

414.0 - Credit through StraighterLine

Purpose:

Bismarck State College permits students to demonstrate college-level competency and establish college credits through the successful completion of approved StraighterLine courses as provided for in the following. Academic Departments have pre-determined which StraighterLine courses will be accepted.

Procedure:

1. Students must request an official transcript to be sent to:
Bismarck State College;
Attn: Admissions Office
1500 Edwards Avenue
Bismarck ND 59503
2. Students must be accepted into a BSC bachelor's, associate, diploma, certificate, or certificate of completion program to be awarded StraighterLine credits.
3. Students must be enrolled in a BSC course during the term for StraighterLine credits are to be posted to the official BSC transcript.
4. Students must receive 70% or higher for credits to transfer.
5. Students should be aware that StraighterLine credits may not transfer to other colleges. Students are urged to check the intended transfer institution for current transfer information. BSC is not responsible for transferability of StraighterLine credits.
6. Grades for StraighterLine credits shall be recorded as "S" satisfactory, thus will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
7. The student will not be eligible for credit if:
 - a. Currently enrolled in course; or
 - b. Previously enrolled in course (regardless of grade earned A-F, or S/U); or
 - c. Earned transfer credit from an accredited institution; or
 - d. Previously earned credit through prior learning (Portfolio, Test Credit, Industry training, Challenge Examination, Articulation or Military)
8. StraighterLine credits, once recorded on a student's BSC transcript, become a permanent part of the academic record.
 - a. Maximum of 14 credits from StraighterLine may be awarded.
9. A maximum number of non-traditional college credits may be earned within military



training, AP, CLEP, DSST, IB, CIE, BSC challenge examination, portfolio development, industry training, Straighterline agreement and courses covered under high school articulation agreements.

- a. Bachelor of Applied Science – 60 semester credit
- b. Associate or Diploma - 40 semester credits
- c. Certificate or Certificate of Completion – 50% of total degree credits

10. Credits earned through StraighterLine, except for ASC-equivalent courses, will count toward BSC graduation requirements; however, they do not count toward the minimum institutional credit requirements.

11. The number of StraighterLine course credits awarded is equal to BSC course credits.

12. Courses deemed equivalent to a BSC course are subject to BSC's repeat policy.

References:

[BSC Prior Learning](#)

[SBHE Policy: 441 Degree Credit, Non-Degree Credit and Non-Credit Instructional Activity](#)

[BSC-StraighterLine Course Equivalency Chart](#)

History of This Procedure:

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