

# **ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**

Between

**Lansing Community College**  
A.A. Degree in Anthropology

And

**Northern Michigan University**

College of Arts and Sciences  
B.S. Degree in Anthropology

(October 11, 2024)

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## **Article I** **Agreement on Principle**

Northern Michigan University and Lansing 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 Lansing Community College agree to enter into this curriculum articulation agreement for students who complete the Associate of Arts in Anthropology at Lansing Community College and transfer to NMU to complete the Bachelors of Science in Anthropology. Both institutions enter into this agreement as cooperating, equal partners who shall maintain the integrity of their separate programs. To the extent permitted by law, Northern Michigan University and Lansing Community College agree to indemnify and hold one another harmless from any and all claims initiated by student participants, their parents, survivors, or agents, arising from any negligent acts or omission on the part of either institution or any of their employees.

## **Article II** **Agreement on Program Specifics**

Northern Michigan University and Lansing 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 Anthropology at Northern Michigan University. Students who follow this articulated program agreement must apply and be admitted to Northern Michigan University. Lansing 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 Lansing 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 Director of Academic Quality at Lansing 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, Lansing 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 (World Cultures 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](http://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 **October 31, 2024–October 31, 2027**

## Introduction:

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

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers major and minor programs in both Sociology and Anthropology. The department also participates in the interdisciplinary minors in gender studies, international studies and crime scene investigation. (See the "Interdisciplinary and Individually Created Programs" and "International Studies" sections of the NMU catalog.)

Students who pursue a degree in Anthropology at NMU explore the vast diversity of human culture and biology, past and present, through a holistic, four-field perspective. The Department offers concentrations in Sociocultural Anthropology, Archaeology, Biological Anthropology, and General Anthropology. Throughout the program, students develop critical thinking and research skills and utilize anthropological methods to analyze what it means to be human. Experiential learning through fieldwork, internship opportunities, lab work, and interdisciplinary research help students apply anthropological concepts to real-world issues like social justice, environmental sustainability, and public health. Additionally, with its direct connection to the Center for Forensic Science, the Department of Sociology and Anthropology offers students interested in careers in forensic anthropology and related fields the potential to gain marketable experience by conducting research or volunteering in the Forensic Anthropology Research Laboratory or the Forensic Research Outdoor Station, one of only a handful of outdoor human decomposition research facilities in the world. The department faculty are deeply committed to mentoring students in ethics, professionalism, and ways in which their Anthropology degree can help them in whichever career path they choose.

## Effective Dates:

The effective dates of this agreement are from **October 31, 2024 – October 31, 2027**. If this agreement is not renewed at the end of the effective period, students who have already started this articulated program at Lansing 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 Lansing Community College:

The first and second years of this agreement will be an AA degree in Anthropology at Lansing Community College. The third and fourth years of this agreement will be at Northern Michigan University and will result in a Bachelors Degree in Anthropology. 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 Anthropology major requires both a concentration and a minor. The following section is of Lansing Community College’s A.A. degree with restricted selections to meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement.

<u>LCC</u> Course #	Lansing Community College Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Equivalent	NMU Degree Requirements
<b>First Semester</b>		15-16		
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1	GEN 1009	General Elective
ANTH 120	Introduction to Anthropology	3	AN 110	Fundamental or Major Concentration Course
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I or Honors Composition I	4	EN 111	MTA
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4	SO 101	MTA
	Limited Choice Humanities and Fine Arts	3-4		MTA
<b>Second Semester</b>		14		
ANTH 270	Cultural Anthropology	3	AN 100	Fundamental or Major Concentration Course
ENGL 122 or ENGL 132	Composition II or Honors Composition II	4	EN 211	MTA and Graduation Requirement (must earn at least a C)
MATH 120 or STAT 170	College Algebra or Introduction to Statistics	4	MA 111 or DATA 109	MTA and Graduation Requirement (must earn at least a C)
ANTH 276	Introduction to Archaeology	3	AN 101	Fundamental or Major Concentration Course
<b>Third Semester</b>		12-16		
ANTH 271 or ANTH 272 or ANTH 280 or ANTH 300	Limited Choice Anthropology (select one) Medical Anthropology or Food and Sustainability or Forensic Anthropology or Applied Field Survey Methods	3-4	AN 383 SO 120 AN 365 AN 355	Anthropology Elective, General Elective or Concentration Course
	Limited Choice Anthropology or Elective	3-4		Anthropology Electives, Concentration Courses, or General Elective
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	Limited Choice Elective	3-4		General Elective
<b>Fourth Semester</b>		13-17		
ANTH 275	Biological Anthropology	4	AN 2009	MTA and Anthropology Elective (200 level)
	Limited Choice Humanities and Fine Arts	3-4		MTA
	Limited Choice Natural Sciences (select one NMU transferable course with a lab)	3-5		MTA and NMU Lab Science Graduation Requirement
	Limited Choice Anthropology or Elective	3-4		Anthropology Electives, Concentration Courses, or General Elective
<b>Additional Electives:</b>				
<b>Complete enough additional electives to meet the 60-credit requirement for the associate degree.</b>				
<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>		<b>60-63</b>		

*\*The MTA will be met with this agreement.*

## Third and Fourth Years at NMU

The third and fourth years of NMU’s Anthropology, B.S. degree are comprised of 60-64 credits. To qualify for a bachelor’s degree at NMU, students must meet all graduation requirements, which include the courses listed below at NMU. Since the B.S. degree at Northern Michigan University is composed of four concentrations, it is important for the student to meet with a departmental adviser to determine specific concentration and minor requirements.

NMU Course #	NMU Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Degree Requirements
	<b>First Semester</b>	16	
AN	Anthropology elective 200 level or above	4	Fundamental Major Course
AN	Anthropology elective 200 level or above or selected concentration Course (meet with adviser)	4	Fundamental Major Course or Selected Concentration Course
	Minor Course	4	Selected Minor Course
	Selected Concentration Course or Minor Course	4	Selected Concentration Course or Selected Minor Course
	<b>Second Semester</b>	16	
AN 470	Culture and Power	4	Fundamental Major Course
	Selected Concentration Course or General Elective (meet with adviser)	4	Selected Concentration Course or Selected Minor Course
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	<b>Third Semester</b>	16	
	Minor Course	4	Minor Course
	Minor Course	4	Minor Course
	Anthropology Methods Course based on concentration-see adviser	4	Major Methods Course
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	<b>Fourth Semester</b>	12-16	
	Anthropology Methods Course based on concentration-see adviser	4-6	Major Methods Course
	Minor Course or General Elective	4	Minor Course or General Elective
	General Electives (as needed)	4-6	General Elective
	<b>Total Credit Hours:</b>	<b>60-64</b>	

### Suggested Course Sequence:

Third Year	Fourth Year
<p><u>Fall Semester:</u>                      AN Elective 200 level or above 4 cr.                      AN Elective 200 level or above or Concentration Course 4 cr.                      Minor Course 4 cr.                      Concentration Course or Minor Course 4 cr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p><u>Fall Semester:</u>                      Minor Course 4 cr.                      Minor Course 4 cr.                      Anthropology Methods Course 4cr                      General Elective 4 cr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>
<p><u>Winter Semester:</u>                      AN 470 Culture and Power or Anthropology Methods Course 4 cr.                      Selected Concentration Course or General Elective 4 cr.                      General Elective 4 cr.                      General Elective 4 cr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semester Total: 16 cr.</p>	<p><u>Winter Semester:</u>                      AN 470 Culture and Power or Anthropology Methods Course 4-6 cr.                      Minor Course or General Elective 4 cr.                      General Electives (as needed) 4-6 cr.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Semester Total: 12-16 cr.</p>

## **Additional Graduation Requirements:**

1. At least 8 credits of the major and 4 credits of the minor must be earned at NMU.
2. A total of 120 credit hours with a minimum of 30 earned at NMU, 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 World Cultures 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 the transfer coordinator 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 2024 -2025 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](mailto:transfer@nmu.edu).

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We the representatives of Lansing 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

### Lansing Community College

### Northern Michigan University

10/14/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Steve Robinson                      Date  
President

10/18/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Brock Tessman                      Date  
President

10/13/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Sally Welch                      Date  
Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic  
Affairs

10/18/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Dale Kapla                      Date  
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

10/14/2024  
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Andrea Hoagland                      Date  
Dean of Arts and Sciences

10/13/2024  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Jessica Hester                      Date  
Social Sciences and Humanities Director

- CC: NMU Registrar  
NMU Director of Admissions  
NMU Transfer Admissions Counselor  
NMU Director of Student Success and Wellness  
NMU Anthropology Department Head, Dr. Alexander Stoner