

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

Lansing Community College

A.A. Degree in Philosophy

And

Northern Michigan University

College of Arts and Sciences

B.S. Degree in Philosophy

(July 14, 2025)

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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 Philosophy at Lansing Community College and transfer to NMU to complete the Bachelors of Science in Philosophy. 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 Philosophy 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 Dean of Arts and Sciences 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 (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 **July 28, 2025- July 28, 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 Philosophy at Lansing Community College prior to a transfer to Northern Michigan University to complete a B.S. degree in Philosophy. 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.

This major offers useful preparation for any career in which the abilities to comprehend difficult material and to think and write clearly and logically are important. The major serves as an excellent foundation for postgraduate work in law and theology, as well as in philosophy itself.

The Philosophy courses are designed to make students aware of major philosophical questions, the alternative answers proposed by philosophers and the ways answers are achieved, and to assist students in developing a view of life. In addition, philosophy courses help students achieve the goals common to all liberal arts studies.

Effective Dates:

The effective dates of this agreement are from **July 28, 2025 – July 28, 2028**. 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 Philosophy 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 Philosophy. 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 Philosophy major does not require a minor. The following section is of Lansing Community College's A.A. degree with restricted selections to meet the Michigan Transfer Agreement.

LCC Course #	Lansing Community College Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Equivalent	NMU Degree Requirements
	First Semester	14-16		
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1	GEN 1009	General Elective
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophy	3	PL 100	Philosophy Major Elective (INTT)
ENG 121 or ENG 131	Composition I or Honors Composition I	4	EN 111	MTA
	Limited Choice Social Science	3-4		MTA
	Limited Choice Natural Science with lab	3-4		MTA
	Second Semester	15-16		
PHIL 151	Intro to Logic & Critical Thinking	4	PL 160	Philosophy Major Elective (QUAN)
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 NMU Graduation Requirement (must earn at least a C)
	Limited Choice Social Science	3-4		MTA
	Third Semester	14-16		
PHIL 211	Philosophy: Ancient & Medieval	4	PL 200	Major Course
PHIL 152	Limited Choice Philosophy Elective Introduction to Ethics	4	PL 180	Philosophy Major Elective (PERS)
	Limited Choice Elective	3-4		General Elective
	Limited Choice Elective	3-4		General Elective
	Fourth Semester	14-15		
PHIL 212	Philosophy: Modern & Contemporary	4	PL 210	Major Course
RELG 150	Limited Choice Humanities and Fine Arts: Intro to World Religions	4	PL 270	MTA/Philosophy Major Elective/NMU GCIT Graduation Requirement
	Limited Choice Natural Sciences	3-4		MTA
	Limited Choice Philosophy Elective	3		Philosophy Major Elective
Additional Electives:				
Complete enough additional electives to meet the 60- credit requirement for the associate degree.				
	Total Credit Hours:	60-63		

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

Third and Fourth Years at NMU

The third and fourth years of NMU's Philosophy, B.S. degree are comprised of at least 60 credits. To qualify for a bachelor's degree at NMU, students must meet all graduation requirements, which include the courses listed below at NMU. This major does not require a minor, but the student may choose to declare one.

NMU Course #	NMU Course Title	Credit Hours	NMU Degree Requirements
	First Semester	16	
	Philosophy elective 300 level or above	4	Major Course
	Optional Minor Course or elective	4	Optional Minor or Elective
	Optional Minor Course or elective	4	Optional Minor or Elective
	General Elective	4	Elective Course
	Second Semester	16	
	Philosophy elective 300 level or above	4	Major Course
	Optional Minor Course or Elective	4	Optional Minor or Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	Third Semester	16	
	Optional Minor Course or Elective	4	Optional Minor or Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	Fourth Semester	12	
PL 390	Graduation Assessment for Philosophy Majors	0	Major Course
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	General Elective	4	General Elective
	Total Credit Hours:	60	

Suggested Course Sequence:

Third Year	Fourth Year
<u>First Semester:</u> PL Elective 300 level or above 4 cr. Optional Minor Course or Elective 4 cr. Optional Minor Course or Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. Semester Total: 16 cr.	<u>Third Semester:</u> Optional Minor Course or Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. Semester Total: 16 cr.
<u>Second Semester:</u> PL Elective 300 level or above 4 cr. Optional Minor Course or Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. Semester Total: 16 cr.	<u>Fourth Semester:</u> PL 390 Graduation Assessment for Philosophy Majors 0 cr. General Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. General Elective 4 cr. Semester Total: 12 cr.

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 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 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 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 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

Dr. Steve Robinson
 President

Date

Dr. Gavin Leach
 Interim President

Date

Dr. Sally Welch
 Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic
 Affairs

Date

Dr. Dale Kapla
 Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

Date

Andrea Hoagland
 Dean of Arts & Sciences

Date

Dr. Jessica Hester
 Social Sciences and Humanities Director

Date

CC: NMU Registrar
 NMU Director of Admissions
 NMU Transfer Admissions Counselor
 NMU Director of Student Success and Wellness
 NMU Philosophy Department Head