



Adrian College

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Adrian College is saddened that Finlandia University will be closing its operation at the end of this academic year, and is committed to working with the institution to make sure its students have opportunities to continue their education in a seamless manner.

Adrian College and Finlandia University have been partners in delivering high-quality, private education in the State of Michigan for over 120 years. As members of Michigan Independent Colleges & Universities (MICU), we have partnered to offer a dynamic tapestry of high impact learning and engaging programs with a global perspective and forward-leaning innovations.

Finlandia University has asked Adrian College to help in teach-out endeavors and many arrangements are already in place. Adrian College and Finlandia have signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Adrian College to provide the following regarding the teach-out partnership:

- Extend direct admission to all current Finlandia University students in good standing;
- Adrian College admissions counselors will work directly with Finlandia students to provide personalized attention and to evaluate and support their individual needs regarding academic program planning and course registration. A transition flyer for Finlandia students has been created to provide information on how to receive guidance, and it will be made available in both print and electronic format;
- Adrian College academic departments will be made accessible to address Finlandia students' specific needs regarding Adrian College graduation requirements to complete their degrees;
- Adrian College will provide students a clear statement of tuition and fees and agree to match or better the Finlandia tuition rate;
- Adrian College will work with the Higher Learning Commission to navigate the accreditation aspects of the teach-out partnership.

Students who participate in the teach-out with Adrian College will ultimately earn an Adrian College degree.

Adrian College offers several academic and co-curricular programs that overlap with Finlandia University programs. Adrian College has developed a chart to readily illustrate the overlapping academic programs, and will work with Finlandia students in programs not offered at Adrian College to review alternatives that may be a good fit. Adrian College will work with flexibility to ensure both the integrity of an Adrian College degree and the time invested in studies. We want to assure all students that they will receive as much assistance as possible to make the transition to Adrian College an easy process.

Finally, Adrian College offers many of the same wonderful benefits that Finlandia students have enjoyed during their time on campus. Small classes, personal attention from professors, a dynamic athletic and out-of-class experience in a quaint Michigan town are only a few of the benefits of making a smooth transition to Adrian College.

More information will be provided in the coming days. For immediate attention, contact Frank Hribar, Adrian College Vice President for Enrollment & Students Affairs, at fhribar@adrian.edu.