



**International Student Transfer  
Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Dickinson State University (DSU)  
Williston State College (WSC)**



Dickinson State University and Williston State College are linked by common academic interests and seek to develop collaborations and exchanges to enhance diversity on both of the institutions' respective campuses. The activities undertaken pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are based on a spirit of cooperation and reciprocity that is intended to be of mutual benefit to both parties.

**1. Purpose**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) serves as a written understanding of the agreed-upon principles between Dickinson State University and Williston State College concerning the recruitment and transfer of international and non-international students. Dickinson State University agrees to provide tuition-rate incentives to enhance the transfer of two-year international and non-international student graduates of Williston State College to DSU. WSC will have the right to advertise this agreement as means to attract additional students to its two-year programs.

**2. Objectives, Scope, and Major Activities**

***DSU will:***

- make this MOU available on its website;
- classify qualified international and non-international students who have completed an Associate of Science, Associate of Arts, and/or Associate of Applied Science degree as residents for the purpose of tuition rate classification, thus permitting them to receive the New North Dakotan Rate of tuition reducing the cost of attendance from the non-resident rate to the in-state rate for individuals who intend to advance towards the completion of an undergraduate four-year degree.
- work with WSC to complete the application process, including providing free application codes to interested students;
- be responsive to WSC undergraduate course/program requests provided that minimum course enrollment thresholds are met and that DSU offers the program or requested courses;
- provide qualified instructors contracted by DSU;
- provide access to all amenities of traditional transfer students to DSU including access to athletic events, Stoxen library, student activities, etc.; and
- provide access for students needing placement exams to complete testing on DSU or WSC campus (only applies to AAS students).
  - Placement tests may be recommended for English or Math courses, and in some graduate programs.
    - Accuplacer English score must be 5 or higher to place into ENGL 110.
    - Accuplacer Math score must be 255 or higher to place into MATH 103.

**WSC will:**

- advertise this agreement with its students;
- consider providing appropriate access to contact information of students who may benefit from this agreement to DSU representation (i.e. DSU Williston Coordinator or Distance Education Coordinator);
- provide placement scores when applicable (English and Math) or permit students to schedule placement testing appointments on DSU or WSC campus; and
- ensure seamless transfer of immigration records upon acceptance into DSU programs when applicable.

**Students will:**

- be expected to follow the DSU and WSC Student Codes of Conduct;
- be expected to meet the minimum admissions requirements of the respective programs they are applying to;
- be expected to attend face-to-face courses in accordance with the status of their visas;
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better to maintain the residency status and meet satisfactory academic progress required within the rules of their visas;
- have access to all regular DSU activities taking place on campus; and
- be expected to follow the NDUS academic calendar.

**COURSE DETAILS AND FINANCIAL TERMS**

- Course/class start and end dates will be based on the DSU academic calendar.
- Tuition and fee payments will be consistent with established DSU tuition and fees and paid according to the DSU tuition and fees deadlines.

<b>Responsible Party</b>	<b>Undergraduate Tuition</b>
<b>Student Pays*:</b>	<b>\$249/credit</b>
<b>Dickinson State University Forgoes*:</b>	<b>\$70/credit</b>

***\*Amounts above are based on 2021-2023 undergraduate tuition and are subject to the tuition and fee schedule of the recent academic year published by the institution. It should be expected that there may be additional costs due to future tuition increases for all parties.***

**3. Responsibilities of the Parties**

The two parties recognize that the implementation of any agreed-upon activity will depend upon the interests and expertise of the individuals involved and the availability of financial resources, space, and other resources. It is further expected that both parties will be compliant with all applicable State and federal laws and regulations and State Board of Higher Education policies.

**4. Duration and Option to Amend, Extend or Terminate**

This MOU will become effective when signed by both parties. The agreement will remain in effect for five years from the signature date, below, and may be renewed or amended by mutual agreement of the parties. The parties agree to periodically review the activities undertaken and the progress made and to consult concerning amendments, renewal, or termination of this MOU. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time by providing written notice of such termination to the other party.

**5. General Terms**

This MOU is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents. Nothing in this MOU obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the two parties. Neither party will use the name of the other, either expressly or by implication, in any publicity, solicitation or advertisement without the express written approval of the other party to this MOU.

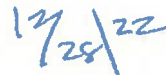
**6. Signatures**

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of the signing by qualified representatives of both institutions.

***Dickinson State University:***

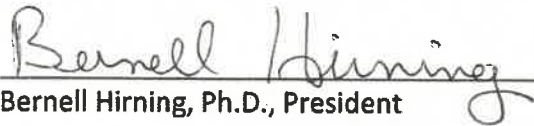


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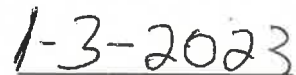


Date

***Williston State College:***



Bernell Hirning, Ph.D., President



Date