

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between
BEMIDJI STATE UNIVERSITY and
LEECH LAKE TRIBAL COLLEGE

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is made this 7th day of December, 2020 by and between Bemidji State University, Bemidji, Minnesota, and Leech Lake Tribal College ("LLTC"), Cass Lake, Minnesota. This MOU represents the understanding of the undersigned parties ("the Parties") with respect to academic, and workforce training collaboration.

I. Purpose

WHEREAS, Bemidji State University and Leech Lake Tribal College are collaborative partners for higher education and workforce development, sharing a history of cooperation that both Parties wish to build on; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties are committed to promoting economic development, through education and workforce development, in order to meet industry demand and keep the best and brightest of our students in Minnesota,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

Bemidji State University and Leech Lake Tribal College, in recognition of their continued collaboration, agree to establish a program that allows LLTC students dual admission to Bemidji State University while enrolled at LLTC.

II. Scope of Agreement

The Parties wish to explore the development of areas of cooperation including but not limited to programs of study, transfer programs, and related services offered by either institution and deemed mutually desirable and feasible by the Parties. This MOU outlines the intentions of the parties with specific program arrangements outlined in separate attachments. Programs including Articulation Agreements, Dual Education Programs, and Joint Educational Programs are subject to review by Bemidji State University's and LLTC's HLC Liaison for compliance with accreditation standards.

III. Bemidji State University -LLTC Dual Admissions Program

Bemidji State University and LLTC will provide eligible students an opportunity to be dually admitted in both institutions under the dual admissions program. The dual admissions program allows LLTC students who meet the defined prerequisites to be admitted at Bemidji State University after completing 24 or more transferable credits at LLTC. LLTC students transfer to Bemidji State University as a junior after completing their AA, AS, or AAS degree. In the transition period, typically the second year at LLTC, students enrolled in the dual admissions program are provided limited access to student activities with other Bemidji State University students attending Bemidji State University classes. The parties have outlined the specific components of the program, including detailed roles and responsibilities, in Attachment A.

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IV. Proprietary Information

During the course of their collaboration, the Parties, to the extent of their rights, may exchange proprietary and confidential information if they mutually desire to do so. The rights and obligations of the Parties with respect to the exchange of proprietary and confidential information would be defined pursuant to a separate Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) signed by the Parties.

V. Intellectual Property

If either Party finds that an activity undertaken pursuant to this agreement may result in the creation of intellectual property or may require the sharing of proprietary information, the Parties agree to negotiate separate agreements to address those matters as covered by Minnesota State policy. Neither Party shall construe any part of this MOU as an endorsement of the products or services of the other.

VI. Term and Termination

Either Party may terminate this MOU by providing sixty (60) days written notice to the other Party. Where specific initiatives have been contracted, the contract will supersede this MOU for the purposes of the specific initiative. This MOU will be reviewed every three years.

VII. Rights and Duties

Development of specific programs or other agreements will be contingent on mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval of each institution. This Memorandum of Understanding is not a contractual obligation between the two Parties, and in no way shall conflict with, modify, or negate clauses of any contracts which have been or are to be negotiated between the Parties. Each Party will bear all costs, risks, and liabilities incurred by it arising out of its obligations and efforts under this MOU.

This MOU does not create any right or benefit, enforceable by law or equity, against a Party, its officers or employees, or any other person or entity. This MOU is entered into on a non-preferential basis, and either Party may undertake similar MOUs with other entities on a non-preferential basis. Either Party may withdraw from this MOU upon timely notification to the other Party.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this MOU is executed by the Parties hereto by their respective undersigned and authorized officers as of the date first written above.

On Behalf of Bemidji State University:

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Faith C. Hensrud

Faith C. Hensrud, President
Bemidji State University

DocuSigned by:

Allen Bedford

Allen Bedford, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Bemidji State University

On Behalf of Leech Lake Tribal College:

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Raymond Burns

Raymond Burns, President
Leech Lake Tribal College

DocuSigned by:

Viki Howard

Viki Howard, Dean of Academics
Leech Lake Tribal College

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Attachment A: Dual Admissions Program

Purpose: Define the student and institutional obligations for Bemidji State University -LLTC dual admissions program.

Bemidji State University agrees to:

- 1) Agrees to accept LLTC students meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Agrees to accept the completion of LLTC's Associate of Arts, Liberal Education, Degree (AA) as meeting Bemidji State University's Liberal Education requirements.
- 3) Waive application fee upon acceptance into this program.
- 4) Issue a Bemidji State University ID card to students accepted into the program and allow participation in limited student life activities at Bemidji State University.
- 5) Participate in dual advising with LLTC for students in the program at LLTC once per semester while in their sophomore year at LLTC.
- 6) Work with LLTC enrollment staff to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 7) Market this program on the Bemidji State University website as well as jointly market with LLTC through other venues.
- 8) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.
- 9) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.

LLTC agrees to:

- 1) Enroll and manage LLTC students wishing to enter the program and meeting criteria outlined below.
- 2) Provide information for eligible students through normal advising venues.
- 3) Participate in dual advising with Bemidji State University for students entered in the program once per semester while in their sophomore year at LLTC.
- 4) Work with Bemidji State University admissions to recruit students in regional high schools.
- 5) Market this program on the LLTC website as well as jointly market with Bemidji State University through other venues.
- 6) Designate a point of contact for the program to coordinate program activities.
- 7) Provide application and program material on their website with point of contact information.

Student eligibility requirements:

- 1) Must have completed 24 transferable credits. Students may apply during the semester they will complete the required credits.
- 2) Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher when applying to this program and maintain that GPA through transfer to Bemidji State University.
- 3) Must have completed advising sessions with both LLTC and Bemidji State University while enrolled in this program and still attending LLTC classes.

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Attachment B: Bemidji State University -LLTC Dual Admissions Program Course Crosswalk

LLTC Course Designator	LLTC Course Title	LLTC Course Credits	Transfer in MnTC Goal Area
ANI 100	Introduction to Anishinaabe Studies	3	GOAL 7
ANI 150	Traditional Building Arts	2	Elective
ANI 200	Indigenous American Leadership	3	GOAL 7
ANI 290	Knowledge Bowl Preparation	2	Elective
ANI 298	Nationhood & Gathering of Manoomin (Wild Rice)	3	GOAL 8
ANI 297	Indigenous American Internship	3	Elective
ART 100	Introduction to Traditional/Contemporary Art	3	GOAL 6
ART 102	Introduction to Pottery	3	GOAL 6
ART 107	Drawing I	3	GOAL 6
ART 108	Sculpture	3	GOAL 6
ART 109	Watercolor Painting	3	GOAL 6
ART 110	Acrylic and Oil Painting	3	GOAL 6
ART 113	Jingle Dress	3	GOAL 6
ART 114	Star Quilt Making	3	GOAL 6
ART 116	Introduction to Beadwork	3	GOAL 6
ART 204	Moccasin Making	3	GOAL 6
ART 207	Drawing II	3	GOAL 6
ART 208	Sculpture II	3	GOAL 6
ART 299	Advanced Art Special Topics	3	GOAL 7
BIO 104	Science Bowl Preparation	2	Elective
BIO 121	General Biology I	4	GOAL 3
BIO 122	General Biology II	4	GOAL 3
BIO 125	Wildlife Management	3	Elective
BIO 130	Wildlife Biology	4	GOAL 3
BIO 200	Ethnobiology	3	GOAL 10
BIO 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology	4	GOAL 3
BIO 204	Intro to Environmental Science	3	GOALS 3 & 10
BIO 210	Botany I: Plant Form and Function	4	GOAL 3
BIO 212	Ecology	3	GOAL 3
BIO 285	Remote Sensing	3	GOAL 3
BIO 291	Indigenous Science	3	GOAL 3
BIO 298	Science Research Project	1-3	GOAL 3
BIO 297	Biology Internship	1	GOAL 3
CHEM 100	Foundations of Chemistry	4	GOAL 3
CHEM 111	General Chemistry I	4	GOAL 3

LLTC Course Designator	LLTC Course Title	LLTC Course Credits	Transfer in MnTC Goal Area
CHEM 112	General Chemistry II	4	GOAL 3
EDU 100	Critical Thinking and Problem Solving	1	Elective
EDU 102	Miikana (Ojibwe People's Dictionary)	2	Elective
EDU 104	Professional Skills Development	3	Elective
ENGL 101	English Composition I	3	GOAL 1
ENGL 102	English Composition	3	GOAL 1
ENGL 200	Literature and the Environment	3	GOALS 6 & 10
ENGL 220	Creative Writing	3	GOAL 6
ENGL 250	Contemporary Indigenous American Literature	3	GOAL 6
ENGL 299	Special Topics in Literature	3	GOAL 6
ESS 220	Introduction to Atmospheric Science	3	GOAL 10
ESS 240	Watershed Research Methods and the Leech Lake Area	4	GOAL 3
FOR 101	Introduction to Forestry	3	Elective
FOR 110	Woodland Plants	4	Elective
FOR 120	Natural Resource Careers	2	Elective
FOR 130	Introduction to Field and GIS Skills	2	Elective
FOR 210	Freshwater Studies	4	Elective
FOR 230	Dendrology	3	Elective
FOR 240	Survey and Measurement	2	Elective
FOR 260	GIS Applications	3	Elective
FOR 298	Research - Forest Ecology	2	Elective
FOR 299	Special Topics in Forestry	3	Elective
GEOG 200	Cultural Geography	3	GOAL 5
GEOL 110	Physical Geology and Earth Systems	4	GOAL 3
GEOL 210	Soils, Sediments and the Leech Lake Area	3	GOAL 3
HIS 101	U.S. and Indigenous American History, 1830-Present	3	GOALS 5 & 7
HIS 150	History of Leech Lake	3	GOAL 7
LE 105	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	Elective
LE 122	Constitutional Law & Civil Liability	3	Elective
MATH 100	Technical Math	4	Elective
MATH 140	Concepts in Mathematics	4	GOAL 4
MATH 150	College Algebra	3	GOAL 4
MATH 155	Advanced College Algebra	3	GOAL 4
MATH 170	Statistics	3	GOAL 4
MATH 210	Pre-Calculus I	3	GOAL 4
MATH 215	Trigonometry	3	GOAL 4
MATH 250	Calculus I	3	GOAL 4
MUS 105	Music Appreciation	3	GOAL 6
MUS 250	History of Anishinaabe Music and Dance	3	GOAL 6
MUS 299	Special Topics in Music	3	GOAL 6

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OJI 101	Speaking Ojibwe I	4	GOAL 8
OJI 102	Speaking Ojibwe I	4	GOAL 8
OJI 111	Speaking Ojibwe with Children	3	GOAL 8
OJI 201	Speaking Ojibwe III	4	GOAL 8
OJI 202	Speaking Ojibwe IV	4	GOAL 8
OJI 220	Teaching & Learning Ojibwe	3	GOALS 6 & 7
OJI 299	Special Topics in Ojibwe/Anishinaabe Studies	3	GOALS 6 & 7
PHIL 200	Indigenous American Philosophy	3	GOALS 6 & 7
POLSC 150	American Government	3	GOALS 5 & 9
POLSC 225	Treaty Law and Tribal Sovereignty	3	GOAL 5
POLSC 299	Special Topics in Political Science	1-3	GOAL 5
PSCI 150	Indigenous Astronomy	3	GOAL 3
PSY 100	General Psychology	3	GOAL 5
PSY 140	Developmental Psychology	3	GOAL 5
PSY 200	Indigenous American Psychology	3	GOAL 5
PSY 220	Abnormal Psychology	3	GOAL 5
SOC 101	Intro to Sociology	3	GOALS 5 & 7
SOC 200	Indigenous American Women	3	GOAL 7
SPCH 201	Speech and Communications	3	GOAL 1
TA 201	Tribal Administration & Policy	3	GOAL 5