Articulation Agreement
between
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
and
NORTHERN MICHIGAN COLLEGE

Michigan State University (MSU) and Northwestern Michigan College (NMC), as two major providers of higher education services, agree to work together to increase access to higher education for adults. As one phase of this agreement, the two institutions agree to collaborate in the offering of an evening/weekend bachelor's degree completion program. This program, which leads to a baccalaureate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science (IDS), enables students to begin their undergraduate education at NMC and complete remaining degree requirements with courses offered at the NMC University Center.

The IDS Degree Completion

MSU's College of Social Science administers the upper division portion of the evening/weekend degree completion program. The IDS program is available to qualified transfer students from NMC. Students may pursue a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), or a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree. The student's major is IDS: Human Resources and Society. The Evening/Weekend Program is intended for individuals who have employment and/or other responsibilities that preclude their participation in a daytime degree program. All courses are offered during late afternoon, evening hours or weekends through on site instruction and/or distance-learning technologies.

The IDS Evening/Weekend Program is administered by MSU's Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science (CIS/SSC). Courses are offered Fall, Spring and Summer semesters and students can complete degree requirements in three and one-half calendar years. The Evening/Weekend Program is a cooperative effort, involving NMC, MSU's College of Social Science as well as other MSU Colleges.

Requirements

NMC offers the first half of the undergraduate experience (i.e., up to 60 semester credits). The remaining credits to complete the Bachelor's degree program will be available through MSU. This includes a minimum of forty-two (42) credits in the IDS: Human Resources and Society major plus any other college and university graduation requirements. IDS curricular guides provide information on all such requirements.

Admission, Advising and Program Planning

Collaboration of the two institutions includes--

1. development of curricular guides that describe MSU transfer requirements and inform students of core, major, and other prerequisite courses that should be completed at NMC;
2. commitment by both NMC and MSU advisors to provide academic advising for students who identify themselves as part of the cohort of potential transfers to the Evening/Weekend Program;

3. development and circulation of program materials that clarify the issues of concern to potential transfer students, such as admissions standards, degree requirements, contact persons and other sources of relevant information;

4. distribution of MSU’s admissions application forms.

Administrative Responsibility

1. The Director of MSU’s Center for Integrative Studies, College of Social Science, designates an individual to serve as the administrative coordinator of the Degree Completion Program.

2. NMC designates an individual (or individuals) to serve as administrative liaison to MSU’s Evening/Weekend Degree Completion Program.

3. NMC and MSU agree to participate jointly in the ongoing promotion of the degree completion program. MSU staff assumes responsibility for developing promotional materials, and NMC staff agrees to assist in distribution efforts.

4. Regular interaction between faculty, administrators, and programmatic advisors from the two institutions is essential in order to insure ongoing programmatic assessment.

We, the undersigned, pledge our support, commitment, and best efforts to implement this agreement, effective as of the date, July 15, 1996.

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