

Associate of Science Degree Program

Towards the  
WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES SCIENCES MAJOR  
Bachelor of Science Degree Program

Between  
NORTHWEST IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
and  
SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY

I. Parties

The parties to this agreement are South Dakota State University (SDSU) and Northwest Iowa Community College (NCC) shall

II. Purpose

The purposes of this agreement are to:

- A. provide a transfer agreement that addresses the varying completion of the institution;
- B. provide increased educational opportunities for students;
- C. extend and clarify educational opportunities for students;
- D. provide NCC students who have completed an A.S. degree in Natural Resources Conservancy major in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at SDSU.

III. Admission Requirements

- A. Students must submit a request for admission from NCC prior to transferring to SDSU for this agreement to apply upon successful completion of the major requirements and credits from the A.S. degree in Natural Resources Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at SDSU. Students must meet all entry requirements of the Regents Public Institutions.
- B. Students must complete the SDSU major in Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences at SDSU.

Note: NCC courses are listed in *transfer* from various SDSU courses as directed in *transfer*.

System General Education Courses which 29 credits should be completed at NCC and 4 credits at SDSU. If all general education requirements are completed at NCC, then the student will need transfer of approved equivalent courses.



6. NRM 282-282L, Principles of Wildlife Management (3 credits)
7. NRM 311-311L, Principles of Ecology (3 credits)
8. PS 101-101L, Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
9. RANG 374-374L, Natural Resource Management and Lab (4 credits)
10. WL 220, Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries (3 credits)
11. WL 411-411L, Principles of Wildlife Management and Lab (3 credits)
12. WL 412-412L, Principles of Fisheries Management and Lab (3 credits)

Botany Requirement: Met at completion of BIO 115 or BIO 116

Organismal Group Electives: Select 3 of the following

- WL 355-355L, Mammalogy (3 credits)
- WL 365-365L, Ornithology and Lab (3 credits)
- WL 367-367L, Ichthyology and Lab (3 credits)
- WL 418-418L, Ecology of Aquatic Invertebrates (3 credits)
- WL 427-427L, Limnology and Lab (3 credits)
- WL 428-428L, Entomology (3 credits)

Advanced Group Electives: Three courses totaling 9 credits

Conservation Biology: The following SDSU courses:

- EES 425-425L
- EES 430-430L
- NRM 450-450L, Freshwater Ecosystems and Assessment and Lab (3 credits)
- NRM 464-464L, Ecosystem Ecology (3 credits)
- NRM 466-466L, Ecotoxicology and Conservation (3 credits)
- NRM 482-482L, Natural Resource Management (3 credits)
- RANG 321, Wildlife Ecology and Management (3 credits)
- WL 415-415L, Ungulate Game Ecology and Management (3 credits)
- WL 417-417L, Large Mammal Ecology and Management (3 credits)
- WL 419-419L, Wetland Ecology and Management and Lab (3 credits)
- WL 421, Terrestrial Insect Ecology (3 credits)
- WL 425-425L, Wildlife Nutrition and Diet (3 credits)
- WL 429-429L, Ecology of Fishes and Fisheries (3 credits)
- WL 431-431L, Advanced Fisheries Management and Lab (3 credits)

Human Dimensions Requirement:

1. WL 430-430L, Human Dimensions in Wildlife and Fisheries and Lab (3 credits)
2. NRM 300, Law, Society, and Conservation (3 credits)

Program or General Electives: If/as needed to reach 120 credits total as required for graduation.

**Total minimum credits required: 120**

**Total allowable credits: 120**

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Additional transferable credits and would reduce the number of general education credits. A maximum of 60 credits total can be transferred from NCC to SDSU.

**Additional requirements:**

- a) Students transferring from NCC (on a 4.0 scale). Any course taken (on a 4.0 scale) must be in the Sciences Major.
- b) Waivers.
  - 1. Associate degree program administered within a state university system for which a proficiency examination is required under the following conditions:
    - a. Earn a Composite Score of 24 or higher on the ACT examination administered by the state university system used to establish a waiver, OR
    - b. Earn a verbal-mathematics score of 1090 or higher on the SAT, OR
    - c. Meet the ACT College Readiness Benchmark exceeding each of the sub-scores below:
      - i. Reading – 22
      - ii. English – 18
      - iii. Mathematics – 22
      - iv. Science Reasoning – 23
    - d. Testing:
      - i. To earn a waiver by relying on individual ACT scores, students must meet or exceed all sub-scores listed.
      - ii. Students who have taken the SAT prior to their initial entry into a regionally accredited postsecondary institution (postsecondary equivalents for dual credit, concurrent credit, or Advanced Placement are not permitted for purposes of this policy), ACT & SAT scores must be recorded in the student's institutional record.
  - 2) Student earning an Associate degree from an institution or agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education – Board of Regents Policy 2.3 transfer of credit may be waived if the student is an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science.
- c.) The College of Agriculture & Biological Sciences requires that at least 25 credits must be from upper division (300 or higher) courses, with the exception of 125, Calculus I, and MATH 225. C.A.B.S. III

**IV. Obligations**

Both parties agree to cooperate with each other in the curricula involved in this dual enrollment.



**V. Modification**

This agreement is subject to the periodic review and modification by the Regents of the University of South Dakota in accordance with the terms of earlier versions of the agreement and any amendments or to SDSU.

**VI. Effect**

This agreement shall be effective from the date of its execution by SDSU.

**VII. Acceptance**

For South Dakota State University:



Dr. Daniel Eicher

Interim President



Dr. Dennis Heuge

Interim President

For Northeast Iowa Community College:

