



# Dual Enrollment

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY



## Agreement with Natchitoches Parish School Board 2021-2022

This document, when signed by all parties, serves as a formal agreement between **Northwestern State University** and **Natchitoches Parish School Board**. Effective with the 2021-2022 academic year, this agreement establishes the conditions under which NSU offers courses for college credit: 1) scheduled at the high school and taught by NSU approved high school faculty; 2) offered on NSU's campus; 3) offered online taught by NSU faculty; or 4) a combination of these methods. The 2021-2022 academic year includes fall, spring, and summer semesters.

### **Student Participation:**

10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to participate. Students must qualify based on the criteria for admission outlined in the NSU Dual Enrollment Student Eligibility Framework.

### **District's Responsibility/Submission of Grades:**

District's faculty who meet Southern Association of Colleges and Schools credentials will be approved by NSU to teach dual enrollment courses. District will offer approved courses during the normal workday at no cost to NSU. If district's faculty cannot fulfill their commitment to complete the teaching of the courses, district will assume any additional costs incurred to fulfill the obligation to the students. The content, format, and testing for the courses will be determined by NSU, using NSU'S syllabus, book and course materials (if applicable). Standards for grading will be determined by NSU. **District's faculty are required to post mid-term grades and final grades by the University's published deadline via NSU's grading system, NSU Connect.** District's faculty may be required to attend an orientation/in-service at the University to acclimate high school teachers to University required procedures, course content, and standards.

### **High School's Responsibility/Student Success:**

High school principal/administrator will provide support staff and designate an on-site facilitator as needed to monitor students in the physical and virtual classrooms. Suggested activities include: remain in physical classroom or laboratory during class period to supervise and assist students; monitor academic progress; for web-based courses, ensure that students log on to the online learning management system regularly to view announcements and complete assignments (students are responsible for accessing courses when not in school if applicable); ensure that students communicate with NSU instructor via NSU's online learning management system; provide students with training on the use of E-mail, document attachments, and accessing online courses; assist students with minor technology issues; ensure that students remain on task and on pace; ensure the integrity of student's work; ensure that students adhere to college's attendance policy and policies for withdrawing from the University or dropping courses; serve as a resource to online instructor if necessary; coordinate with NSU administrators/faculty/support staff.

### **Courses of Instruction:**

Students can enroll in courses listed on the Louisiana Board of Regents Master Course Articulation Matrix AY 2021-2022.

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress:**

It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw from a course(s) or resign from the University by the University's published deadline. Upon successful completion of a course(s), NSU will award the applicable semester hours and the appropriate grade of A, B, C, D, F, or W. The grades students receive will become a part of their permanent academic record at NSU and student's academic progress will be reviewed at the end of each semester. The Federal Government mandates that students must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their degrees within a reasonable period of time in order to be eligible for Title IV financial aid programs (includes grants, work-study, Direct Student Loans, PLUS, and Perkins loans).

**Board of Regents Interim Policy for Dual Enrollment 2021-2022 Academic Year:**

Students wishing to initiate or continue their participation in dual enrollment for the 2021-2022 academic year may be eligible to enroll in academic courses on the Master Course Articulation Matrix if they meet the following criteria:

- A minimum 2.5 cumulative high school GPA, as determined by the high school,

**AND**

- Subject-specific demonstration of readiness in Mathematics (for mathematics and science courses) or English (for English, foreign language, history, social science, humanities, or arts survey courses) through either:
  - 1.) Subject-specific minimum scores on any assessment listed in Academic Affairs Policy 2.22.

**OR**

- 2.) Counselor recommendation based on overall student performance and grade trends in the subject.

**Grade Point Average:**

Dual enrollment students must have and maintain a cumulative HS GPA of at least 2.5, **verified by district/high school prior to start of each NSU semester**, to initiate or continue dual enrollment.

**Associate of General Studies Degree:**

NSU has established partnerships with school districts to offer courses for dual credit in which students have an opportunity to earn an approved degree, Associate of General Studies Degree (AGS). 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students must qualify based on the admission and enrollment criteria outlined in NSU's Dual Enrollment Program Framework. A minimum of 60 semester hours of academic work is required for the AGS. Academic course work includes general education requirements and enrichment elective requirements. It is the responsibility of the high school and student to notify NSU personnel if there is an interest in pursuing the AGS.

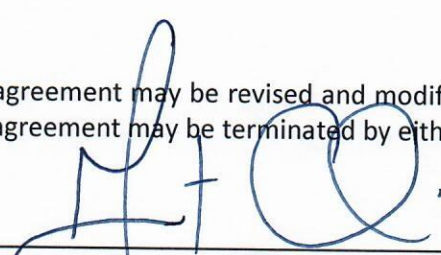
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District and its employees may not relieve students of their obligations to comply with University policies.

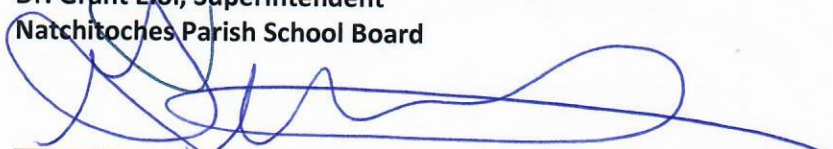
District acknowledges that credit earned at the University will translate as dual credit earned at the secondary level for articulated courses.

District acknowledges that parental consent for student participation will be obtained by participating high schools.

This agreement may be revised and modified by written amendment mutually agreed upon and signed by both parties. This agreement may be terminated by either party if written notice is provided.

  
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Dr. Grant Eloi, Superintendent  
Natchitoches Parish School Board

7-14-21  
Date

  
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Dr. Greg Handel, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Northwestern State University

7.14.2021  
Date