

Joint Program Agreement

Defining a Specialization in Applied Agriculture

Trent University

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and Bachelor of Science (Honours) Programs in Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems

and

**Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology
*Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture***

September 2014

A. Introduction

This agreement defines the principles and administrative procedures providing an option for Trent students in the ***Bachelor of Arts (Honours)*** or ***Bachelor of Science (Honours)*** programs in ***Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems*** at Trent University to complete the ***Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture*** at Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology following the fall term of the last year of their Trent degree program, and to receive transfer credits that will contribute to meeting degree requirements at Trent.

Hereafter, Sir Sandford Fleming College of Applied Arts and Technology will be referred to as 'Fleming College' and this collaborative effort will be referred to as 'the joint program.'

B. Objectives

1. To define an option for students in the ***Bachelor of Arts (Honours)*** or ***Bachelor of Science (Honours)*** programs in ***Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems*** to complete Fleming College's ***Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture*** program following the fall term of the last year of their Trent degree program.
2. To define transfer credits to be awarded on successful completion of the ***Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture*** and the process for documentation of such transfer credits.
3. To define the application and admissions processes for the Joint Program.
4. To ensure a seamless transition to Fleming College for qualified students and for seamless transfer of required records back to Trent to confirm completion of the honours degree requirements.
5. To describe the review and assessment processes for the joint program agreement in terms of the academic performance of the students, ongoing assessment of curriculum equivalence, academic integrity and other factors agreed upon by the two institutions.


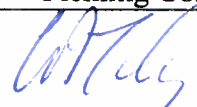
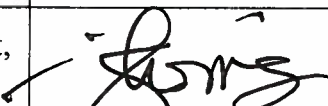
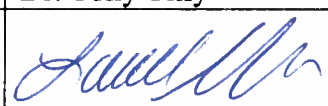


C. Terms and Conditions of the Agreement

1. The respective Vice President Academic offices of Trent University and Fleming College will identify the individuals and committees responsible for overseeing the administration of the agreement. Areas of oversight include: application procedures, courses, credit transfer, enrolment data, student success, promotion of the program, and other issues pertinent to the success of the joint program agreement
2. Fleming College will reserve three (3) seats in the *Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Certificate* program for eligible Trent students beginning in January 2015, and five (5) seats annually thereafter. Trent will notify Fleming of the successful candidates by April 30th each year. If the reserved seats are not filled by Trent students, Fleming will offer the seats to other qualified applicants.
3. To apply for the joint program, Trent students must be in a position to have completed at least 15.0 credits toward their Trent degree, including program specific requirements up to the third year, by the end of the academic year in which the application is made. Applicants must have a cumulative average of at least 70%, including mid-year grades in the year in which the application is made.
4. Application is by letter, in which students should include a discussion of why the applicant is interested in the program and any related background or experience relevant to sustainable agriculture. Applicants must also demonstrate in their application how they will complete their B.A. or B.Sc. Honours Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems requirements (with the exception of the transfer credits), as laid out in the academic calendar, by the end of the fall term immediately preceding the winter program start for the *Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Certificate* program. Application letters will be submitted to the Chair, Environmental Resource Science/Studies, by April 1st each year. In the event that there are more qualified applicants than reserved spaces available in the program, selection will be on a competitive basis, with positions being awarded to students with the highest grades.
5. Trent's Chair, Environmental Resource Science/Studies will notify Fleming of the students eligible for the program. Students will then be required to apply through the Ontario College Application Service, pay the appropriate OCAS fee and also ensure that appropriate Trent transcripts are sent to the Fleming College Admission Department. Students admitted to the joint program register as full-time Fleming College students for the *Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Certificate* program and pay community college fees for the year of the program. Students may retain Trent affiliation by paying the requisite fees.
6. Upon completion of the *Sustainable Agriculture Graduate Certificate* program, Trent students will request an official transcript from Fleming College. Students who complete the three-semester graduate certificate with a minimum average of 70% will receive three (3.0) Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems elective transfer credits, as defined in Appendix A. The Trent University academic transcripts of students completing the program with an average of at least 65% in courses taken at Trent and 70% in courses taken at Fleming will contain the notation "with a Specialization in Applied Agriculture." Graduates will also receive an Ontario College *Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture* from Fleming College.
7. Trent University's degree requirement that 'five of the last seven credits toward the degree must be achieved at Trent University' will be waived for students in the Joint Program.

D. Review of the Agreement

The Agreement will be reviewed every three years or sooner in the event of major curriculum changes in either partner's program. This Agreement may be terminated by either party. In this case, notice of one year is required. In the event of termination of the Agreement, every effort will be made to ensure that students currently enrolled in the program will not be affected.

E. Signatures

	Trent University	Date	Fleming College	Date
President	 Dr. Leo Groarke	9/10/14	 Dr. Tony Tilly	14/10/02
Vice-President, Academic	 Dr. Gary Boire	9/10/14	 Laurel Schollen	9/30/14
Dean	 Dr. Holger Hintelmann	9/9/14	 Dr. Linda Skilton	9/23/14

Appendix A

Qualified graduates of the Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture will receive 3.0 transfer credits, as follows:

Fleming Course	Trent Transfer Credit
AGRI 1 - Food, Agriculture & Community	0.5 SAFS 2XX1H
AGRI 2 - Principles of Sustainable Agriculture	0.5 SAFS 2XX2H
AGRI 3 - Market Garden and Greenhouse	0.5 SAFS 3XX1H
AGRI 4 - Livestock, Crop and Field	0.5 SAFS 3XX2H
AGRI 7 - Farm Enterprise & Market Research AGRI 9 - Farm Business Case & Business Plan	0.5 SAFS 3XX3H
AGRI 8 - Farm Marketing Strategy & Plan AGRI 10 - Farm Lands Research & Farm Plan	0.5 SAFS 3XX4H
	Total: 1.0 SAFS 2000-level 2.0 SAFS 3000-level

Note: All transfer credits will be recognized with a 'Pass' grade; numerical grades are not recorded on the transcript.

Fleming College

July 26, 2019

Trent University Durham GTA
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Attention: Hailey Wright, Manager, Community Relations and Articulation

Re: Joint Program Agreement - Defining a Specialization in Applied Agriculture

Dear Ms. Wright,

This letter serves as official notice that the College has made a significant change to the Ontario College Graduate Certificate in Sustainable Agriculture program. Regretfully, the College is now unable to admit students through the September 2014 *Joint Program Agreement – Defining a Specialization in Applied Agriculture* Agreement in its current form as a result of the program's start date changing from Winter (January) to Fall (September).

As stated in clause D. (Review of the Agreement):

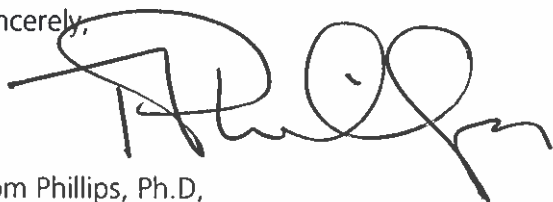
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It is our opinion that the nature of this change does not warrant the termination of this Agreement. We propose that this Agreement be immediately suspended until further notice. The College will make all efforts to ensure current participating students under this Agreement will not be negatively affected by this change.

Moreover, the College would like to inform you that exploratory conversations have already begun between Fleming's School of Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences (SENRS) and Trent's School of the Environment (TSE) to revise this Agreement.

Sincerely,



Tom Phillips, Ph.D,
Vice President, Academic Experience

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