

**SAINT AMBROSE UNIVERSITY  
And  
Augustana College  
Memorandum of Understanding**

**St. Ambrose University (SAU) and Augustana College (AC)** believe that a cooperative program benefits students by allowing students to matriculate to SAU's Master of Science in Exercise Physiology (MSEP) offered by SAU. This MOU defines procedures for students applying for admission to the MSEP.

**Agreement**

This MOU is designed to provide participating students with a specific pathway to meet degree requirements established by St. Ambrose University for the MSEP.

Under the terms of this agreement, neither institution is obligated to make any payments of any kind to the other institution.

**Academic Requirements**

1. Students who will have earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with a 3.25 GPA or higher in their Kinesiology and overall coursework are eligible to apply for admission to the Master of Science in Exercise Physiology at SAU.
2. SAU will transfer up to eight credits from the undergraduate classwork listed below to satisfy specific course requirements for the MSEP. Students must earn a "C" or higher in any courses to transfer.
  - a. \* KINS 330 Biomechanics (KIN 410 Biomechanics)
  - b. \* KIN 380 Special Topics (KIN 460 Special Topics)
  - c. \* BIO 358 Neuroanatomy (KIN 460 Special Topics)
3. SAU will waive the GRE requirement for admission to the program.
4. Students must complete all prerequisite and admissions requirements, with the exception of the GRE requirement, as noted <https://www.sau.edu/master-of-science-in-exercise-physiology/admission-and-application>
5. Students must complete the Bachelor of Arts degree prior to starting coursework at St. Ambrose University.

**Marketing**

St. Ambrose University will send a MSEP representative to Augustana College to speak with students about the program. As arranged by faculty, graduate faculty from MSEP will provide a guest lecture or research presentation to Augustana College students.

**Admission Requirements**

1. Students participating in this agreement should apply to SAU for acceptance by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Additional applicants will be considered if space allows.

2. Students with less than a 3.25 GPA may apply for consideration of transfer of coursework and admission to the program.
3. Students must submit an official transcript noting the completed coursework, all pre-requisite coursework and degree awarded prior to beginning classes at SAU.

### **Accreditation**

St. Ambrose University and Augustana College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission regional accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

### **Duration and Termination of Agreement**

St. Ambrose University and Augustana College agree that this Agreement shall be in force the date of the signing of the Agreement and shall remain in force until modified or terminated in writing, following reasonable and mutual discussion by representatives of the two institutions. Students meeting the admissions criteria will be admitted to SAU for this program for Spring 2023 through Fall 2025. Effective January 2026, SAU will reserve two spots for qualified applicants from AC and additional applicants will be accepted as space allows.

St. Ambrose University and Augustana College reserve the right to revise or eliminate programs and courses. Such changes will be communicated to the appropriate parties. The terms of the MOU may be altered at any time by mutual agreement by adding an addendum to the document.

Either party has the right to terminate this MOU upon written notice. Such termination shall not affect students already accepted to SAU pursuant to this agreement.

### **Notification of Equal Educational Opportunities**


It is the policy of St. Ambrose University to provide equal opportunity in all terms and conditions of employment and education for all faculty, staff and students. The intent of this policy is to prohibit discrimination (including sexual harassment) and to promote the full realization of equal employment opportunity in all faculty, staff and student aspects of the University. The University will provide equal opportunities for all qualified individuals and will promote the full realization of equal opportunity through positive programs. This policy of equal employment opportunity applies to all individuals in every aspect of education, employment policy and practice. The University is an Equal Opportunity Employer and provides that employment, salaries and access to education are determined and maintained on a basis that does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment on the basis of age, color, physical or mental disability, national origin, race, religion, creed, sex, military or veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, or any other protected category under applicable local, state or federal law. The University reserves the right to impose qualifications based on religion if a bona fide occupational qualification is reasonably necessary for the operation of the University.

Augustana College is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, gender expression, disability, or age in its educational programs and work environment.

**Liaisons**

To facilitate a student’s participation in the program, St. Ambrose University and Augustana College have designated liaisons:

St. Ambrose University- Rhiannon Seneli  
Augustana College- Brad Kennedy

  
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Wendy Hilton-Morrow, Ph.D.  
Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Augustana College

11-17-2022  
Date

  
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Paul C. Koch, Ph.D.  
Provost & Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
St. Ambrose University

11/18/22  
Date