Master of Social Work
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Loras College
AND
St. Ambrose University

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for a Loras College undergraduate student to transition to St. Ambrose University to pursue the Master of Social Work (MSW) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the MSW program and the understanding between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for certain undergraduate courses taken at Loras College to contribute towards requirements of the MSW degree requirements.

A. Intent

1. Loras College has developed an articulation agreement with St. Ambrose University to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria. Students who successfully complete all requirements will be awarded a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from Loras College and a Master of Social Work degree (MSW) from St. Ambrose University.

B. Articulation Agreement

1. Loras College students who have completed the bachelor's degree requirements for a bachelor's degree in social work and have met the admission requirements for the MSW program will be eligible for admission to the advanced standing MSW program.
2. Loras College students will apply for admission to the MSW program in their fourth year by April 1 for a summer only start through the St. Ambrose University website.
3. Loras College will award the bachelor's degree to the student at the conclusion of the student's 4th year.
4. After the bachelor's degree has been conferred, students will request an official transcript from Loras College be sent to St. Ambrose University so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
5. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the MSW program by the conclusion of the summer follow the 5th year will be awarded the MSW degree by St. Ambrose University.
6. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to Loras College while enrolled at Loras College for the first four years of this agreement and will pay tuition and fees to St. Ambrose University for the one year enrolled at St. Ambrose University. Institutional aid from Loras College does not carry forward to St. Ambrose University.

C. Responsibilities of Loras College

1. Loras College will be responsible for communicating to the current and prospective bachelor of social work students that they are eligible to complete this advanced standing 4+1 pathway to the MSW degree.
2. Loras College will advise the student within the first four years to complete necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, the necessary pre-requisites, and the bachelor of social work degree requirements by May of their fourth year.
3. Loras College will confer the bachelor's degree after the student's fourth year and will send the final transcript to St. Ambrose University upon the student request.

D. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

1. St. Ambrose University will advise the student in their fifth year of the program to successfully complete all of the coursework necessary for the MSW program.
2. St. Ambrose University will share marketing materials and promotional information with Loras College to promote the MSW program to prospective students.
3. St. Ambrose University will confer the MSW degree upon completion of all MSW degree requirements, completing the 4+1 agreement.

E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. The student will declare social work as the necessary major at Loras College to be eligible for the 4+1 program.
2. The student will complete all bachelor's degree requirements including general education requirements, social work major courses, and necessary pre-requisites.
3. The student will apply to the St. Ambrose University MSW program by April 1 in their fourth year and will be on track to complete all pre-requisite courses by the start of the MSW program.
4. Once the student has been accepted to the MSW program at St. Ambrose University, they should complete the FAFSA for their 5th year. FAFSA's should be submitted to St. Ambrose University as soon as possible after acceptance as been received.
5. After the bachelor's degree is conferred, the student will request the official transcript from Loras College be sent to St. Ambrose University to verify that the student is eligible to begin graduate coursework.

F. Admission Criteria

a. To be eligible for admission to the St. Ambrose MSW program, students must meet the admissions criteria posted on the St. Ambrose University Master of Social Work website.

G. Terms and Terminations

a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing.

H. Mutual Indemnification

a. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description brought by third part including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court costs, penalties, and whatsoever and of any kind or nature directly resulting or arising from any breach of party and/or its agents of any provisions of this Agreement, or and negligent or willful act or omission of a party and/or its agents.

I. Relationships

a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between either parties.

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Loras College

Dr. Paul Koch, Provost and Vice President,
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St. Ambrose University

4-20-2023
Date

4/20/2023
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James E. Collins
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