

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between
Wesley Seminary
and
Oklahoma Wesleyan University

Regarding Advanced Standing with Credit and the Creation of Educational Transition Pathways

Statement of Purpose

Whereas both Wesley Seminary and Oklahoma Wesleyan University share a common Christian faith, are both Wesleyan institutions, and are united in their desire to prepare Christian leaders to engage in missional ministry locally and globally, this agreement will serve as a basis to provide graduates of Oklahoma Wesleyan University the possibility of being awarded advanced standing with credit on admission, and transitional pathways into the MA in Ministry, the Master of Divinity, and future programs at Wesley Seminary.

I. Accreditation Status

Wesley Seminary is accredited by the [Association of Theological Schools](#). In addition, Indiana Wesleyan University is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission \(HLC\)](#)* and is a member of the North Central Association. In December 2008, the HLC extended IWU's accreditation to include the Master of Divinity degree. The Master of Arts in Ministry degree has been accredited since the program's inception.

Wesley Seminary also holds affiliate member status with the International Council for Evangelical Theological Education (<http://www.icete-edu.org/>)

Oklahoma Wesleyan University is accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission \(HLC\)](#). Its School of Ministry and Christian Thought is subject to the oversight of The Wesleyan Church's [Education and Clergy Development Division](#).

Both parties to this Agreement will notify the other in writing if any change to their accreditation status occurs.

II. Elements of this Agreement

A. Admissions Practices

Wesley Seminary's admissions requirements for the MA and MDiv degree programs are outlined at <https://seminary.indwes.edu/admissions/> which is hereby incorporated into this Agreement. The contents of this site exist on the effective date of this Agreement and may be revised in the future at Wesley Seminary's sole discretion. In general, Oklahoma Wesleyan University students will be eligible for admission to Wesley Seminary based on meeting these admissions criteria as identified at this site which follows the policies identified in the university/seminary catalog.

B. Acceptance and Application of Credits

Advanced Standing with credit will be awarded on the following basis:

1. Oklahoma Wesleyan University students with a four-year undergraduate degree and applying to the Master of Divinity program at Wesley Seminary, may be awarded advanced standing with credit for up to nineteen (19) credit hours of graduate work, as listed in, but not limited to, the table below, upon admission to the program.
2. Oklahoma Wesleyan University students with a four-year undergraduate degree and applying to the MA in Ministry program at Wesley Seminary, may be awarded advanced standing with credit for up to nine (9) credit hours of graduate work, as listed in, but not limited to, the table below, upon admission to the program.
3. Oklahoma Wesleyan University students must achieve at least a B+ standing in each course presented for advanced credit.
4. The following table show the possible combinations of courses that may be awarded advanced standing with credit. Wesley Seminary has examined the syllabi of these courses listed above and believe them to reflect equivalent learning as indicated. The decision to offer advanced standing with credit on this basis was affirmed by the Faculty.

WESLEY SEMINARY		OKLAHOMA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY	
		UNDERGRADUATE COURSES	
BIBL-500 Bible as Scripture	3	BLIT3000 or 4000 elective BLIT3463 Biblical Hermeneutics	6
THEO-500 Intro to Christian Theology	3	THEO3613 Systematic Theology 1 THEO3623 Systematic Theology 2	6
CHST-500 Global Church History	3	CHIS2113 History of Christianity THEO3533 John Wesley and the History of the Wesleyan Church	6
CONG Elective credits	3	Two upper-level PAMI or YFAM courses ¹	6
MISS Elective credits	3	Two from GLST courses (2312; 3163; 3333; 3453) or PAMI2113 Evangelism and THEO3233 Church and Culture ²	6
LEAD Elective credits	3	PAMI3423 Church Administration and Wesleyan Discipline PAMI4233 Practical Theology of Christian Leadership ³	6

5. Oklahoma Wesleyan University students who elect to take graduate level courses at Wesley Seminary during their undergraduate studies at Oklahoma Wesleyan University will earn credit that will be transcribed by Wesley Seminary and counted towards the MA in Ministry or the Master of Divinity graduate degree programs at Wesley Seminary. Graduate credits earned at Wesley Seminary will not count towards the undergraduate degree program for which the student is enrolled at Oklahoma Wesleyan University.

6. Both institutions agree to notify each other of curriculum changes that impact this Agreement.

¹ May not be used as a substitute for a core course in corresponding specializations.

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³ May not be used as a substitute for a core course in corresponding specializations.

C. Joint Responsibility

1. The Vice President of Academic Affairs of Wesley Seminary or his/her designee, and Oklahoma Wesleyan University's Dean of the School of Ministry and Christian Thought or his/her designee will collaborate in managing this Agreement.
2. Both institutions will provide academic advising services to Oklahoma Wesleyan University's students.
3. Any written materials published and distributed by either party shall not misrepresent the terms outlined in this Agreement.
4. The trademarks and service marks owned by each institution may not be used by the other institution without expressed written permission.

D. Implementation of the Agreement

Oklahoma Wesleyan University will notify its divisions of this Agreement. Oklahoma Wesleyan University will add Wesley Seminary and the stipulations of this Agreement to its published list of partnering institutions.

Wesley Seminary will develop a strategy of providing faculty and staff with the information and materials essential to informing Oklahoma Wesleyan University students and alumni of the pathways offered through this Agreement.

E. Periodic Evaluation

Representatives from Oklahoma Wesleyan University and Wesley Seminary will review this Agreement every four (4) years. Each institution will work in good faith to modify their policies, procedures, etc. to accommodate the changing needs of their partner.

F. Term and Modification

This Agreement will be in effect from the Effective Date and continue indefinitely unless and until terminated by either party. Termination of this Agreement may occur by either party with a ninety (90) day written notification to the other. Further, either party may terminate this Agreement upon substantial breach by the other party. Either party reserves the right to call for a review of the Agreement for the purpose of making changes or modifications.


Notwithstanding, upon expiration or termination of this Agreement for any reason, students previously accepted by or admitted to Wesley Seminary will continue to receive the benefits contemplated by this Agreement, provided they stay continuously enrolled and make satisfactory academic progress.

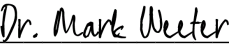
G. Indemnification

Each party agrees to indemnify and hold the other, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and trustees harmless from and against any and all tort liability, claims, actions, and causes of action, losses, damages, or expenses caused or arising out of the act(s) and/or omission(s) of itself, its agents, and employees incident to this Agreement.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have entered this Agreement on this 15th day of December 2020 ("Effective Date") and do each hereby warrant and represent that they have all necessary and appropriate authority to execute to the Agreement and implement plans of action and procedures necessary to effect this Agreement.

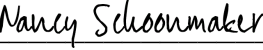
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