

Memorandum of Understanding  
between  
SUNY at Cortland  
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 Cortland (Cortland) and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (CESF) for students concurrently to pursue a bachelor's degree at Cortland 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 Cortland 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 students accepted into this program will have a bachelor's degree awarded by Cortland at the conclusion of their first year of full-time study at CESF and an MLA 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 Cortland and CESF. These requirements shall be matriculated status in a bachelor's degree program at Cortland; satisfactory completion of at least 90 credits towards the bachelor's degree; a cumulative 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 Cortland.

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. Cortland 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.

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President                      Date  
SONY at Cortland

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President                      Date  
SUNY College of Environmental  
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