

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

between

Ferris State University

and

The National Outdoor Leadership School

THIS ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (hereinafter “Agreement”) is entered into by Ferris State University, a Michigan constitutionally-created public institution of higher education, located in Big Rapids, Michigan 49307 (hereinafter “Ferris”) and The National Outdoor Leadership School (hereinafter “NOLS”) on this 1st day of May, 2008.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Ferris is a Michigan public university with its main campus located in Big Rapids, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, NOLS is the National Outdoor Leadership School with its main headquarters located in Lander, WY; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris and NOLS exist to provide educational services and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ferris and NOLS cooperate effectively to ensure the highest quality educational experiences and opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ferris and NOLS desire to reduce transfer barriers between the two institutions;

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, the parties, desiring to articulate the nature of their collaboration, hereby agree to the following terms:

1. Ferris will grant credit to students who graduate from NOLS’s semester courses providing that:

(a) The NOLS student meets all relevant Ferris program requirements and deadlines for securing credit at Ferris. This includes an agreement of understanding between the Dean for the College of Education and Human Services (or her appointee) (hereinafter “Dean”) and the student as to the relevance of courses.

(b) Students receive a grade of “C” (2.0 on 4.0 scale) or better for all coursework, and such grades will be determined by NOLS staff. Should there be any disputes regarding grades, efforts to resolve them will be provided by the Ferris Dean (or her appointee) and NOLS Curriculum and Research Manager..

2. Credit for NOLS semester courses will transfer to Ferris as determined by the dean (or his/her appointee) of the Ferris college that offers the course credit. Courses considered for credit include the following areas of study:

Recreation Leisure Services
and Wellness
Biological Sciences
Social Sciences
Humanities

College of Education and
Human Services
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences
College of Arts and Sciences

Other courses and departments will be considered as need arises and as appropriate.

3. Credits from NOLS semester courses that may transfer include:

RMLS 130	3 semester credit hours
RMLS 211	3 semester credit hours
RMLS 231	2 semester credit hours
RMLS 232	2 semester credit hours
RMLS 235	2 semester credit hours
RMLS 236	2 semester credit hours
RMLS 438	2-4 semester credit hours

4. Under the direction of the appropriate department and/or dean, Ferris will:

- (a) List NOLS in appropriate promotional materials; and,
- (b) Inform appropriate students that a NOLS semester is an important credential in the field of outdoor education and encourage students to pursue it; and,
- (c) Inform appropriate students that completion of a NOLS course is a valuable way to learn outdoor skills and develop leadership skills that are valuable regardless of major or career path; and,
- (d) Allow students to use appropriate financial aid for their NOLS course work.

5. NOLS will:

- (a) List Ferris in its catalog and enrollment materials; and,
- (b) Give special consideration to students from Ferris as one element in admission and intern selection; and,
- (c) Inform NOLS graduates that academic credit for their coursework is transferable to Ferris; and,
- (e) Work with Ferris and other participating institutions to develop career placement options in outdoor education through the NOLS career networking program.

6. Ferris and NOLS establish their own admissions requirements and recognize and respect each other's autonomy in establishing such requirements. Although qualified students from NOLS may meet the academic admissions requirements for Ferris, such qualified students may not be otherwise eligible for admission to Ferris. Ferris and NOLS recognize that Ferris may refuse admission to any person who does not meet all admissions requirements set by Ferris.

7. This Agreement shall be for an initial term of three (3) years, and shall be automatically renewed for additional one (1) year terms for not more than an additional three (3) years, unless Ferris or NOLS terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or unless either party is in material breach of any term in this Agreement. Ferris or NOLS may terminate this Agreement by providing the other party with written notice, by first class mail, of the termination of the Agreement. The Agreement shall terminate not less than one

hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the parties.

4. This Agreement is intended solely for the mutual benefit of the parties hereto, and there is no intention, express or otherwise, to create any rights or interests for any party or person other than Ferris and NOLS. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no rights are intended to be created for any student, qualified student, as defined herein, parent or guardian of any student, or employer or prospective employer of any student.

5. No amendment or modification to this Agreement, including any amendment or modification of this paragraph, shall be effective unless the same is in writing and signed by the party to be charged.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written in the preamble to this Agreement.

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We, the representatives of Ferris State University and the National Outdoor Leadership School, agree to the terms of this agreement, which will be for a period of three (3) years, effective May 1, 2008, through May 1, 2011.

Signatures

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