

Articulation Agreement

St Ambrose University Honors Program and Scott Community College Honors Program, one of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges

Mutual Academic Interests:

St. Ambrose University and Scott Community College, one of Eastern Iowa Community Colleges share mutual interests regarding the availability and quality of higher education for all students to ensure a viable and strong future in the higher education environment for all who choose to participate. SCC provides coursework at the freshman and sophomore levels for students; this coursework leads to various certificates and associate degrees. SAU offers courses of study leading to baccalaureate, master and doctoral degrees. The purpose of the Honors Articulation agreement is to provide guidelines and areas of responsibility that will ensure that students completing courses in the Honors Program at both SCC and SAU will be able to transfer those courses without loss of credit or recognition for requirements within the Honors Program.

Scott Community College Honors Program:

Scott Community College Honors Program values academic scholarship and excellence. The Honors Program offers opportunities for advanced learning, innovative ideas, social and cultural experiences, community service, leadership and personal development to the students who ask more of themselves, their instructors, and their education.

To be recognized as an SCC Honors Program graduate, a student must complete at least four Honors courses, including one Honors Seminar, one Honors Independent Study, one Honors Service Project, and either a second Honors Seminar or Honors Independent Study.

St. Ambrose University Honors Program:

SAU Honors Program involves a culture of scholars, a small community of students eager to learn, with a strong work ethic and a keen interest in being pushed intellectually.

In addition to the rigorous study and wide-ranging, multidisciplinary discussions of the Honors core courses, each student will have the opportunity to work with a faculty member to develop a research project or scholarly activity. This intensive focus is invaluable preparation for academic work beyond an undergraduate degree.

HONORS II: Honors II engages transfer and current students in department-based scholarship, with students working alongside faculty members on research projects based on mutual interest.

Terms of the Agreement:

1. Notification of a student’s intention to join the SAU Honors Program should be provided by SCC or the student in the semester prior to SAU admission; therefore students are encouraged to complete the SAU dual admission application while attending SCC.
2. Students are required to enroll in HON: 301 upon transferring to SAU Honors Program.
3. In their senior year, honors students will complete HON 401: Honors Thesis and in collaboration with a faculty mentor present their final work to a panel of faculty members for evaluation.
4. Once in the SAU Honors Program, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 and have approval from the faculty panel evaluating honors projects.

Honors Hours Accepted from SCC

Honors seminar	3 credits
Honors Independent Study	1 credit
Honors Service Project	1 credit
<u>Honors Ind. Study or Seminar</u>	<u>1-3 credits</u>
Total	6-8 credits

SAU Honors Program and SCC Honors Program


This constitutes an agreement between St. Ambrose University and Scott Community College concerning requirements for a graduation designation from SAU’s Honors Program upon completion of a degree from SAU. The purpose of this agreement is to formalize an understanding of cooperation between the two institutions in order to assist SCC Honors Students in their admission and transfer to the Honors Program at SAU. The agreement is based on an analysis of the program requirements as stated in the 2012-2014 SCC catalog and as stated in the 2012-2014 SAU catalog. It is understood that this agreement will be reviewed, and if necessary, modified when either institution issues a new catalog or alters program requirements.


Agreement Representatives


This agreement was developed by the following representatives of SCC and SAU:

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Implementation of this agreement is effective with the approval of both cooperating institutions as attested to by the following signatures:

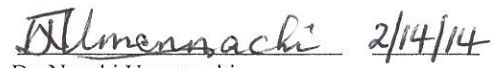

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**ADVISORY STATEMENTS FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS
TO ST. AMBROSE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM**

St. Ambrose University's Honors program is focused on the student's major program. Students applying to the Honors program must complete the following:

1. Students must meet the admissions requirement of St. Ambrose University and complete all necessary paperwork including submitting transcripts from all institutions previously attended.
2. SCC students must have an overall GPA of 3.5 when applying to the program. Students must obtain 2 letters of recommendation from SAU faculty willing to supervise student research.
3. Students are required to enroll in HON: 301. This course is offered both fall and spring semesters.
4. In their senior year, honors students will complete HON 401: Honors Thesis (2-4 credits) in collaboration with a faculty mentor and present their final work to a panel of faculty member for evaluation.
5. Individual departments or programs may make additional requirements in order for their students to complete Scholarship in Honors. Departments and programs do not have to make changes to their current curriculum in order for their major students to complete Honors.
6. SCC students are encouraged to complete the SAU Dual Admission Application during their first year at SCC. Students enrolled in the DUAPP are advised by a faculty member at SAU along with their SCC advisor.
7. Once in the program, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 and have approval from the faculty panel evaluating honors projects.

Retention:

In order to complete Honors II, students must maintain an overall GPA of 3.5 and must have approval from the faculty panel evaluating the honors projects.