



Articulation Agreement

Between SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary (SUM) and Seminario Teológico Internacional Asambleas de Dios (SETINAD)

This Agreement is made this 7th day of April 2025, between SUM Bible College & Theological Seminary, herein referred to as "SUM," and Seminario Teológico Internacional Asambleas de Dios, herein referred to as "SETINAD."

Whereas, **SUM Bible College and Theological Seminary (SUM)** is an accredited institution of higher education dedicated to equipping emerging leaders from diverse communities with a Christ-centered, Pentecostal education. Rooted in biblical authority and academic excellence, SUM offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in ministry and theology through a distributed learning model that includes cohort-based instruction and practical ministry training. Accredited by both the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE), SUM serves a global student body and partners with local churches to provide contextualized leadership development. SUM's commitment to affordability, accessibility, and accountability ensures that students are empowered to fulfill the Great Commission and serve effectively in diverse ministry contexts;

Whereas, **Seminario Teológico Internacional de las Asambleas de Dios (SETINAD)** is a theological seminary that provides accessible, high-quality theological education rooted in a Pentecostal and missional framework. SETINAD serves as the representative institution for the network of Assemblies of God-affiliated Bible colleges and training centers throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. It functions as a centralized hub for leadership development, academic collaboration, curriculum development, and resource sharing among these institutions. SETINAD operates under the academic certification of the Consejo de Educación Teológica Pentecostal de América Latina (CETEPAL) — the Pentecostal Theological Education Council in Latin America — which establishes academic standards, curriculum benchmarks, and quality assurance processes for member institutions. CETEPAL is a recognized member of the World Alliance for Pentecostal Theological Education (WAPTE), which connects SETINAD to a global network of Pentecostal theological institutions committed to excellence in ministerial training. Through this structure, SETINAD ensures theological rigor, contextual relevance, and institutional accountability across its programs.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, SUM and SETINAD agree as follows:

1. Purpose: The purpose of this agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which course credits earned at SETINAD are recognized and accepted by SUM towards specific degree programs.
2. Transfer Credit Criteria
 - **2.1 Course Equivalency:** SUM will evaluate courses from SETINAD based on content, depth, and rigor to determine equivalency with its courses. A list of pre-approved courses for transfer

will be annexed to this agreement and reviewed annually. Please see the SUM Academic Catalog for the list of courses.

- **2.2 Grade Requirements:** Only courses in which a student has earned a grade of "C" or higher will be eligible for transfer.
- **2.3 Accreditation Pathway:** SETINAD agrees to provide documentation demonstrating the quality and learning outcomes of its courses, including faculty qualifications, syllabi, and assessment methods.

3. Credit Transfer Process

- **3.1 Application for Credit Transfer:** Students from SETINAD seeking to transfer credits to SUM must submit official transcripts, course descriptions, and any other required documentation as specified by SUM's admissions office.
- **3.2 Evaluation Period:** SUM will review and decide on credit transfer applications within 60 days of receipt of all required documentation.

4. Limitations and Conditions

- **4.1 Maximum Transferable Credits:** SUM will accept all courses taken from SETINAD towards an undergraduate degree program but not to exceed 93 credits. SUM will accept all courses taken from SETINAD towards the Master of Divinity degree program but not to exceed 36 credits. In both cases, the total number of transferred credit hours are determined by SUM's course equivalency rule.
- **4.2 Graduate Program Acceptance:** After the completion of a four-year undergraduate program or its equivalent, all SETINAD students will be eligible for SUM graduate programs.
- **4.3 Continuous Review:** This agreement will be subject to continuous review to ensure that the courses offered by SETINAD meet the evolving standards of SUM.

5. Advisory and Support Services: SUM commits to providing SETINAD transfer students with academic advising and support services to facilitate a smooth transition and successful completion of their chosen degree program.

6. Terms and Termination

- **6.1 Term:** This agreement shall commence on the date first written above and shall remain in effect for 3 years, subject to annual renewal, provided SETINAD maintains an active full-time enrollment of at least 100 students institution-wide.
- **6.2 Termination:** Either party may terminate this agreement with a 90-day written notice to the other party.

7. Amendment: This agreement may be amended only by written agreement of both parties.

8. Signatures: In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as the first date written above.

SUM Bible College & Theological Seminary

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

George A. New
George A. New
Chancellor/President
4/7/2025

Seminario Teológico Internacional Asambleas de Dios

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Miguel Morales, Jr.
Miguel Morales, Jr.
Rector/Presidente
April 7, 2025