

GCCC Production Agriculture, AS, and K-State's B.S. in Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication
Articulation Agreement Between
Garden City Community College and Kansas State University

June 22, 2026

Garden City Community College (GCCC) and Kansas State University (K-State) agree to provide the courses listed on the attached curriculum guide as a joint education program that will enable students to meet the requirements for the Associate of Science degree at GCCC and the Bachelor of Science degree at K-State. It is also agreed that the courses required for the Associate of Science degree in Production Agriculture at GCCC will be accepted by K-State as meeting the requirements for the first two years of the Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication at K-State, as shown in the attached curriculum guide.

GCCC and K-State agree to provide student support services including admissions, academic advising, library access, technical support and other services as reasonably needed and appropriate. The staffs at both institutions will use best efforts to coordinate their student services to assure a smooth transition from one institution to the other.

GCCC and K-State will continue to review the course offerings on the attached curriculum guide annually and will collaboratively adopt any mutually agreed upon revisions by written agreement. Any revisions or changes will continue to apply toward degree completion for the programs in this agreement. GCCC and K-State will assure that all students who begin this program will be afforded a reasonable opportunity to complete the program within a reasonable period of time.

GCCC and K-State will ensure that all students who begin and remain active and in good standing in this program will be able to complete the degree within a reasonable period of time according to a curriculum plan designed and communicated between the student and their advisor(s). Students who are not consistently enrolled in either GCCC or K-State courses as outlined in the curriculum plan are not eligible for the benefits of the agreement. The guidelines for the curriculum plan are included with this agreement and provide the student with courses which fulfill general education requirements.

GCCC and K-State agree that all students who successfully complete the requirements for the courses listed in the attached curriculum guide, and who have met other institutional requirements for the degrees, will be granted the specified degrees. Admission to K-State and the satisfaction of all degree requirements includes specific requirements as outlined in the K-State Catalog.

K-State and GCCC will mutually promote and market this program.

This agreement is subject to annual review by GCCC and K-State. This agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter III, Section A.2.e of the Kansas Board of Regents Policy Manual and is subject to applicable law and policies of the Kansas Board of Regents and the institutions' respective accrediting agencies. Either party may discontinue this agreement by giving the other party written notice to that effect at least twelve months in advance of its plans to discontinue. However, in the event of such notice, all students then actively participating in an approved program under this agreement and in good academic standing will be allowed an opportunity to complete their program within a reasonable period of time.

After five years, on June 22, 2031, this agreement will end except as to students then-actively participating in an approved program under this agreement and in good academic standing, who will be allowed an opportunity to complete their program within a reasonable period of time. If the parties wish to continue a similar arrangement as outlined here, a new curriculum guide should be created and a new agreement signed.

This agreement is entered into on this 22nd day of June, 2026 by:


Vice President of Instructional Services
Garden City Community College


Dr. Ryan Ruda
President
Garden City Community College


Dr. Jon Ulmer
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture
Kansas State University


Dr. Jesse Perez Mendez
Provost & Chief Academic Officer
Kansas State University

CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS ATTACHMENT

Important: This form contains mandatory contract provisions and must be attached to and specifically incorporated in all contractual agreements by adding the following statement to the main body of the contract: "The Provisions found in Contractual Provisions Attachment (Form KSU-146a, Rev. 7-20), which is attached hereto, are hereby incorporated in this contract and made a part hereof."

1. **Controlling Provisions:** It is expressly agreed that the terms of each and every provision in this attachment shall prevail and control over the terms of any other conflicting provision in the contract (including, without limitation, all other attachments) in which this attachment is incorporated. Any terms that conflict with or could be interpreted to conflict with this attachment are nullified.
2. **Kansas Law and Venue:** All matters arising out of or related to this contract shall be subject to, governed by, and construed according to the laws of the State of Kansas, and jurisdiction and venue of any suit arising out of or related to this contract shall reside only in courts located in the State of Kansas.
3. **Disclaimer Of Liability:** No provision of this contract will be given effect that attempts to require Kansas State University or any of its controlled corporations (collectively "University") to defend, hold harmless, or indemnify any contractor or third party for any acts or omissions. The terms, conditions, and limitations of liability of the State of Kansas, the University, and their employees are exclusively defined under the Kansas Tort Claims Act (K.S.A. 75-6101, et seq.).
4. **Arbitration, Damages, Warranties:** No interpretation of this contract shall find that the University has agreed to binding arbitration, or the payment of damages or penalties. Further, the University does not agree to pay attorney fees, costs, or late payment charges beyond those available under the Kansas Prompt Payment Act (K.S.A. 75-6403), and no provision will be given effect that attempts to exclude, modify, disclaim or otherwise attempt to limit any damages or rights of action available to the University at law, including but not limited to the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose.
5. **Termination Due To Lack Of Funding Appropriation:** If sufficient funds are not appropriated to continue the function performed in this agreement and for the payment of the charges hereunder, the University may terminate this agreement at the end of its current fiscal year. The University agrees to give written notice of termination to contractor at least 30 days prior to the end of its current fiscal year, and shall give such notice for a greater period prior to the end of such fiscal year as may be provided in this contract, except that such notice shall not be required prior to 90 days before the end of such fiscal year. Contractor shall have the right, at the end of such fiscal year, to take possession of any equipment provided under any contract for which it has not been paid. The University will pay to the contractor all regular contractual payments incurred through the end of such fiscal year, plus contractual charges incidental to the return of any such equipment. Upon termination of the agreement by the University, title to any such equipment shall revert to Contractor at the end of the University's current fiscal year. The termination of the contract pursuant to this paragraph shall not cause any penalty to be charged to the agency or the contractor.
6. **Responsibility For Taxes:** The University shall not be responsible for, nor indemnify a contractor for, any federal, state or local taxes which may be imposed or levied upon the subject matter of this contract.
7. **Insurance:** The University shall not be required to purchase any insurance against loss or damage to property or any other subject matter relating to this contract, nor shall this contract require the University to establish a "self-insurance" fund to protect against any such loss or damage.
8. **Acceptance Of Contract:** This contract shall not be considered accepted, approved or otherwise effective until the required approvals and certifications have been given, including, but not limited to, the signature of an authorized representative of the University as defined in the University Contracts Policy: <https://www.k-state.edu/policies/ppm/3000/3070.html>.
9. **Authority To Contract:** By signing this contract, the representative of the contractor thereby represents that such person is duly authorized by the contractor to execute this contract on behalf of the contractor and that the contractor agrees to be bound by the provisions thereof.
10. **Export Control:** Prior to providing University with any items under this contract that are subject to export controls regulations, including items controlled under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), 22 C.F.R. §§ 120-130, or the Export Administration Regulations (EAR), 15 C.F.R. §§ 730-774, Contractor will notify University and identify the export controlled items at issue and the applicable categories and subcategories of the United States Munitions List and/or Export Control Classification Number(s). University reserves the right to decline to accept any items or information controlled under ITAR or EAR. Contractor will direct all notices under this section to the appropriate University contact as follows: comply@k-state.edu.
11. **Privacy of Student Records:** Contractor understands that the University is subject to FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g). To the extent Contractor possesses any education records of University's students under this contract, Contractor is deemed to be a school official with a legitimate educational interest in the records and Contractor agrees to comply with FERPA and its regulations. Contractor specifically agrees that it shall use personally identifiable education records only for purposes related to this contract, and shall not disclose such records to any third party without authorization from the University. Contractor shall promptly report to the University any request for, or improper disclosure of, University student educational records.
12. **Anti-Discrimination Clause:** Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable state and federal anti-discrimination laws. When requested by University, Contractor shall cooperate with University in meeting obligations under University's own policies and procedures, including but not limited to the University's anti-discrimination policy: <http://www.k-state.edu/policies/ppm/3000/3010.html>. Contractor specifically acknowledges that its employees on campus and/or participating in University programs or activities have reviewed, understood, and will comply with University's anti-discrimination policy and its reporting website at <https://www.k-state.edu/report/>. Contractor also agrees: (a) to comply with the Kansas Act Against Discrimination (K.S.A. 44-1001, et seq.) and the Kansas Age Discrimination in Employment Act (K.S.A. 44-1111, et seq.) and the applicable provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq.) (ADA) and to not discriminate against any person because of race, religion, color, sex, disability, national origin or ancestry, or age in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities; (b) to include in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the phrase "equal opportunity employer"; (c) to comply with the reporting requirements set out at K.S.A. 44-1031 and K.S.A. 44-1116; (d) to include those provisions in every subcontract or purchase order so that they are binding upon such subcontractor or vendor; (e) that a failure to comply with the reporting requirements of (c) above or if the contractor is found guilty of any violation of such acts by the Kansas Human Rights Commission or if it is determined that the contractor has violated applicable provisions of ADA, such violation(s) shall constitute a breach of contract and the contract may be cancelled, terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, by the University.
13. **Information/Confidentiality:** As a state agency, the University's contracts and prices paid for goods and services are generally public records, and therefore no provision of this contract shall restrict the University's ability to produce this contract in response to a lawful request or from otherwise complying with the Kansas Open Records Act (K.S.A. 45-215, et seq.). Moreover, no provision of this contract shall be construed as limiting the Legislative Division of Post Audit from having access to information pursuant to K.S.A. 46-1101, et seq.
14. **The Eleventh Amendment:** The Eleventh Amendment is an inherent and incumbent protection of the State of Kansas and need not be reserved, but prudence requires the University to reiterate that nothing in or related to this contract shall be deemed a waiver of the Eleventh Amendment.
15. **Campaign Contributions / Lobbying:** Funds provided through a grant award or contract shall not be given or received in exchange for the making of a campaign contribution. No part of the funds through this contract shall be used to influence or attempt to influence an officer or employee of any State of Kansas agency or a member of the Legislature regarding any pending legislation or the awarding, extension, continuation, renewal, amendment or modification of any government contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
16. **Facility Access:** To the extent Contractor is required to be on the University's premises in the performance of any contract, Contractor and its representatives will adhere to the University's policies and procedures, and will use commercially reasonable efforts not to interfere with the University's regular operations. Contractor further agrees, upon request, to include the University as an additional insured on its general liability insurance policy on a primary and non-contributory basis, with such policy to provide continuous coverage for at least a period of two years after the end of the contract and such policy is not be cancelled without 30 day prior notice to the University and another general liability insurance policy in place prior to the termination of the existing policy. The Contractor shall also provide the University with a certificate of insurance within five business days upon request.
17. **Electronic Signature:** The parties agree that the contract may be signed with electronic signatures. If an electronic signature is used, the parties agree that it is the legally binding equivalent to the signing party's handwritten signature. Whenever either party executes an electronic signature on the contract, it has the same validity and meaning as a handwritten signature. The parties agree that neither party will, at any time in the future, repudiate the meaning of an electronic signature or claim that an electronic signature is not legally binding.
18. **No Endorsement:** Contractor agrees it will not use or display the name, marks, or images of the University to advertise and/or endorse its enterprises or products, or for any other purpose without the prior written approval of the University.

Garden City Community College and Kansas State University Degree Requirements

Garden City Community College Associate's Degree AS Production Ag				Garden City Community College			
K-State's Bachelor's of Science Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication				CC Degree			
Full Degree requirements							
K-State Core REQUIREMENTS (34-35 Hours)							
	Grade	Required hrs	From KSU	Kansas State Core Systemwide Transfer		Grade	From Partner
Requirement #1: English (Written Communication Outcomes - 6 Hours)							
ENGL 100		3	010	Y	ENGL 101		3
ENGL 200		3	010	Y	ENGL 102		3
Requirement #2: Communication (Oral Communication Outcomes - 3 Hours)							
COMM 106 or 130		3	020	Y	COMM 101 or 103		3
Requirement #3: Mathematics & Statistics (Quantitative Literacy Outcomes - 3 Hours)							
MATH 100		3	030	Y	MATH 108	(could sub Math 111, 121, 122)	3
Requirement #4: Natural & Physical Science (4-5 Hours)							
Nat & Phys Sci list		4	040	Y	Nat and Phys Sci list		4
Requirement #5: Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area (6 Hours)							
Social & Behav Sci list		3	050	Y	Social and Behav Sci list		3
Social & Behav Sci list		3	050	Y	Social and Behav Sci list		3
Requirement #6: Arts & Humanities Discipline Area (6 Hours)							
Arts & Hum list		3	060	Y	Arts & Hum list		3
Arts & Hum list		3	060	Y	Arts & Hum list		3
Requirement #7: Free Electives (Institutionally Designated Area - 6 Hours)							
Inst Desig list		3	070		Social Responsibility requirement		3
Inst Desig list		3	070		Diversity requirement		3
					PCDE 101 or 109		1
Major Core Requirements (85-86 hours)							
Science elective (Biol, Chem, Phys, Bloch)		4		Y	CHEM 105 or 108	program elective for AS Prod Ag	5
STAT 225		3		Y	MATH 110	open elective AS Prod Ag	3
MKTG 250		3		Y	BSAD 123	program elective for AS Prod Ag	3
ACCTG 231 or 241 or ECON 110 or 120 or MANGT 220 for Bus elective		3		Y	ACCT 109 or 202 or ECON 111 or 112 or BSAD 122; program elective for AS Prod Ag		3
ASI 202 or AGRON 205/6 for Ag/Nat Res elective (4 hrs if soils)		3			ANSI 107 or AGRO 103	program elective for AS Prod Ag	3
AGEC 120 for Ag Foundations		3			AGEC 100	required AS Prod Ag	3
AGRON 120/1 or ASI 102 or FDSCI 202 for Ag Foundations (4 hrs if crop sci)		3			AGRO 101 or ANSI 102 or 131; program elective for AS Prod Ag		3
Ag elective		3			Any AGRO, AGECE, ANSI not used elsewhere; program elective for AS Prod Ag		3
Ag elective 300+		9	9		no equivalent		
AGCOM 100		1	1		no equivalent		
AGCOM 110		2	2		no equivalent		
AGCOM 210		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 300		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 345		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 410		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 435		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 550		1	1		no equivalent		
AGCOM 590		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 600		3	3		no equivalent		
AGCOM 610		3	3		no equivalent		
MC 130		1	1		no equivalent		
MC 340		3	3		no equivalent		
MC 120 or 160 or 180		3	3		BSAD 120		
MC 200 or 280		3	3		COMM 130		
Comm Mktg electives 300+		9	9		no equivalent		
Unrestricted Electives:							
2 extra hours from GCCC chem and bucket 7		2			2 extra hours from GCCC chem and bucket 7		
GENAG 1**		1			AGRI 100	required Prod Ag AS	1
Unrestricted electives		2	2				
could be 0 or 1 if crop sci and/or soils is selected at GCCC							
Total from K-State		120	58		Applicable from Garden City Community College		62
					Could be 63 or 64 if crop sci and/or soils is selectec		
					Total from Partner Garden City Community College		62

Garden City Community College and Kansas State University Course Guide

Garden City Community College's AS Production Ag

K-State's Bachelor's of Science Agricultural and Natural Resources Communication

Semester 1 - Garden City Community College

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>	<u>K-State Equivalent Course</u>	<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>K-State Core</u>
AGRI 100	Ag in Society				1	GENAG 1**		
AGEC 100	Ag Econ				3	AGEC 120	Ag Econ and Agribus	
ENGL 101	English 1				3	ENGL 100	Expository Writing 1	KSC-010
MATH 108	College Algebra				3	MATH 100	College Algebra	
PCDE 101 or 109					1	Unrestricted elective		KSC-070
BSAD 123	Marketing				3	MKTG 250	Marketing	

Semester 2 - Garden City Community College

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>	<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>K-State Core</u>	
Nat and Phys Sci Gen Ed					4	Nat and Phys Sci Gen Ed	KSC-040	
ENGL 102	English 2				3	ENGL 200	Expository Writing 2	KSC-010
Social and Behav Sci Gen Ed					3	Social and Behav Sci Gen Ed		KSC-050
MATH 110	Fund Stat				3	STAT 225	Statistics	KSC-030
ACCT 109 or 202 or ECON 111 or 112 or BSAD 122					3	ACCTG 231 or 241 or ECON 110 or 120 or MANGT 220		

Semester 3 - Garden City Community College

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>	<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>K-State Core</u>
CHEM 105 or 108	Gen Chem or Chem for Health			5	CHM 110/1	Gen Chem	
COMM 101 or 103	Pub Spkg or Interpers Comm			3	COMM 106 or 130	Pub Spkg or Interpers Comm	KSC-020
Arts and Humanities Gen Ed				3	Arts and Humanities Gen Ed		KSC-060
Social Responsibility or Diversity Requirement				3	Institut Desig req		KSC-070
ANSI 107 or AGRO 103	Animal Nutrition or Soils			3	ASI 202 or AGRON 205/6	Dom Anim Nutr or Soils	

Semester 4 - Garden City Community College

<u>Course Code</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>	<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>K-State Core</u>
AGRO 101 or ANSI 102 or 131					3	AGRON 120/1 or ASI 102 or FDSCI 202	
Arts and Humanities Gen Ed					3	Arts and Humanities Gen Ed	KSC-060
Social and Behav Sci Gen Ed					3	Social and Behav Sci Gen Ed	KSC-050
Social Responsibility or Diversity Requirement					3	Institut Desig req	KSC-070
Any AGRO, AGECE, ANSI not used elsewhere					3	Ag elective	

Semester 5 - Kansas State University

<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>
AGCOM 300	Careers in Ag Comm			3
AGCOM 100	Ag Comm Orientation			1
AGCOM 110	Intro to Ag Comm			2
MC 130	Writing Conventions and Mechanics			1
AGCOM 345	App Layout Print			3
MC 120 or 160 or 180				3
unrestricted electives				2

Semester 6 - Kansas State University

<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>
AGCOM 210	Layout and Design Principles			3
AGCOM 435	Videos in Ag and Food			3
AGCOM 410	Ag Student Magazine			3
MC 200 or 280				3
Comm and Mkting elective 300+				3

Semester 7 - Kansas State University

<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>
Comm and Mkting elective 300+				3
MC 340	Editing for Print on Online Media			3
AGCOM 590	New Media Technology			3
AGCOM 550	Internship			1
AG elective 300+				3

Semester 8 - Kansas State University

<u>K-State Course Code</u>	<u>K-State Course Name</u>	<u>Critical</u>	<u>Recommended</u>	<u>Required Hours</u>
AGCOM 600	Capstone Seminar in Ag Comm			3
AGCOM 610	Crisis Communication			3
Ag elective 300+				3
Comm and Mkting elective 300+				3
Ag elective 300+				3