

Guaranteed Admission Agreement Between St. Ambrose University and Black Hawk College

Black Hawk College and St. Ambrose University (SAU) agree to a cooperative relationship through this Guaranteed Admission Agreement to better serve students and facilitate the transfer process.

This agreement offers Black Hawk College students Guaranteed Admission to SAU to complete their Bachelor's degree. Students must meet all of the requirements outlined in this agreement to guarantee their admission to SAU.

1. Academic Requirements

- a. Student must have graduated from high school (as evidenced by a high school diploma or GED) and completed a minimum of 12 transferable credit hours.
- b. Students are required to participate in the program between their first semester of enrollment at Black Hawk College and prior to or upon completion of the first 30 semester credit hours at Black Hawk College to ensure SAU at least one year of contact with the student. Also, student must complete the online SAU admissions application <https://www.sau.edu/applyonline>.
- c. Student must transfer to SAU within three years of the date of initial enrollment at Black Hawk College to maintain the SAU catalog edition. Exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- d. Upon completion of the associate degree (AA, AS) students will be accepted at junior status. A maximum of 64 credits will be applied to the baccalaureate degree. Developmental courses and courses not deemed transferable are not included in this agreement.
- e. Students are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale on all course work from all colleges attended. Credit for college-level work is granted in all areas that correspond to courses offered at St. Ambrose University with a grade of a "C" or better.¹
- f. Acceptance in some degree programs at St. Ambrose University is competitive and through a separate application and acceptance process. Thus, guaranteed admission into St. Ambrose University does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the program or department offering the program. Students must follow all St. Ambrose University application processes and all special departmental/program application procedures, deadlines, and grade point average requirements, including, but not limited to, the Nursing program and the School of Education.
- g. International students who enroll at St. Ambrose University will be considered on the same basis as domestic students for admission to competitive programs, registration, scholarships, student housing, parking, and any other opportunities open to domestic students.

Admission Requirements

- a. Students must authorize Black Hawk College and SAU to disclose their education records, including but not limited to, academics, admission, financial aid, and advising information as appropriate. By signing the participation form, students agree to allow the two institutions to share information and to allow the student to take advantage of the Guaranteed Admission

¹ Grades of C- are not accepted. Pass grades are not accepted unless evidence can be provided that the grade would have been a C or better.

program of the reverse degree process. Students may also receive communication from SAU informing them of presentations, workshops, activities, student events, and visits.

- b. Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing at Black Hawk College at the time of transfer. Students must adhere to each institution's standard policies and procedures including but not limited to those dealing with admission, enrollment in courses, transfer credits, financial aid, student conduct and discipline, academic probation, dismissal and reentry.
- c. Students who achieve a transferrable GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale will have a guaranteed invitation to apply to the Honors Program at SAU. Additional application materials are required to be admitted into the Honors Program. Members of Phi Theta Kappa are eligible for an additional scholarship.
- d. During enrollment in the Guaranteed Admission Program, SAU will provide advisement to students to discuss academic program requirements, and transfer credit policies. It is recommended that students track their degree progress by working with their counselor at Black Hawk College and SAU.
- e. Students may also qualify for additional scholarships.

2. Other Terms

- a. Failure to meet the requirements above does not preclude the student from applying and being considered for admission to SAU using the traditional admission process.
- b. Black Hawk College will publish this document on their website so that the detail of this agreement are available to students interested in participating in the program. SAU and Black Hawk College will have the right to review and approve all advertising for the Guaranteed Admission program.
- c. Black Hawk College and St Ambrose University will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.
- d. This agreement is effective for two years and is subject to renewal. Any changes to the program in regards to any part of this agreement, must be in writing so that this agreement can be re-evaluated. Notice of changes shall be provided at least 60 days prior to the first day of instruction (at both institutions) of the academic year in which the change will be implemented.
- e. Should the program be dissolved, students who are participating at the time will be guaranteed transfer into SAU provided they satisfy all program requirements.



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