Memorandum of Understanding between SUNY at Binghamton and

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry for the purpose of Concurrent Degree Enrollment

This memorandum of understanding describes the arrangement between SUNY at Binghamton (Binghamton) and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (CESF) for students to pursue concurrently a bachelor's degree at Harpur College of Binghamton and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree (MLA) at CESF. Within this program the individual institutions retain their separate authority and responsibility concerning curriculum, course content, degree requirements, granting of degrees, and related matters. Courses taken at Binghamton or CESF will be counted in the workload of that campus.

This agreement provides for flexibility to meet the needs of individual students and is based on the belief of both institutions that efficiencies in program collaboration should be pursued consistent with the paramount concern for academic excellence. Through such an arrangement as described here, efficiency and excellence are achieved.

It is expected that students accepted into this program will have a bachelor's awarded by Binghamton at the conclusion of their first year of full-time study at CESF and an MIA awarded by CESF at the conclusion of their third year of full-time study at CESF. This allows students to complete both degrees in six years of full-time study, compared to the more usual seven years.

Admission

All students must satisfy the admission requirements as established by both Harpur College of Binghamton and CESF. These requirements shall be: matriculated status in a bachelor's degree program at Harpur College of Binghamton; satisfactory completion of at least 94 liberal arts credits towards the bachelor's degree; satisfactory completion of the All-College Requirements (including the distribution requirements, the writing requirement, the language graduation requirement and the PE requirement); satisfactory completion of the specified requirements of the major field in which the student is a candidate for a bachelor's degree; grades equivalent to a grade point average of at least 3.00 (4.00 = A); and approval by appropriate faculty at both institutions. In addition, students must submit a written statement indicating their educational objectives. Matriculation into the second year of the program at CESF is contingent upon satisfactory completion of CESF courses, usually defined as a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or greater, and the awarding of the bachelor's degree from Binghamton.

Program Requirements

During the first year of study at CESF, students in this program will take courses appropriate to their interests and background. These courses will be at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and will be determined prior to enrollment at CESF. Binghamton agrees to transfer back these CESF courses in which a grade of "C" or greater is earned and use them to complete requirements for the bachelor's degree.

The courses taken at CESF during the second and third years of the program will be used to complete the remaining requirements for the MLA.

It is understood that any courses taken by students at Syracuse University will be considered CESF courses for purposes of degree completion under this agreement.

President Dec 16, 198

SUNY at Binghamton

President

Date

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry