

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Bay Mills Community College
Associate of Arts Degree in Native American Studies

And

Northern Michigan University
College of Health Sciences and Professional Studies
Bachelor of Science Degree in Native American Studies

December 17, 2025

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Article I **Agreement on Principle**

Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College agree that students who choose to transfer from a community college to a senior college or university to earn a bachelor's degree should be provided with a smooth curriculum transition that minimizes loss of credit and duplication of coursework. Therefore, Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College agree to enter into this curriculum articulation agreement for students who complete the **A.A. in Native American Studies** at Bay Mills Community College and transfer to NMU to complete the **B.S. in Native American Studies**. Both institutions enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs.

Article II **Agreement on Program Specifics**

Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College agree that any student who has successfully completed the minimum requirements outlined on the attached articulation guide may transfer the course credits indicated toward the Bachelors of Science in Native American Studies. Students who follow this articulated program agreement must apply and be admitted to Northern Michigan University. Bay Mills Community College students will receive equal consideration with other students seeking admission and financial aid. The bachelor's degree graduation requirements for students who follow this articulated program agreement are listed on the attached articulation guide.

Article III **Agreement on Communication**

Northern Michigan University and Bay Mills Community College agree to cooperate in communication with each other and with their common and respective publics concerning the established relationship between the two institutions. Communication may include the development of various kinds of publications to inform those who might benefit personally or professionally from the opportunities provided by this agreement. Faculty and staff at both institutions will share the information in this agreement with interested and qualified students and both institutions will provide counseling and advising to students and prospective students.

Article IV **Agreement on Maintenance and Review Procedures**

At least one administrative or faculty member from each institution will be appointed to act as agents for the implementation of this agreement, to speak for the institutions and to communicate changes to respective faculty members, advisors, counselors, and others to whom the information is pertinent. Responsibility for oversight of this agreement rests with the Vice President of Academic Affairs at Bay Mills Community College and the Associate Provost for Academic Affairs at Northern Michigan University.

Both parties agree to communicate annually any changes in their respective programs that may affect this articulation agreement. During the third year, both parties will review the agreement for revision and possible renewal. If the agreement is not reviewed by the end of the effective agreement, Bay Mills Community College students who started the articulated program prior to termination of the agreement, will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under terms of this agreement.

Note Regarding Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA): Students who transfer to Northern Michigan University from a Michigan community college and who have *Michigan Transfer Agreement Satisfied* posted on their transcript will be considered to have met the requirements of NMU's General Education program. Students will still be expected to complete all other degree requirements, including graduation requirements (Global Citizenship requirement, Laboratory Science requirement, and Math and English Competency requirement) and any courses listed as "Other Required Courses" that may also be General Education courses. Degree requirements can be found at www.nmu.edu/catalog. Transfer students who do not complete the entire block of courses required by the MTA will receive credit for courses they do complete on the basis of individual evaluation and established transfer equivalencies.

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Effective Dates of this Articulation Agreement **December 21, 2025 - December 21, 2028**

Introduction:

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to provide a smooth transition for students who want to earn an A.A. degree in Native American Studies at Bay Mills Community College prior to a transfer to Northern Michigan University to complete a B.S. degree in Native American Studies. As displayed in this document, the first and second years of coursework are completed at Bay Mills Community College and third and fourth years at NMU.

The Center for Native American Studies cares for multiple academic programs in Native American Studies. The programs and courses are designed for both Native American and non-Native American students. Rooted in Great Lakes Anishinaabe Indigenous worldviews, classes range from Anishinaabe language to governance and expression to education. The programs and courses reflect decolonizing processes to ever-growing global and local conversations of earth-centric care.

This program is offered on-campus and online through the Global Campus Online program. Ask your admissions counselor about your options for pursuing this degree online or reach out to online@nmu.edu.

Effective Dates:

The effective dates of this agreement are from **December 21, 2025 – December 21, 2028**. If this agreement is not renewed at the end of the effective period, students who have already started this articulated program at Bay Mills Community College will be given three additional years to be admitted to NMU under the terms of this agreement. Students, who began the program prior to the effective date, may use the agreement to the extent that the requirements completed are consistent with this agreement.

First and Second Years at Bay Mills Community College:

The first and second years of NMU's Native American Studies, B.S. degree is Bay Mills's, A.A. degree in Native American Studies. A maximum of 90 semester credits may transfer to NMU from a two-year college. Unless otherwise designated, a grade of C- or higher is required for transfer to NMU. The following section is Bay Mills's A.A. degree with restricted selections to meet requirements within the MTA:

BMCC Course #	Bay Mills Community College Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Equivalent	NMU Degree Requirements
Fall Semester – Year One		16-17		
Computer Science	Computer Science Elective	4	CS 1009	General Elective
EN 111	College Composition	4	EN 111	MTA & Gen Ed. (EFFC)
NA 113	Native American Awareness	1	NAS 1009	Native American Studies General Elective
NL 105	Ojibwe Language I	4	NAS 101	MTA & Major Requirement & Gen Ed. (HUME)
Approved Elective	Select an approved elective	3-4		General Elective
Spring Semester – Year One		16		
EN 112	Content Area Comp. & Research	4	EN 211	MTA & Gen Ed. (EFFC)/Grad Req (must earn at least a "C")
NA 125	Hist. & Org. of MI Indian Tribes	4	NAS 212	MTA & Major & Gen Ed. (SOCR)/GCIT
NL 106	Ojibwe Language II	4	NAS 102	Native American Studies Elective & Gen Ed. (HUME)
Approved Elective	Select an approved elective	4		General Elective
Fall Semester – Year Two		14		
NA 213	Contemporary Native American Issues	3	NAS 204	MTA & Major Course & Gen Ed. (SOCR)/GCIT
Designated Elective: PY 101 or SO 106	Intro to Psychology or Intro to Sociology	4	PSY 101 or SO 101	MTA & Gen Ed. (PERS) or General Elective
Science	Science Elective w/lab	4	SILB 1009	MTA & Gen Ed. (SILB)
NA 305	Tribal Law	3	NAS 310	Major
Spring Semester – Year Two		15-17		
ES 101	Fitness & Wellness	2	HP 1009	General Elective
MA 113 or MA 116 or MA 206	Quantitative Reasoning or College Algebra or Statistical Methods	4	MA 1001 or MA 111 or DATA 109	MTA & Gen Ed. (QUAR) & Grad. Req. (must earn at least a C)
Elective	Communication Elective	3-4		General Elective
NA 219	Tribal Government & Econ Issues	3	NAS 2009	Major Elective
Approved Elective	Approved Electives (200 level)	3-4		General Elective
Any Summer Semester		4		
Science Course	Meet with an adviser to select a second science course to meet the MTA requirements	4		MTA & Gen Ed. (SCII) or General Elective
Total Credit Hours:		65-68		

Students completing the AA degree in Native American Studies will be expected to complete the MTA. Two additional NAS Credits will be used in the major to make up for the two-credit transfer deficiency.

Third and Fourth Years at NMU

The third and fourth years of NMU's Native American Studies, B.S. degree is comprised of 51-54 credits. If the MTA requirement is not met at Bay Mills Community College, students will be required to meet all of the General Education Components from NMU. To qualify for a bachelor's degree at NMU, students must meet all graduation requirements, which include the courses listed below at NMU. Students must earn at least a 2.25 GPA in all major required courses.

NMU Course #	NMU Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Degree Requirements
Year One - First Semester		16	
NAS 300+ Elective	Select NAS 300 + Level Elective	4	Major Required Electives
Minor	Minor Courses	8	Minor
Gen Ed. or Elective	General Elective or General Education Course	4	Gen Ed. or Elective
Year One -Second Semester		12	
NAS 315	History of Indian Boarding School Education	4	Major Requirement & Gen Ed. (INTT)
NAS 300+ Elective	Select NAS 300+ Level Elective	4	Major Required Electives
Minor	Minor Course	4	Minor
Year Two – First Semester		12	
NAS 404	Research and Engagement in Native American Studies	4	Major Requirement
Minor	Minor Course	4	Minor
Gen Ed. or Elective	General Elective or General Education Course	4	Gen Ed. or Elective
Year Two - Second Semester		12-15	
NAS 488	Native American Community Engagement	4	Major Requirement
Gen Ed. or Elective	General Elective or General Education Courses	8-11	Gen Ed. or Elective
Total Credit Hours:		52-55	

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NMU Suggested Course Sequence:

Third Year	Fourth Year
<u>Fall Semester:</u> NAS 300+ Major Elective (4 cr.) Minor Courses (8 cr.) General Education or Elective (4 cr.) Semester Total: 16 cr.	<u>Fall Semester:</u> NAS 404 Research & Engagement in Native American Studies (4 cr.) Minor Course (4 cr.) General Education or Elective (4 cr.) Semester Total: 12 cr.
<u>Winter Semester:</u> NAS 315 History of Indian Boarding School Edu. (4 cr.) NAS 300+ Major Elective (4 cr.) Minor Course (4 cr.) Semester Total: 12 cr.	<u>Winter Semester:</u> NAS 488 Native American Community Engagement (4 cr.) General Education or Elective (8-11 cr.) Semester Total: 12-15 cr.

Additional Graduation Requirements:

1. At least 8 credits of a major and 4 credits of a minor must be earned at NMU.
2. A total of 120 credit hours and a minimum NMU GPA of 2.0 must be earned for any degree.
3. Any minimum grade or GPA requirements for the major and/or minor must be met.
4. NMU's General Education Program and all graduation requirements must be completed by the student, including the Global Citizenship requirement, Laboratory Science requirement, and Math and English Competency requirement.

Notes to Students:

1. Complete the articulated program as indicated in this articulation guide. Any course substitutions should only be made with the guidance of an advisor or counselor to assure that all requirements are met;
2. Students are encouraged to meet with an advisor at NMU early, before completing an admission application to NMU; and
3. A copy of the articulation agreement should be brought to all advising sessions. Copies of this agreement are available on the [NMU Undergraduate Admissions Website](#) and at the [Academic Affairs Office, NMU](#).

Based on NMU's 2025-2026 University Bulletin

For further information regarding the selection and transfer of courses, contact one of NMU's Transfer Admissions Counselors, at 1-800-682-9797 or transfer@nmu.edu.

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We the representatives of Bay Mills Community College and Northern Michigan University agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for an initial period of three (3) years.

Signatures

Bay Mills Community College

Dr. Duane A. Bedell Date
President

Samantha Cameron Date
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Sherri A. Schofield Date
Registrar and Institutional Information Systems Manager

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Native Studies Department Chair

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