



**Lake Area Technical  
Institute and South Dakota State University  
Dual-Degree Option**

A.S. degree in Agricultural Science (SDSU) and A.A.S. degree in Agriculture (LATI)  
at Lake Area Technical Institute

Fall 2016

***Frequently Asked Questions***

1. **What is a dual-degree?** This option is designed to allow students to earn credits for an A.S. degree in Agricultural Science from SDSU while working on an A.A.S degree in Agriculture from LATI.
2. **What are the benefits of earning both degrees simultaneously?** This option will allow students to save time and earn two degrees at an overall lower cost. Students will also experience a teaching and learning environment which provides a breadth and depth of content and experiences in support of students' career goals. Students who wish to continue their education by earning a bachelor's degree at SDSU will begin as juniors with 60 credits completed of the 120 credits required for the B.S. degree in Agricultural Science.
3. **Can the A.S. degree credits be applied to any SDSU bachelor's degree programs other than Agricultural Science?** The A.S. degree program is designed specifically to account for half of the 120 credits required for the B.S. in Agricultural Science at SDSU. If a portion of the of the A.S. credits are to be applied toward a bachelor's degree program other than General AG Sciences, 60 additional credits would likely be needed for degree completion.
4. **How do I apply?** Applicants need to apply to both LATI and SDSU. To participate in this program, students must first be accepted to the LATI Agriculture program. However, students do need to be enrolled in both degrees at both colleges.  
For LATI go to: <https://my.lakeareatech.edu/OnlineApp/>  
For SDSU go to: <http://www.sdstate.edu/admissions/index.cfm>
5. **What are the requirements of the degree?** For the A.A.S. in Agriculture from LATI, students have multiple tracks/options to choose from that coincide with the Dual-Degree. For details go to [www.lakeareatech.edu](http://www.lakeareatech.edu). For the A.S. in Agricultural Sciences from SDSU, students will be required to complete 18 credits of general education courses work (English, speech, mathematics, social and behavioral

sciences, humanities and arts and natural sciences), 18 credits of Agricultural Sciences major requirements and 24 credits of electives.

**6. How do I access the required courses?** All courses are offered either at LATI in Watertown, SD or online.

**7. How much does it cost?** Since you will be a full-time Lake Area Tech student enrolled in the Agriculture program, you will pay the normal tuition and fees for that program as outlined on the LATI website. When you take the SDSU Agricultural Science classes from the SDSU main campus (either in person or online) **to meet requirements for the A.S. in Agricultural Science**, SDSU will **charge** the LATI Special Status student rate. The Special Status tuition and fees rate for 2016-2017 is \$197.50 per credit (as a dual enrolled student you will have already paid your department fee). *Additional expenses at LATI may include student fees, tools (if needed), books, laptop, etc. If you decide to take courses directly on the campus of SDSU, there will be an additional charge for course fees. For more information contact the admissions or financial aid office at Lake Area Technical Institute or SDSU.*

**8. Will Financial Aid cover both degrees?** It is a little complicated, but yes. You will need to work with both the LATI and SDSU Financial Aid offices for further clarification, information and processes.

**9. Will I earn my degree(s) from LATI, SDSU or both?**

You will earn your degree from both institutions. The A.A.S degree will be awarded by LATI and the A.S degree will be awarded by SDSU.

**10. What if I decide to pursue the A.S. degree in Agricultural Sciences a semester or more after I start the A.A.S. degree in Agriculture? Can I still pursue the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree?**

Yes, you can add the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree option at a later date.

**11. Can I complete only the A.S. in Agricultural Sciences at LATI?** No, you will need to be enrolled in and complete the A.A.S degree in Agriculture at LATI for your courses to transfer to SDSU to meet some of the A.S. degree requirements.

**12. Who will serve as my academic advisor? Will I have one at each institution?**

You will be assigned an academic advisor at both institutions - one for the A.A.S. degree at LATI and one for the A.S. degree at SDSU.

**13. When I earn both degrees, can I attend commencement ceremonies at both institutions?**

Yes, you may participate in both ceremonies.

**14. Who do I contact if I have questions?**

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