Articulation Agreement (Renewal) between
the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan
and
Briercrest College and Seminary

I. INTRODUCTION AND FRAMEWORK

Many students at Briercrest College have expressed a desire to obtain a University of Saskatchewan degree. The purpose of this agreement (renewal) is to help those students continue to meet their goals through transfer to the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan. As well, the College of Arts & Science is seeking to significantly increase the enrolment and activity of Briercrest College students within College of Arts & Science degree programs.

This agreement envisions enabling and assisting Briercrest College students to articulate, with advanced credit standing, into University of Saskatchewan Arts & Science undergraduate degree programs. Once admitted, such students will be treated identically to other College of Arts & Science students, with full rights and responsibilities. Specifically, students will be expected to meet the academic progress requirements and follow all academic policies of the College of Arts & Science.

This agreement focuses on specific degree programs identified by Briercrest College and the College of Arts & Science as of initial interest to Briercrest College students. This agreement does not preclude additional articulation agreements between the College of Arts & Science and Briercrest College as student interest in other Arts & Science programs is expressed.

This agreement:
- Is subject to the regulations and policies of the University of Saskatchewan and to the terms outlined below.
- Relies on the information as documented herein, as such the parties will communicate on significant changes to courses or programs listed in this agreement.
- Relies on open communication between institutions. The contact person for Briercrest College is the Vice President Academic, and the contact person for the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan is the Associate Dean (Undergraduate).
- Is subject to re-negotiation of terms by either party at any time.
- Will become effective immediately, and apply to past and future Briercrest College students who meet the minimum requirements stated in section II.
- Has no specified end date, but may be terminated by either party with one-year’s notice.
- Will be reviewed after 5 years by the parties to ensure that it is still meeting the needs of each party.
This agreement is signed on behalf of the respective Institutions by:

David Parkinson
Vice-Dean of Humanities and Fine Arts
College of Arts & Science
University of Saskatchewan
September 19, 2013

Wes Olmstead
Vice President Academic
Briercrest College and Seminary
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II. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. The Admissions Office at the University of Saskatchewan has the final right of approval on admission decisions for all students.

2. Students who have completed less than 18 transferable credit units of post-secondary courses are considered for admission based on their high school marks – please see the University of Saskatchewan prospective student website for details visit: www.explore.usask.ca

3. Students are required to consult with an advisor in the College of Arts & Science Undergraduate Student Office prior to course registration.

4. High school admissions standards are not relevant for admission of students who have completed at least 18 credit units of transferable courses. However, students are responsible for successful completion of any high school prerequisites required for specific courses at the University of Saskatchewan.

5. Students completing one-year certificates are not covered by this agreement. These students may apply to the University of Saskatchewan for Transfer Credit on a case-by-case basis.

6. Students who complete at least one year (i.e., at least 30 credit units) of a post-secondary certificate, diploma or program at Briercrest College, with an average of 60.00% (equivalent to C- on the Briercrest Grade Scale), who demonstrate typical progress and course selection towards a Briercrest program, and who meet the required level of proficiency in the English language for entrance to the University of Saskatchewan, will be accepted into the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan with at least 50% of their eligible Briercrest credit units as block transfer credit as outlined in item (8) below.

7. Students must complete the remaining credit units at the University of Saskatchewan in order to meet College of Arts & Science residency requirements. This includes half the required credit units in their degree, 2/3 of the required senior-level courses, and 2/3 of the required credit units in their major.

8. Only passed courses (grades of 50% (D-) or higher) can be transferred into the College of Arts & Science.

9. Students are guaranteed the minimum level of transfer credits as outlined in item (5) above, but may transfer more as follows. All Briercrest College courses eligible for articulation with University of Saskatchewan courses, as outlined in Section III below, will first be evaluated.
   - If this evaluation reveals that more than 50% of the earned Briercrest credit units are transferable, then the total amount of credit units earned in articulated courses will be transferred into University of Saskatchewan College of Arts & Science degree programs and interpreted within the context of residency requirements described in item (6) above.
   - If this evaluation reveals that less than 50% of the earned Briercrest credit units are transferable, then a block transfer credit equal to the difference between 50% of the earned Briercrest credits and the transferable credits will be granted.
This block transfer credit will be recorded as unspecified junior Arts & Science Electives for the University of Saskatchewan program. In general, it is expected that this block transfer should not exceed 25% of the credit units that have a specific equivalency.

10. Each institution commits to ongoing communications related to program and course changes. Every effort will be made to ensure that no, or minimal, departure from the curriculum will be required for transfer students who were accepted under previous program requirements. The Arts & Science policies related to “date of commencement of program” will be extended to the date of the first documented advising contact at Briercrest College related to course selection for purposes of transfer to the College of Arts & Science.

11. Students wishing to transfer to other Colleges or programs at the University of Saskatchewan must meet the College or program transfer requirements of that College. As these requirements may differ from the admission requirements of the College of Arts & Science outlined here, a transfer credit evaluation made for the College of Arts & Science may be adjusted by the new College if a student transfers.

III. LIST OF TRANSFERABLE COURSES

A list of course equivalencies between Briercrest College and the University of Saskatchewan can be found at:
http://explore.usask.ca/admissions/transfer/transfer-equivalents/Briercrest.php

General Information:
1. Only courses with passing grades (Briercrest scale 50.00% (D–) or higher) can be transferred for credit. Grades do not transfer to University of Saskatchewan Arts & Science programs.

2. University of Saskatchewan transfer credit regulations do not allow granting of transfer credit for courses in ministerial preparation. If transferring students disagree with the decision to not grant credit for specific courses (that is, they do not think they are ministerial prep courses), they may present a detailed case to the Director of Admissions at the University of Saskatchewan. Please note that if a course has previously been denied transfer credit, it will not be re-evaluated unless there has been a significant change in the curriculum.

3. The College of Arts & Science limits the junior (100-level) credit units in its degree programs. Of the 120 credit units required for the four-year and honours degrees no more than 54 credit units of junior (100-level) courses are permitted and of the 90 credit units required for the three-year degrees no more than 48 junior credit units are allowed. Students are warned that some Briercrest College 200-level designated courses will transfer over as 100-level equivalent courses at the University of Saskatchewan. Please consult your advisor if you have any questions.

4. Transferable courses may serve a variety of purposes in the University of Saskatchewan Arts & Science programs: a Distribution Requirement, a Major Requirement, or an Elective.
College of Arts & Science Distribution Requirements:

Courses offered by the College of Arts & Science at the University of Saskatchewan are divided into four categories: Humanities, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Fine Arts. Refer to the chart provided below for a listing of the courses.

All students completing degrees from the College must take a minimum of 6 credit units from each of the Humanities, Languages, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences. Students also have the option of taking at least 6 credit units from the Fine Arts. Students choosing majors in the Fine Arts must, however, complete courses in at least two of the fine art subjects. These core requirements are referred to as Distribution Requirements. More information on these requirements can be found at:

http://artsandscience.usask.ca/students/academics/handouts/DegreeRequirements1-7.pdf