

## PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA (USD)  
and  
LAKE AREA TECHNICAL INSTITUTE (LATI)

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY**  
**Associate of Applied Sciences Degree Program at LATI**  
Towards the  
**SUSTAINABILITY**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD**

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### I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are The University of South Dakota (USD) and Lake Area Technical Institute (LATI).

### II. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and complementary nature of the institutions' programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students;
- D. provide LATI students who have completed the AAS degree in Human Services Technician an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Sustainability.

### III. Academic Program

#### **Graduation Requirements for the BS in Sustainability at USD**

Sustainability Major Requirements:	30
General Education Credits:	20 <sup>1</sup>
Block transfer credits from LATI Environmental Technology:	46
Minor	18 <sup>2</sup>
Electives:	6
<b>Total credits required:</b>	<b>120</b>

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<sup>1</sup> Some general education requirements are included in the Sustainability major requirements.

<sup>2</sup> Some of general education courses may count toward a minor.

A. Requirements to be completed at USD for the Sustainability major are reflected in the catalog website: <http://catalog.usd.edu>.

A. The general education coursework to meet Regental System General Education Requirements must also be completed as outlined below. This coursework may be taken at LATI if equivalent courses are available. Required general education coursework required for the AAS in Environmental Technology are identified in the chart below. Additional general education coursework will be transferred if the Regental System General Education transfer requirements are met. If all required General Education credits are completed at LATI while successfully completing the Environmental Technology program a total of 65 credit hours may transfer.

### General Education Course Requirements

General Education Requirements			LATI Coursework (Must meet Regental System requirements)	
Written Communication and Literacy Skills	ENGL 101 Composition	3	ENGL 101 Composition	3
Oral Communication	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3	SPCM 101 Fundamentals of Speech	3
Social Sciences	ECON 201 Principles of Economics SUST 111 Sustainable Society	6	ECON 201 Principles of Economics	3
Humanities and Fine Arts	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3	ENGL 210 Introduction to Literature	3
Mathematics	MATH 102 College Algebra or higher	3	Math 102 College Algebra	3
Natural Sciences	CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey SUST 113 and 113L Sustainable Environment	4 4	CHEM 106 Chemistry Survey	4
<b>Total General Education Credit Hours</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>19**</b>

\*\* Additional general education credits to meet the SGR may be transferred if they meet Regental System General Education transfer requirements up to a total of 90 credit hours.

#### IV. Additional requirements

- Upon successful completion of the requirements of the AAS in Environmental Technology, students may transfer to USD to complete the BS in Sustainability with either the Environmental Science specialization or the Human and Natural Systems specialization.

At that time, USD will accept a block of 46 technical course credits from the AAS degree in Environmental Technology. Students must successfully complete the AAS degree in Environmental Technology from LATI prior to transferring to USD for the technical course credits to be accepted.

- Transferrable general education coursework in addition to the 46 technical course block credits will be accepted. ECON 201 and CHEM 106 from LATI can fulfill both general education requirements and Sustainability major requirements.
- Students with an Environmental Technology degree will need to complete 9 credits of coursework within the selected specialization rather than the usual 15 credits. Students will need to complete at least one course from each course group within the selected specialization.
- The Environmental Technology degree will satisfy the internship/field experience/undergraduate research (SUST 494/496/498) requirement for the Sustainability major (1 credit).
- Students must complete the remaining requirements for the Sustainability major, the foundational requirements for the selected specialization of the Sustainability major, if needed, an approved minor, any other general education requirements, and any free elective requirements to meet the required 120 credit hour total for graduation.
- Students must meet all SD Board of Regents policies and university graduation requirements in order to receive a degree.
- Students transferring coursework from LATI must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

## **V. Obligations**

Both parties agree to confer with each other on a yearly basis regarding changes in curricula involved in this articulation agreement.

## **VI. Modification**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by the South Dakota Board of Regents and Lake Area Technical Institute.

## **VII. Incorporation of terms in master agreement.**

The parties have entered into the present agreement pursuant to the agreement of December 14, 2004 between the Watertown Board of Education on behalf of Lake Area Technical Institute and the South Dakota Board of Regents on behalf of Black Hills State University, Dakota State University, Northern State University, the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, South Dakota State University and The University of South Dakota. This agreement shall be subject to all terms and conditions stated in the December 14, 2004 agreement.

**VIII. Termination**

This agreement may be terminated by either party upon one year's written notice to the other. Student(s) enrolled in the program at that time shall be allowed to complete the program.

This Agreement depends upon the continued availability of appropriated funds and expenditure authority from the Legislature for this purpose. If for any reason the Legislature fails to appropriate or grant expenditure authority or funds become unavailable by operation of law or federal funds reductions, this Agreement will be terminated by the University of South Dakota. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by the University of South Dakota nor does it give rise to a claim against the University of South Dakota.

**IX. Effective Date of Agreement:**

The agreement applies to students who graduated from LATI in 2017 or later.

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