

TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
between
ST. LAWRENCE COLLEGE
and
The STATE UNIVERSITY of NEW YORK (SUNY) at POTSDAM

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate the transfer of students from St. Lawrence College to SUNY Potsdam. This agreement pertains to students interested in pursuing elementary teacher certification.

General Arts and Science diploma recipients who have followed the “SUNY track” and completed specific courses as advised will enter the undergraduate program at SUNY Potsdam as juniors, and, assuming normal academic progress, have the opportunity to complete the baccalaureate degree in two additional years of full-time enrollment. Undergraduate academic majors that are appropriate to this agreement are listed at the end of this agreement.

APPLICATION and ADMISSION to SUNY POTSDAM

Graduates who have completed the two-year General Arts and Science diploma from St. Lawrence College having earned a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and wishing to transfer directly to SUNY Potsdam are guaranteed admission (assuming submission of all admission criteria below) on a space available basis.

To be considered for undergraduate admission to SUNY Potsdam a student must:

- complete the online SUNY Undergraduate Admissions Application and submit the required SUNY application fee
- have official transcripts mailed to Potsdam’s Admissions Office from the Registrar at each college/university previously attended. An official high school transcript is also required.
- provide verification of access to minimum financial resources for the first year of study in the United States as required for the I-20 and student visa processing
- non-native English speakers must submit an official TOEFL score report showing a minimum 550 paper, 213 computerized or 79 internet-based score. Non-native English speakers must also submit the FSA-2 autobiographical essay form and FSA-3 English proficiency form.

Upon receipt of the application and all official documentation, the Undergraduate Admissions Office will determine eligibility for admission and notify the student.

JUNIOR STATUS and BACCALAUREATE COMPLETION TIME FRAME

Transfer students entering SUNY Potsdam with a General Arts and Science two-year diploma from St. Lawrence College are guaranteed full junior class standing. In addition, students have the opportunity to satisfy baccalaureate degree requirements within two years of full-time enrollment at Potsdam, assuming:

- normal/satisfactory academic progress
- introductory major prerequisite and cognate courses have been completed prior to transfer (advisement will be available)
- academic advisement is carefully followed at Potsdam.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Satisfaction of SUNY Potsdam General Education requirements will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

ACADEMIC MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Transfer students should follow academic major course requirements as outlined in the SUNY Potsdam catalog. Equivalent introductory lower-division major and cognate courses should be completed at St. Lawrence College prior to transferring in order to insure that students will have the necessary preparation to continue advanced, upper-division major courses at Potsdam. Specific major advising is available from the SUNY Potsdam Academic Transfer Services Office throughout a student's enrollment at St. Lawrence College.

GRADE POLICY and "D" GRADES

Grades earned for courses at institutions other than SUNY Potsdam will not appear on the student's permanent record/transcript and will not be included in the Potsdam grade point average. Only the total number of credits transferred will be recorded on the Potsdam transcript.

Non-major courses with grades of D/1.0 (on a 4.0 scale) are acceptable as general electives within the Bachelor of Arts degree. Grades of C/2.0 or better must be earned in each course to be applied toward the major or toward major cognate requirements.

EVALUATION of TRANSFER CREDIT

Transfer credit is evaluated upon a student's acceptance to SUNY Potsdam. The evaluation will include course work from all official transcripts on file. To insure a complete evaluation, transfer students are encouraged to have all official college/university transcripts sent to Potsdam's Undergraduate Admissions Office early in the application process. Upon request, informal evaluation of transferable credit is available at any time.

A student's progress toward completion of baccalaureate degree requirements is evaluated on an individual basis. Courses from other accredited institutions, of similar curricular content to those offered at SUNY Potsdam, will be accorded the same status in satisfying specific degree requirements. Courses that do not have Potsdam equivalents are also accepted and often satisfy specific major and general education requirements.

ADVISING and REGISTRATION

To facilitate the transition from St. Lawrence College to SUNY Potsdam, students will schedule individual advising and course registration appointments. An international student orientation will be available immediately before the start of classes each semester. In order to be eligible for registration, students must be accepted and must have paid the required tuition deposit.

COST and the CANADIAN INITIATIVE (for full-time students)

Students transferring from St. Lawrence College will be charged full-time SUNY undergraduate out-of-state tuition and fees. SUNY Potsdam provides an International Grant to undergraduate Canadian students who live on-campus and purchase a meal plan. Information pertaining to The International Grant can be found at www.potsdam.edu/admissions/undergraduate/international. These terms will be subject to change on a yearly basis.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Students interested in pursuing teacher certification will apply for admission to SUNY Potsdam's Master of Science in Teaching (MST) degree following completion of their baccalaureate degree. Students are not automatically admitted to the MST program. They must meet all criteria for graduate admission as outlined at www.potsdam.edu/admissions/graduate. Throughout enrollment at the undergraduate level students should seek advising from the Graduate Office in order to insure that MST pre-requisite courses have been completed.

APPROPRIATE ACADEMIC MAJORS FOR STUDENTS PURSUING ELEMENTARY TEACHER CERTIFICATION

(with major course suggestions to be taken at St. Lawrence College before transferring)

Communications (Speech)

No additional courses

Economics

ECON 1 Microeconomics
ECON 2 Macroeconomics

English: Creative Writing

GENE 18 Creative Writing
an introductory survey literature course

English: Language/Literature

GENE 18 Creative Writing
WRIT 3 Writing in the Social Sciences
an introductory survey literature course

English: Literature

WRIT 3 Writing in the Social Sciences
an introductory survey literature course

English: Writing

WRIT 3 Writing in the Social Sciences
an introductory survey literature course

Psychology

GENE 38 Introductory Psychology
GENE 20 Developmental Psychology
MATH 3 Introduction to Statistics

Sociology

SOCI 10 Introductory Sociology
MATH 3 Introduction to Statistics