



The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

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SUBJECT: Defining Degree Completion Pathways for University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Meteorology-Climatology Transfer Students

Following the recent announcement of the planned closure of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and their B.S. in Meteorology-Climatology degree program, the University of Oklahoma (OU) School of Meteorology sought to provide clear pathways for impacted students (especially those who are Nebraska residents) to complete their degree at OU and minimize financial burden. The result is outlined here. While UNL's degree is a *B.S. in Meteorology-Climatology* and OU's degree is a *B.S. in Meteorology*, the two degree programs have few differences. Both fulfill standards set by the American Meteorological Society and federal GS-1340 requirements.

Financial Support Available:

OU aims to facilitate costs for UNL students that are comparable to our in-state students. This will be accomplished through a combination of a full non-resident tuition waiver (currently \$18,120) for UNL *Meteorology-Climatology* majors who are Nebraska residents and future Nebraskans who pursue OU's Meteorology degree (non-resident fees and resident tuition and fees will remain), as well as transfer scholarships for current UNL students who are not Nebraska residents (<https://www.ou.edu/admissions/affordability/scholarships#nonrestransfer>). Nebraska residents indicating Meteorology at the time of OU admission will be awarded with the non-resident waiver. Students must enroll in Meteorology to receive the waiver. Students that change majors will be charged as non-resident students for any semester they are not enrolled as Meteorology students. National Merit Scholars and National Award Scholars will not receive the non-resident tuition waiver but will receive the greater award that students with either of these awards receive. Similar to other merit awards, students must be enrolled as full-time (12 credit hours) to receive this award. If a student drops below full-time status at add/drop date, the waiver will be removed. Transfer scholarships have a maximum term of 2 years, so they most benefit students entering their 3rd or 4th year of the major.

Paths to Graduation:

The aforementioned UNL and OU degree program standard plans are almost identical through the first 2 years. Thus, for students entering the 2nd or 3rd year of the standard UNL degree plan, we can transfer them into OU's degree program with ease – they would simply follow the final 2-3 years of the OU program and fulfill our remaining requirements. Individual circumstances that deviate from the standard plan will be reviewed and adjusted accordingly. Students entering the 4th year of the standard UNL degree program will have already completed some advanced courses that are scheduled in the 4th year of the OU degree program plan. Thus, after equating all courses through the first 3 years of the UNL degree program plan to the OU program plan (summarized below), we would recommend the following course plan to satisfy both their original UNL degree program and OU's program:

Fall 2026	Credit Hr	Spring 2027	Credit Hr
METR 4913 <i>Senior Seminar (Capstone)</i>	3	METR 4433 <i>Mesoscale Meteorology</i>	3
METR 4133 <i>Atmospheric Dynamics III: Mid-Latitude Synoptic-Scale Dynamics</i>	3	METR 2613 <i>Atmospheric In-Situ & Surface-Based Measurements</i>	3
METR 3513 <i>Atmospheric Chemistry in Weather and Climate</i>	3	METR 4523 <i>Climate and the General Circulation</i>	3
General Education <i>Artistic Forms</i>	3	PSC 1113 <i>American Federal Govt</i>	3
Elective	3	HIST 1483/1493 <i>United States History</i>	3

Given consistency in foreign language requirements between UNL and OU programs, that general education requirement will remain in place for transfer students. OU will waive the requirement that “At least 36 of the last 48 hours must be completed in residence at OU”, which ultimately applies only to students entering their 4th year of the program.

OU's academic standards for admission remain in place and require a minimum GPA of 2.5 for transfer students with <60 credits and 2.0 for transfer students with ≥60 credits. Note that students are required to have a GPA ≥ 2.25 for graduation with a B.S. in Meteorology from OU. The School of Meteorology's standards that students must attain a grade of C or better in all MATH, PHYS, CHEM, and C S, and in METR courses that are direct prerequisites for other METR courses also remain in place.

Identified OU Course Equivalencies to the first 3 years of the UNL degree plan:

UNL Course	OU Course	Credit Diff.	UNL Course	OU Course	Credit Diff.
MATH 106	MATH 1914	+1	METR 311	METR 3113	0
METR 100	METR 1003	+1	METR 323	METR 3223	+1
ACE 1 Written Texts	ENGL 1113	0	STAT 380	METR 3323 / MATH 4753	0
Elective	Any 3 hr	0	ACE 5 Humanities	Elective	0
MATH 107	MATH 2924	0	ACE 6 Social Science	GE Social Science	0
METR 153	METR 1313	0	METR 312	METR 3123	0
PHYS 211 & 221	PHYS 2514 & 1311	0	METR 341	METR 4424	0
Elective	FYE Course	0	METR 463 / 464	METR 4233	0

MATH 208	MATH 2934	0	ACE 8 Ethical Princ.	GE Western Culture	0
METR 205	METR 2004	0	CDR Diversity in U.S.	GE World Culture	0
PHYS 212	PHYS 2524	0			
CDR Writing	ENGL/EXPO 1213	0			
MATH 221	MATH 3413	0			
METR 223	METR 2213	+1			
CHEM 109A & 109L	CHEM 1315	-1			
ACE 2 Comm	METR 3334	-1			