

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE DUAL ADMISSION ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN SAUK VALLEY COLLEGE, DIXON, ILLINOIS**

and

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE, ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between Augustana College (Augustana), a not for corporation located at 639-38th Street, Rock Island, Illinois and Sauk Valley Community College (Sauk Valley), a public community college located at 173 IL Rt. 2 Dixon, Illinois.

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

There are many pathways from students' days in school that transpire into a meaningful, satisfying early adulthood. The purpose of this Agreement is to help clarify one such pathway that might be compelling for many bright, fiscally cautious students. It provides students entering Sauk Valley a way to envision the possibility of completing both an Associate and a Bachelor's degree and provides them the guidance and support needed to pursue that goal. Research literature and experiences with students resulted in the structuring of the Agreement around three values:

- Clarity: students should be able to see all of the steps and where they might lead
- Predictability: students should have confidence that no surprise requirements will emerge
- Transparency: students should know they have easy access to informed, supportive guidance throughout.

Sauk Valley wishes to provide student instruction leading to an Associate of Arts degree (AA) degree that will enable their enrolled students the opportunity to transfer to Augustana College to earn a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree.

Augustana College has an accredited program to offer BA degrees and wishes to provide students enrolled at Sauk Valley the opportunity to dual enroll at Augustana College.

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The parties, in consideration of the terms, conditions and covenants, mutual or otherwise, as set forth in this Agreement, agree to provide Sauk Valley students the opportunity to access and complete a Bachelor of Arts Degree program at Augustana College, under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

B. GENERAL TERMS OF THE AUGUSTANA NEXT PROGRAM

1. Students applying for admission to the **Associate in Arts program at Sauk Valley** may simultaneously apply to Augustana College (Dual Application). There is no additional fee for Dual Application at Augustana College. Application to Augustana does not obligate the student who applies for Dual Application (Dual Applicant) to attend Augustana or limit their ability to apply to other schools.

2. Dual Application is not available to students seeking Associate of Science (AS), Associate in Fine Arts (AFA), Associate in Liberal Arts (ALS), Associate in Engineering (AES) or Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degrees at Sauk Valley.
3. Dual Applicants shall:
 - a. Receive an Augustana **student identification card**, which will give the Dual Applicant an Augustana email address and will allow access to the College's library, library databases, campus facilities, sporting and cultural events.
 - b. Receive access to **program evaluation software**, which will allow Dual Applicants to run "what if?" simulations for every Augustana major at each step in their college career.
 - c. Receive advising services from an **Augustana academic advisor** who will be available to meet with Dual Applicants once each semester, virtually or at Augustana.
 - d. Receive advising services from an **Augustana faculty major advisor** with whom they can meet once each semester at the Augustana College campus or remotely through an accepted communication platform.
 - e. Receive the opportunity to immediately complete Augustana's **language proficiency exam**.
 - f. Be eligible to enroll in **two (2) four-credit courses** offered by Augustana at a discounted tuition rate, currently \$175 per credit. The same rate applies to courses in-person and online during Augustana's summer term.

C. ACADEMIC TERMS

1. Students earning an Associate of Arts degree at Sauk Valley will meet academic requirements for admission to Augustana College. Admitted and enrolled Dual Applicants will be eligible to enroll in junior-level courses, though they would still have to meet individual course prerequisites. Courses taken by Dual Applicants at Sauk Valley to receive their Associate of Arts degree completed with a grade of "C" or higher may be considered for transfer of credit at Augustana. Augustana will evaluate courses not included in the General Education Core Curriculum (GECC) or without an Illinois Transfer Initiative (IAI) code for transfer eligibility based on an official transcript from Sauk Valley.
2. Students may follow "transfer pathways" into an Augustana major that will outline Sauk Valley courses approved by Augustana for credit towards a BA degree from Augustana, and approved to satisfy certain disciplinary prerequisite courses for a major at Augustana.
3. Students earning an Associate of Arts degree will be deemed to have **completed Augustana's first-year inquiry and learning perspective (LP) general education requirements**. They will still be responsible for meeting all of Augustana's academic requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree. Those currently include:
 - a. Completion of at least 124 total academic credits with a 2.00 grade point average.

- b. Completion of at least one academic major with a 2.00 grade point average in their major.
- c. Completion of general education requirements not automatically fulfilled by completion of their Associate degree. Those additional requirements are:
 - One course examining cultural diversity (designated in Augustana’s catalog with the suffix D)
 - One course examining global diversity (suffix G).
 - Reasoned Examination of Faith (REF) requirement.
 - Health and Physical Education (PEA) activity requirement .
 - Second language, which may be completed through four years of high school study of a single language, completion of one year of college study in a language, or proficiency examination.
 - The requirement to complete at least 40 credits of upper-division (300-400 level) coursework and a Senior Inquiry experience at Augustana.
- 4. Upon completion of an appropriate release form and within 10 days of receipt of final grades, Augustana College will send end-of-semester student transcripts to Sauk Valley for reverse transfer of Augustana credits to Sauk Valley for participating students.
- 5. Augustana College will maintain timely communication with Sauk Valley regarding attendance, course drops or withdrawals, and retention alerts of Dual Applicants.

D. MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION

For the purpose of this agreement, Augustana College grants to Sauk Valley, and Sauk Valley grants to Augustana College, permission to use, display, reproduce, and publish, without compensation, each other’s trademarks and other promotional and branding materials for the sole purpose of informing interested parties of the institutional partnership between Augustana and Sauk Valley on websites, cobranded web portals, and in-print marketing publications.

Each party may provide to the other an electronic version of the branding and promotional materials for the use permitted by this agreement. Each party represents and warrants that it possesses all rights necessary for the granting of the permissions set forth in this agreement.

Each institution shall have the opportunity to review in advance any information, including but not limited to, websites, cobranded web portals, and in-print marketing publications. Each institution reserves the right to terminate, suspend, or reject the other party’s use or proposed use of that institution’s intellectual property.

E. ACCREDITATION

Sauk Valley and Augustana College will ensure that they maintain accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) accrediting body and ensure that all operations will be in keeping with accreditation requirements of the two institutions.

F. DURATION AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

Sauk Valley and Augustana Collee agree that this Agreement shall be in force on the date of the Agreement is signed by both parties and will terminate on May 31, 2022. This Agreement will automatically renew for a one year terms, but in no event will this Agreement renew beyond May 31, 2027 without written agreement of the parties. At any time, a party may terminate this Agreement with three (3) months in advance written notice. If such notice is given, the parties will collaborate to offer a teach-out plan for any students enrolled on or before the termination of this Agreement.

Sauk Valley and Augustana College reserve the right to revise or eliminate programs and courses. Such changes will be communicated to the appropriate parties. This Agreement will be reviewed as needed and may be modified by mutual, written agreement of both parties.

G. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT/EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR SAUK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Sauk Valley Community College is an equal opportunity employer and is committed to an effective policy of non-discrimination and equal opportunity in all employee and student relations. Except to the extent and subject to the exemptions permitted by law, no qualified employee or student shall be excluded from employment or educational opportunity, be denied benefits, or be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation (as that term is defined in the Illinois Human Rights Act), marital status, handicap, military status, or unfavorable discharge from military service classified as Re-3 or the equivalent thereof. Violations of this policy on the basis of sex is also governed by the Sexual Misconduct Procedures.

H. NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT/EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUGUSTANA COLLEGE

Augustana College 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. Inquires regarding the College’s non-discrimination policies may be forwarded to the Director of Human Resources.

Agreed to by and between:

Dave Hellmich, President
Sauk Valley Community College

Date

Andrea Talentino, President
President, Augustana College

Date