

Student Policy - Credit through StraighterLine

Policy:

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 limits and regulations. Academic Departments have pre-determined which StraighterLine courses will be accepted.

Limits and Regulations:

1. Students must be currently accepted into a degree-seeking, certificate, or diploma program to be awarded StraighterLine credits.
2. A student must be enrolled in any BSC course during the term for StraighterLine credits to be posted to the official BSC transcript.
3. StraighterLine transcripts must be sent directly to BSC for credits to appear on transcript. Students must receive 70% or higher for credits to transfer.
4. 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.
5. Grades for StraighterLine credits shall be recorded as "S" satisfactory, thus will not be used to compute a student's grade point average.
6. Student will not be granted StraighterLine credit for courses:
 - a. In which they have previously challenged OR
 - b. In which they are currently enrolled OR
 - c. In which they were previously enrolled (regardless of grade earned) OR
 - d. In which they have earned transfer credit from any accredited institution OR
 - e. In which they were enrolled but dropped with record on a BSC official transcript
7. StraighterLine credits, once recorded on a student's BSC transcript, become a permanent part of the academic record.
8. Only 14 credits from StraighterLine may be applied to a BSC degree.
9. A maximum of 40 semester hours of non-traditional college credit (i.e., AP, CLEP, DSST, military experience/training, BSC challenge examination credit, portfolio development, industry credit training, courses covered under high school articulation agreements, and StraighterLine agreement) may be applied to an associate's degree or amount not to exceed 50% semester hours for a diploma or

certificate at BSC. A maximum of 60 semester hours of non-traditional college credit may be applied to a Bachelor of Applied Science degree at BSC.

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.

Procedure:

[BSC Alternative Learning](#)

References:

[SBHE Policy 403.7](#) – Common General Education Requirement and Transfer of General Education Credits

[BSC/StraighterLine Course Equivalency Chart](#)

History of This Policy:

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