements, which include the courses listed below at NMU.

NMU Course #	NMU Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Degree Requirements
	Fall Semester – Year Three		
	*Apply to Upper Level Curriculum by October 1		
SW 230	Human Behavior I	4	Major
SW 308	Research Methods II	4	Major
SW 341	Social Welfare Policy	4	Major
SO 322 or SO 362 or SO 372	Upper Level SO	4	Human Behavior Cluster Minor Populations at Risk Category
		16	
	Winter Semester – Year Three		
SW 370	Generalist Practice Methods I	4	Major
SW 372	Generalist Practice Methods II	4	Major
SW 331	Human Behavior and Social Environment II	4	Major
Elective	Other required course or elective	4	World Cultures Course (if not already met)
		16	
	Fall Semester -Year Four		
SW 473	Integrative Senior Seminar I	2	Major
SW 480	Senior Field Placement I	4	Major
SW 472	SW Practice with Diverse Populations	4	Major
Elective	Other required course or elective	4	
		14	
	Winter Semester – Year Four		
SW 474	Integrative Senior Seminar II	2	Major
SW 481	Senior Field Placement II	4	Major
SW 440	Social Work Policy Analysis	4	Major
Elective	Other required courses or elective	4	
		14	
	Total Credit Hours:	60	

Suggested Course Sequence:

Third Year	Fourth Year
<p><u>Fall Semester:</u> Students must apply to Upper Level Social Work Curriculum by Oct. 1</p> <p>SW 230 Human Behavior I, 4 cr SW 308 Research Methods II (DATA 109 is a pre-req), 4 cr SW 341 Social Welfare Policy, 4 cr SO 322, or SO 362, or 372 Upper Level SO, 4 cr</p> <p>Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p><u>Fall Semester:</u> SW 473 Integrative Seminar, 2 cr SW 480 Senior Field Placement, 4 cr SW 472 Anti-Oppressive SW Practice, 4 cr Elective or other required course, 4 cr</p> <p>Semester Total: 14 cr.</p>
<p><u>Winter Semester:</u> SW 370 Practice Methods I, 4 cr SW 372 Practice Methods II, 4cr SW 331, Human Behavior and Social Environment 4 cr Elective or other required course, 4 cr</p> <p>Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p><u>Winter Semester:</u> SW 474 Senior Seminar, 2 cr SW 481 Senior Field Placement II, 4 cr SW 440 Social Work Policy Analysis, 4 cr Elective or other required course, 4 cr</p> <p>Semester Total: 14 cr.</p>

Additional Graduation Requirements:

1. At least 8 credits of the major and 4 credits of the minor must be earned at NMU.
2. A total of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 30 earned at NMU, and a minimum NMU GPA of 2.0 must be earned for any degree.
3. A GPA at least 2.50 is required in Social Work Major and Human Behavior Cluster Minor.
4. Students must earn at least a C (73%) or equivalent in both Practice Methods Courses (SW 370&SW 372).
5. NMU's General Education Program and all graduation requirements must be completed by the student, including the World Cultures requirement, Laboratory Science requirement, and Math and English Competency requirement.

Notes to Students:

1. Complete the articulated program as indicated in this articulation guide. Any course substitutions should only be made with the guidance of an adviser or counselor to assure that all requirements are met;
2. Students are encouraged to meet with the Bachelor of Social Work Program Director (or designee) at NMU early, before completing an admission application to NMU; and
3. A copy of the articulation agreement should be brought to all advising sessions. Copies of this agreement are available on the [NMU Undergraduate Admissions Website](#) and at the [Academic Affairs Office, NMU](#).

Based on NMU's 2022-2023 University Bulletin

For further information regarding the selection and transfer of courses, contact one of NMU's Transfer Admissions Counselors, at 1-800-682-9797 or transfer@nmu.edu.

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We the representatives of Gogebic Community College and Northern Michigan University agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for an initial period of three (3) years.

Signatures

Gogebic Community College



Dr. George McNulty 1-Jun-23
President Date


David Darrow 6-1-23
Vice President of Academic Affairs Date


Dr. Jennifer Sabourin 5/31/23
Vice President of Student Services and Athletics Date


Tara Tregembo 5/31/23
Division Chair, Social Sciences Date

Northern Michigan University


Dr. Brock Tessman 6-8-23
President Date


Dr. Dale Kapla 6-8-23
Interim Provost and Vice President
for Academic Affairs Date

CC: NMU Registrar
NMU Director of Admissions
NMU Transfer Admissions Counselor
NMU Director of ACAC
NMU Social Work Department Head, Dr. Abigail Wyche