

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**

**Academic and Student Affairs**  
**Consent**

**AGENDA ITEM: 5 – H (4)**  
**DATE: April 2-3, 2025**

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**SUBJECT**

**Articulation Agreements – USD**

**CONTROLLING STATUTE, RULE, OR POLICY**

[BOR Policy 2.2.2.1](#) – Seamless Transfer of Credit

[BOR Policy 2.2.2.3](#) – External (Non-Regental System) Accredited University/College  
Transfer of Credit

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION**

BOR Policy 2.2.2.1 – Seamless Transfer of Credit establishes requirements for institutions seeking to develop program level agreements for interested transfer students. The policy further establishes the distinction between AA, AS, and AAS degrees which are classified as transferable, terminal, or non-transferable degrees (respectively). However, the AAS is “transferable when a specific degree articulation agreement exists between a given A.A.S. degree and a specific Baccalaureate degree.” Agreements established with regionally accredited institutions must be developed in conjunction with the faculty, following all institutional guidelines and are monitored as a function of the institutional program review process. Once approved, the agreements apply only at Regental institutions with equivalent programs.

**IMPACT AND RECOMMENDATION**

To comply with BOR Policy 2.2.2.1, the University of South Dakota requests approval of following articulation agreement:

- Students who have completed an AS degree in Exercise Science at Northeast Community College may apply up to 75 credits toward the BS in Kinesiology and Sport Management – Exercise Science Specialization at USD.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment I – USD Articulation Agreement

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**DRAFT MOTION 20250402\_5-H(4):**

I move to approve the University of South Dakota to finalize and execute the articulation agreement with Northeast Community College in substantially similar form to that set forth in Attachment I.

**PROGRAM TO PROGRAM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

Between  
Northeast Community College  
and  
University of South Dakota

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Agreement with Respect to Applying the  
**Exercise Science Associate of Science Degree**  
Towards the  
**Kinesiology and Sport Management with a specialization in Exercise Science**  
**Bachelor of Science Degree Program at USD**

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**I. PARTIES**

Parties to this agreement are Northeast Community College and University of South Dakota.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this agreement is to:

- A. have a signed articulation agreement that addresses the varying needs of students and the complementary nature of the institution's programs;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students from South Dakota and the region.
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students; and
- D. provide graduates of the Exercise Science Associate of Science Degree degree an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and Sport Management with a specialization in Exercise Science.

**III. ACADEMIC PROGRAM**

- A. USD will accept up to 75 credits from NECC's Associate of Science in Exercise Science for students majoring in USD's Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and Sport Management with a specialization in Exercise Science. Students must successfully complete the A.S. degree in Exercise Science from NECC prior to applying to the USD for this agreement to apply. Students must meet all South Dakota Board of Regents' (SDBOR) policies and university graduation requirements to receive a degree. Requirements to be completed for the Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and Sport Management with a specialization in Exercise Science are reflected in the catalog website: [https://catalog.usd.edu/preview\\_program.php?catoid=37&poid=8259](https://catalog.usd.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=37&poid=8259).

**B. Supporting coursework to be completed in the NECC curriculum:**

Course	Credits
1. HPER 1510 Introduction to Health, Physical Education, and Recreation (substitute for USD's KSM 150)	3
2. HPER 2210 Introduction to Exercise Science (substitute for USD's KSM 350)	4
3. HPER 1520 Nutrition for Fitness and Sport (substitute for USD's HLTH 422)	3
4. BIOS 2250, Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology I (substitute for USD's PHGY 220/220L)	4
5. BSAD 2050 Business Communication (substitute for USD's ENGL 205)	3

**C. General Education Requirements (SGRs): [[ Number of Credits for General Education Requirements (SGRs) ]] credits**

Required, transferable general education requirements in the NECC Exercise Science curriculum are *italicized* and listed next to the USD requirement in the table below. The coursework may be taken at NECC. Additional general education coursework may be transferred if the Regental System General Education requirements are met.

USD General Education Requirements			[[ # of Required Coursework ]] Required Coursework	
SGR Goal	USDCourse(s)	Cr	NECC Course(s)	Cr
SGR Goal #1 Written Communication (6 credits)	<b>Complete composition course:</b> ENGL 101 Composition I	3	<b>Complete composition course:</b> <i>ENGL 1010, English Composition I</i>	3
	<b>Complete advanced composition course:</b> ENGL 205 Business Writing	3	<b>Complete advanced composition course:</b> <i>BSAD 2050 Business Communication</i>	3
SGR Goal #2 Oral Communication (3 credits)	<b>Complete communication course:</b> CMST 101, Foundations of Communication CMST 215, Public Speaking	3	<b>Complete communication course:</b> <i>SPCH 1010, Fundamentals of Communication SPCH 1110, Public Speaking</i>	3
SGR Goal #3 Social Sciences (6 credits)	<b>Complete 2 social sciences courses (Must take POLS 100 or HIST 151):</b>  PSYC 101, General Psychology SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology HIST 151 United States History I POLS 100 American Government	6	<b>Complete 2 social sciences courses (Must take POLS 1000 or HIST 2010):</b>  <i>PSYC 1810, Introduction to Psychology SOCL 1010, Introduction to Sociology HIST 2010, American History I</i>	6

			<i>POLS 1000, American Government</i>	
SGR Goal #4 Arts and Humanities (6 credits)	<b>Complete humanities course:</b> HIST 111, World Civilizations I HIST 112, World Civilizations II ENGL 210, Introduction to Literature ENGL 241, American Literature I ENGL 242, American Literature II ENGL 221, British Literature I ENGL 222, British Literature I FREN 101, Introductory French I SPAN 101 Introductory Spanish I	3	<b>Complete humanities course:</b> <i>HIST 1050, World History I</i> <i>HIST 1060, World History II</i> <i>ENGL 2100, Introduction to</i> <i>Literature</i> <i>ENGL 2150, American Literature to</i> <i>1865</i> <i>ENGL 2160, American Literature</i> <i>since 1865</i> <i>ENGL 2200, British Literature to</i> <i>1800</i> <i>ENGL 2210, British Literature after</i> <i>1800</i> <i>FREN 1200, Elementary French I</i> <i>SPAN 1200, Elementary Spanish I</i>	3
	<b>Complete fine arts course:</b>  ARTH 211 History of World Art I ARTH 212 History of World Art II (line fill)  MUS 100 Music Appreciation	3	<b>Complete fine arts course:</b>  <i>ARTS 1050, Introduction to Art</i> <i>History and Criticism I</i> <i>ARTS 1060, Introduction to Art</i> <i>History and Criticism II</i> <i>MUSC 1010 Introduction to Music</i>	3
SGR Goal #5 Mathematics (3-5 credits)	<b>Complete math course:</b> MATH 114/114L College Algebra/ Lab MATH 120 Trigonometry MATH 123 Calculus I (line fill) MATH 125 Calculus II (line fill) MATH 225 Calculus III  STAT 281, Introduction to Statistics	3- 5	<b>Complete math course:</b> <i>MATH 1150, College Algebra</i>  <i>MATH 1220, Trigonometry</i> <i>MATH 1600, Analytic Geometry and</i> <i>Calculus I</i> <i>MATH 2010, Analytic Geometry and</i> <i>Calculus II</i> <i>MATH 2020, Analytic Geometry and</i> <i>Calculus III</i> <i>MATH 2170, Applied Statistics</i>	3- 5
SGR Goal #6 Natural Sciences (8 credits)	<b>Complete 2 natural sciences with laboratories:</b>  PHGY 220/220L Human Anatomy and Integrated Physiology I / Lab  PHGY 230/230L Human Anatomy and Integrated Physiology II / Lab	8	<b>Complete 2 natural sciences with laboratories:</b>  <i>BIOS 2250, Introduction to Human</i> <i>Anatomy and Physiology I</i>  <i>BIOS 2260, Introduction to Human</i> <i>Anatomy and Physiology II</i>	8

**D. General Education and Supporting Requirements to be completed at USD: [[ Number of Credits for General Education & Supporting Requirements to be Completed at Regental Institution ]] credits**

Course	Credits
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1. None

**E. Major Requirements: KSM major with a specialization in Exercise Science**

Course	Credits
KSM 240 Organization and Administration	3
KSM 300 Introduction to Research	3
KSM 353 Kinesiology	3
PE 494 Intrn: Externship	1-6
KSM 400 Exercise Testing and Prescription	3
KSM 454 Biomechanics	3
<b>Electives-Select 6-23 credit hours from pre-professional and/or applied emphasis (in addition to the options below, course options outlined in the USD catalog):</b>	
KSM 482 Theory of Strength and Conditioning	3
KSM 450 Sport Facility and Event Management	3
KSM 453 Sport Psychology	3

**F. Additional Requirements:**

1. Students transferring to the Northeast Community College must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
2. Credit for Community College course transfer requires that the student has completed Exercise Science Associate of Science Degree degree.
3. Student must be admitted to University of South Dakota
4. Students must complete all pre-requisite requirements.
5. A minimum of 30 credit hours in courses numbered 300 or above.
6. A minimum of 50% of the major hours must be taken at USD.

**IV. OBLIGATIONS**

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

**V. MODIFICATIONS**

This agreement may be modified from time to time by USD, NECC, or the South Dakota Board of Regents.

Modifications may not diminish the entitlements enjoyed by students who have already attended classes delivered under the terms of earlier versions of this agreement, except in rare instances in which retroactive implementations of modifications may be required to comply with accreditation standards or to conform to professional licensure requirements.

## **VI. 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 either party. Termination for any of these reasons is not a default by either party nor does it give rise to a claim against either party.

This Agreement will be reviewed at minimum every five years from the effective date per South Dakota Board of Regents Policy 2:27. This Agreement may be reviewed as needed at the prompting of either party.

## **VII. EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement will take full effect upon approval from all parties and the South Dakota Board of Regents. This agreement applies to students who graduated from NECC after Spring 2025 or later with an Associate of Science in Exercise Science Associate of Science Degree provided the student meets all other program requirements.

**VIII. ACCEPTANCE OF AGREEMENT**

**For University of South Dakota**

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**For Northeast Community College**

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