

NEWS RELEASE

U of S degree option added for SIAS Natural Resources diploma programs

Agreement enables SIAS Natural Resources grads to pursue two degree options at the U of S College of Agriculture and Bioresources

April 23, 2008 – SIAS and the University of Saskatchewan (U of S) College of Agriculture and Bioresources signed an articulation agreement today that enables SIAS Natural Resources diploma graduates to transfer into the third year of the university's Bachelor of Science in Agriculture or the Bachelor of Science in Renewable Resource Management.

"This agreement allows Natural Resources grads, in effect, to parachute into one of two degree programs," said Arnold Boldt, dean of Technology, SIAS. "It means that students with a two-year SIAS diploma will have immediately marketable skills, while at the same time positioning themselves to build on their diplomas for further degree study."

Graham Scoles, acting dean of the College of Agriculture and Bioresources with the University of Saskatchewan said, "This transfer agreement is a clear signal that the University of Saskatchewan is serious about working more closely with other post-secondary institutions, and improving transfer credit arrangements across a broad range of program areas."

Graduates from SIAS's Forest Ecosystem Technology, Integrated Resource Management, and Resource and Environmental Law diploma programs who meet the entry requirements will be able to complete one of the degree programs in as little as two years as a U of S student.

SIAS has negotiated credit transfer options, including entry into degree programs, with a number of universities and colleges across Canada. The University of Saskatchewan has secured, and continues to pursue, transfer articulation agreements with domestic and international post-secondary institutions, allowing for more options and flexibility for transfer students.

The College of Agriculture and Bioresources at the University of Saskatchewan is an international leader in applied research and scholarship. The College builds on a legacy of public engagement and cooperative partnerships to help overcome challenges facing communities today and is committed to providing an exceptional learning experience by inspiring students and preparing graduates for leadership in the new bio-economy.

SIAST is Saskatchewan's primary public institution for post-secondary technical education and skills training, recognized nationally and internationally for its expertise and innovation. Almost 12,000 students are registered in SIAST programs, which touch every sector of the economy; additionally, the organization draws more than 29,000 individual course registrations. It operates campuses in Moose Jaw, Prince Albert, Regina and Saskatoon, and provides a number of courses and programs through distance education.

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