Seneca College’s Liberal Arts program: a partnership model for Ontario

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Establishment of Ontario Colleges

- There was “no need” for [‘transfer’ or ‘college parallel’] courses in Ontario at the present time”.

- “we must create a new kind of institution that will provide, in the interests of student for whom a university course is unsuitable, a type of training which universities are not designed to offer”
York University – Seneca Transfer Arrangement

Students who complete the York University – Liberal Arts joint program receive the equivalent of 7 full courses as block credits.
Liberal Arts Students

Open admissions policy – OSSD and 4ENG(U/C) or mature student (19 years or older)

40% of students qualify for articulation with one of our university partners after completing first two semesters with 3.0 G.P.A. or better

59% of LAT graduates transfer to university

This includes:

- articulation students (receive negotiated transfer credit)

- non-articulation students (graduate with 3.0 cumulative G.P.A. or better)

  *typically receive 1 year transfer credit
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Degree Partnership
Partnership Model – Key Features

- Core curriculum – integration of disciplines
- Faculty qualifications – teaching within disciplines
- Guaranteed transfer credit for student
- Receiving university has documented success
- Facilitated transfer – student support
- Track students and share data
Partnership Model – Key Features

- Separate spheres of control for the University of Toronto and Seneca College
- Process for admission decision making
- Regular meetings between institutions to sort out operational issues
University of Toronto – Seneca Credit Arrangement

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Total: 6.0 full course equivalents
Courses enrolled – U of T

- Sociology
- Anthropology
- Political Science
- History
- Literature
- Psychology

50 students

- Biology
- Philosophy
- Astronomy
- Religious Studies
- Geography
- East Asian Studies

82 courses
University of Toronto / Seneca pilot program results

*Cumulative average grade based on these course registrations – 70%*
Student paths

- 11 came from another Seneca College program
- Only 9 of 50 had the grades or credential to enter university directly
- 7 had previously attended university, 2 had the grades from secondary school
Age at start of program
Student Type
First Language Learned
First Generation any Post-secondary
First Generation attending University
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