

**Master of Science in Exercise Physiology 4+1
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
Loras College
AND
St. Ambrose University**

This articulation agreement outlines the understanding established between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for a Loras College undergraduate student to transition to St. Ambrose University to pursue the Master of Science in Exercise Physiology (MSEP) program. The agreement details the requirements for students to be considered for admission to the MSEP program and the understanding between Loras College and St. Ambrose University for certain undergraduate courses taken at Loras College to contribute towards requirements of the MSEP degree requirements.

A. Intent

1. Loras College has developed an articulation agreement with St. Ambrose University to establish the responsibilities of each institution and admission criteria, to allow students to complete up to six credits of degree requirements as an undergraduate student at Loras that will contribute towards the MSEP degree at St. Ambrose University. Students who successfully complete all requirements will be awarded a bachelor's degree (B.A. or B.S.) from Loras College and a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology degree (MSEP) from St. Ambrose University.

B. Articulation Agreement

1. Loras College students who have completed the bachelor's degree requirements, have met the admission requirements for the MSEP program, and have been admitted to the MSEP program will be eligible to transfer up to 6 credits of specified undergraduate coursework, identified in Appendix A, from Loras College to the St. Ambrose University MSEP program.
2. St. Ambrose University will reserve two seats in the MSEP for qualified Loras College students beginning the 2024 academic year.
3. Loras College students will apply for admission to the MSEP program by January 31st of their fourth year through the St. Ambrose University website.
4. Loras College will award the bachelor's degree to the student at the conclusion of the student's 4th year pending completion of all degree requirements.
5. After the bachelor's degree has been conferred, students will request an official transcript from Loras College be sent to St. Ambrose University so the student can officially be designated a graduate student.
6. Students who successfully complete all requirements for the MSEP program by the conclusion of the summer following the 5th year will be awarded the MSEP degree by St. Ambrose University.
7. Students participating in this agreement will pay tuition and fees to Loras College while enrolled at Loras College for the first four years of this agreement and will pay tuition and fees to St. Ambrose University for the one year enrolled at St. Ambrose University. Institutional aid from Loras College does not carry forward to St. Ambrose University.

C. Responsibilities of Loras College

1. Loras College will be responsible for identifying and communicating the necessary majors that allow students to complete this 4+1 pathway to the MSEP degree with the transfer of up to 6 undergraduate credits towards the MSEP degree.
2. Loras College will advise the student within the first four years to complete necessary courses for general education, the major of choice, the necessary pre-requisites, and the bachelor's degree requirements.
3. Loras College will make eligible students aware of the 4+1 program with the option to transfer up to six credits of specified coursework.
4. Loras College will confer the bachelor's degree after the student's fourth year and will send the final transcript to St. Ambrose University upon the student request.

D. Responsibilities of St. Ambrose University

1. St. Ambrose University will reserve two seats for qualified Loras College students in the MSEP program beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year.
2. St. Ambrose University will advise the student in their fifth year of the program to successfully complete all of the coursework necessary for the MSEP program.
3. St. Ambrose University will accept up to six credits of specified coursework towards the MSEP degree pending successful completion by the student with a grade of a C+ or higher.
4. St. Ambrose University will share marketing materials and promotional information with Loras College to promote the MSEP program to prospective students.
5. St. Ambrose University will confer the MSEP degree upon completion of all MSEP degree requirements, completing the 4+1 agreement.

E. Responsibilities of the Student

1. The student will declare the necessary major at Loras College to be eligible for the 4+1 program.
2. The student will complete all bachelor's degree requirements including general education requirements, major courses, and necessary pre-requisites.
3. The student will apply to the St. Ambrose University MSEP program by January 31st of their fourth year and must be on track to complete all pre-requisite courses by the start of the MSEP program.
4. Once the student has been accepted to the MSEP program at St. Ambrose University, they should complete the FAFSA for their 5th year. FAFSA's should be submitted to St. Ambrose University prior to March 1 or as soon as possible after acceptance as been received.
5. After the bachelor's degree is conferred, the student will request the official transcript from Loras College be sent to St. Ambrose University to verify that the student is eligible to begin graduate coursework and has achieved a grade of a C+ or above in the six credits eligible for transfer into the MSEP program.

F. Admission Criteria

- a. To be eligible for admission to the St. Ambrose MSEP program, students must meet the admissions criteria posted on the St. Ambrose University Master of Science in Exercise Physiology website, with the exception of the GRE which will be waived.

G. Terms and Terminations

a. This agreement will take effect upon review and approval with signatures from both institutions. The agreement will remain in effect for three years, after which the agreement will be reviewed for accuracy and may be renewed. Should either party decide to terminate the agreement, 12 months prior notice is required to the other institution, provided in writing.

H. Mutual Indemnification

a. Each party shall indemnify and hold harmless the other party and its officers, employees, directors, and/or agents from and against all suits, actions, claims, or liability of any character, type, or description brought by third part including, but not limited to, all expenses of litigation, court costs, penalties, and whatsoever and of any kind or nature directly resulting or arising from any breach of party and/or its agents of any provisions of this Agreement, or and negligent or willful act or omission of a party and/or its agents.

I. Relationships

a. The parties are acting herein as independent contractors. Nothing herein contained shall create or be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture or agency relationship between either of the parties and no party shall have the authority to bind to the other in any respect.

J. Entire Agreement

a. The Agreement shall constitute the complete and exclusive written expression of the intentions of the parties hereto and shall supersede all previous communications, representations, Agreements, promises or statements, either oral or written, by and between either parties.

Dr. Donna Heald, Provost and Academic Dean
Loras College

Dr. Paul Koch, Provost and Vice President,
Academic and Student Affairs
St. Ambrose University

4-20-2023

Date

4/20/23

Date

James E. Collins, President
Loras College

Dr. Amy Novak, President
St. Ambrose University

April 20, 2023

Date

4-20-23

Date

Appendix A

Courses approved by St. Ambrose University for transfer credit into the Master of Science in Exercise Physiology

BIO 348: Immunology (for KIN 460 Special Topics)

BIO 465: Human Anatomy (for KIN 460 Special Topics)

KIN 338 or 439: Sports Psychology or Exercise Psychology (for KIN 460 Special Topics)