

**Internal Program Approval
Transfer Pathways Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Mercer County Community College
&
Stockton University's
Satellite Program for a BFA in Photography Concentration**

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I. Introduction

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II. Articulation Agreement of a Satellite Degree Program for Photography Concentration

MERCER and STOCKTON's satellite degree program, a 2+2 program, allows students to complete their Associate degree and undergraduate BFA degrees with a concentration in Photography (BFA) in four years.

A. MERCER students entering this program would be expected to complete the first two years of the program through their Associate's degree.

B. Applicable courses transferred to STOCKTON, and outlined for each Visual Arts degree subfield below (in place at the time of this addendum signing), would enable students to complete years three and four of the program at STOCKTON. Curricula at both institutions are subject to change and students should consult with an academic advisor before and during their progress through this program.

C. Students can complete their Associate degree by the end of their second year, and their BFA degree by the end of their fourth year.

- D. Admission to this program requires a 2.0 GPA or higher at the time of matriculation to STOCKTON.
- E. After matriculation, students would be required to maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to remain in the program. This is consistent with the GPA requirement currently in place for STOCKTON undergraduate students.
- F. In addition to requirements of the major and concentration, students must complete certain designated University At-Some-Distance and General Studies course requirements, writing (W1 and/or W2) requirements, quantitative reasoning (Q1 and/or Q2) requirements, race and racism (R1 and/or R2) education requirements, as well as the arts (A), historical consciousness (H), international/multicultural (I) and values/ethics (V) requirements. See: www.stockton.edu for complete descriptions of these requirements. Most of these requirements can be completed in all or in part with transfer courses.

III. Reverse Transfer

- A. As with the extant Transfer Pathways MOU, students entering the program who complete at least 30 credits at MERCER, and successfully complete a cumulative total of 60 credits earned between their county college and a four-year institution, may be awarded an associate degree retroactively in accordance with the "Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement," a process known as reverse transfer.
- B. To actively encourage students to apply for reverse transfer, STOCKTON agrees to: 1) provide information to incoming transfer students about the reverse transfer process; 2) notify students of their potential eligibility when they achieve 60 credits; 3) Inform eligible students to submit a Portfolio to be reviewed by STOCKTON. In addition, MERCER agrees to waive any degree audit or graduation fees as an incentive for application.
- C. STOCKTON and MERCER further agree to co-host reverse transfer information sessions for transfer students.

IV. Program Curriculum

- A. STOCKTON offers the following Degree options:
 - 1. Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Visual Arts with a concentration in:
 - Photography

B. The following semester-by-semester curriculum map outlines the core courses of the MERCER course equivalents to STOCKTON courses within this program, and the recommended year of completion:

STOCKTON	Credit	MCCC	Credit
FIRST YEAR		FIRST YEAR	
FRST or GEN-course		SOCIAL SCIENCE GEN ED	
Optional Attribute: Seminar and a W1	4	typically Soc or Psych 101	3

FRST or ASD-course			ENG 101 - English Composition I	3
Attribute: W1 or W2	4			
ARTV Foundation 1165 Introduction to 2D Design or			ART 105 2D Design	3
ARTV 1167 Introduction to 2D Design Digital	3			
ARTV Foundation 1166 Introduction to Drawing	3		ART 102 Basic Drawing	3
FRST or GAH-course			CMN 112 Public Speaking	
Attribute: H, I, R, and/or V	4		or CMN 111 Human Communication	3
GNM-course			MAT - Math Gen Ed elective	3
Attribute: H, I, R, and/or V	4		typically Liberal Arts Math	
ARTV Distribution 2121 Film and Darkroom 1	4		PHO 101 B/W Photo I	3
ARTV Distribution 2270 Graphic Design I	4		ADV 210 Typography II: Publication Design	3
ARTV Foundation 2176 Art History II	4		PHO 110 History of Photography	3
			PHO 103 Digital Photo I	3
	34			30
STOCKTON	Credit		MCCC	
SECOND YEAR			SECOND YEAR	Credit
GSS-course	4		ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Attribute: H, I, R, and/or V				

ARTV Foundation 2175 Art History I	4		ART 121 Art History I	3
ARTV 2321 Photo: Digital Image & Print (Fall Only)	4		PHO 203 Photography II	3
ARTV Art History II	3		ART 122 History of Art II	3
At some distance course (non-art elective)	4		DMA 144 - Internet tools & tech	3
ARTV Theory Requirement			ART 125 Topics in Contemporary Art	3
Attribute: H, I, R, and/or V	4			
			PHO 202 Studio Photography	3
ARTV Foundation 1169 Introduction to 3D Design	3		ART 106 3D Design	3
At some distance course (non-art elective)	4		DMA 250 PORTFOLIO	3
			PHO 251 Documentary Photo	3
	30			30
ARTV Portfolio Review (SlideRoom)			MERCER - Associate Degree	60
THIRD YEAR - FALL	Credit			
GIS-course				
Attribute: W2 (@3000s), Q1 or Q2	4			
G-course	4			
ARTV Distribution 2269 Sculpture I	4			
Art Elective	4			

ASD-course	4		
Attribute: H, I, R, and/or V			
Course load	20		
THIRD YEAR - SPRING	Credit		
G-course	4		
Attribute: Q2			
ARTV Foundation 1173 Form Color Content	3		
ARTV 3240 Photo: Film and Darkroom II or ARTV Alternative Processed (Spring only)	4		
ARTV 3625 Photoshop I (Spring Only)	4		
ARTV 3240 Photo: Film and Darkroom II (Spring Only)	4		
Course load	19		
FOURTH YEAR - FALL	Credit		
G-course	4		
Attribute: Q1 or Q2			
ARTV Studio Elective Art Theory	4		
ARTV Studio Elective (3000 level)	4		
ARTV 4920 Sr. Project Photography I	4		

Course load	16			
FOURTH YEAR - SPRING	Credit			
ASD course	4			
Attribute: W1 or W2				
ASD course	4			
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ARTV 4921 Sr. Project Photography II	4		MERCER - General Curriculum total	18
BFA Sr. Exhibition at Stockton Art Gallery			MERCER - ART total	42
ARTV Senior Portfolio (SlideRoom)			STOCKTON - General Curriculum total	32
			STOCKTON - ARTV total	39
Course load	16		General Curriculum total	50
STOCKTON BFA in Visual Arts Degree			VISUAL ARTS total	81
			Total	131

YEAR ONE - MERCER (30 credits)

- Social Science (typically Soc or Psych 101)
- ENG 101 - English Composition I
- ART 105 2D Design
- ART 102 Basic Drawing
- CMN 112 Public Speaking OR or CMN 111 Human Communication
- MAT - Math Gen Ed elective (typically Liberal Arts Math)
- PHO 101 B/W Photo I
- ADV 210 Typography II: Publication Design
- PHO 110 History of Photography
- PHO 103 Digital Photo I

YEAR TWO - MERCER (30 credits)

- ENG 102 English Composition II
- ART 121 Art History I

- ART 122 History of Art II
- PHO 203 Photography II
- DMA 144 - Internet tools & tech
- ART 125 Topics in Contemporary Art
- PHO 202 Studio Photography
- ART 106 3D Design
- DMA 250 PORTFOLIO
- PHO 251 Documentary Photo

YEAR THREE - STOCKTON (39 credits)

Fall Semester:

- GIS-Course (**Attribute:** W2 (@3000s), Q1 or Q2)
- G-Course
- ARTV 2269 Sculpture I
- Art Elective
- ASD-Course (**Attribute:** H, I, R, and/or V)

Spring Semester:

- G-Course (**Attribute:** Q2)
- ARTV **Foundation** 1173 Form Color Content
- ARTV 3240 Photo: Film and Darkroom II or ARTV Alternative Processed (Spring only)
- ARTV 3625 Photoshop I (Spring Only)
- ARTV 3240 Photo: Film and Darkroom II (Spring Only)

YEAR FOUR - STOCKTON (32 credits)

Fall Semester:

- G-Course (**Attribute:** Q2)
- ARTV Studio Elective Art Theory
- ARTV **Studio Elective** (3000 level)
- ARTV 4920 Sr. Project Photography I

Spring Semester:

- ASD-Course (**Attribute:** W1 or W2, H, I, R, and/or V)
- ASD-Course (**Attribute:** H, I, R, and/or V)
- ASD-Course (**Attribute:** H, I, R, and/or V)
- ARTV 4921 Sr. Project Photography II (BFA Sr. Exhibition, Portfolio)

C. Additional courses completed at MERCER will be considered as cognate or At-Some Distance degree requirements at STOCKTON.

D. All students will need to complete the requisite STOCKTON General Studies degree requirements and satisfy W1, W2, Q1, Q2, R1, R2, and AHIV subscripits in place at the time of graduation with a BFA in Visual Arts with a Photography concentration.

E. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, participating institutions have duly executed this instrument.

FOR MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Debrah E. Pustan

President

FOR STOCKTON UNIVERSITY

[Signature]

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I. Introduction

The ability to transfer academic credits between institutions of higher education helps students save both time and money by eliminating unnecessary duplication and repetition of courses. Strong transfer partnerships, by extension, lower tuition costs, accelerate time to degree, strengthen graduation rates, and mitigate outmigration of students from New Jersey.

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), dated January 2019 strengthens the relationship between STOCKTON UNIVERSITY and MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE by offering multiple opportunities for students to seamlessly pursue Associate's and Bachelor's degrees at two outstanding institutions of higher education.

It does so by:

- Reaffirming institutional commitment to New Jersey's existing "Comprehensive Statewide Transfer Agreement;"
- Developing Program-to-Program articulation agreements for specific high-demand majors;
- Offering Conditional Dual Admission to Stockton University for county college students beginning in the first year of their AA or AS degree;
- Strengthening Reverse Transfer practices for those students who transfer to Stockton before completion of an AA or AS degree;
- Offering incentives, including joint advising, special programs, and designated scholarships, to encourage student participation.

II. Overview of Statewide Transfer Agreement

- A. Both STOCKTON and MERCER reaffirm their commitment to the "Comprehensive State-Wide Transfer Agreement," commonly referred to as the Lampitt Law (<http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation/PDFs/XferAgreementOct08.pdf>).
- B. Both institutions also commit to:
 - Encouraging students to earn the AA or AS degrees.
 - Recognizing AA or AS degrees from a New Jersey community or county college as fully transferable;
 - Applying credits that do not culminate in an AA or AS degree from a New Jersey community or county college to the appropriate program, general education, graduation, and elective requirements for a BA or BS degree up to 64 credits;

- Providing a list of courses and prerequisites that a transfer student with an AA or AS degree from a New Jersey community or county college needs to complete to earn their chosen BA or BS degree at Stockton;
 - Reviewing courses to determine institution-to-institution course equivalency to maximize the value of transferred credits within a student's degree and evaluating non-equivalent courses for credit on a case-by-case basis.
- C. At STOCKTON, up to 64 credits of coursework can be transferred either from a completed AA or AS degree or as individual courses; students must have received an earned grade of C or better in each course transferred (exception: a maximum of 66 credits is allowed in transfer from a regionally-accredited two-year college when the student has earned an associate's degree and been accepted for matriculation in STOCKTON's upper division Bachelor of Science in Nursing program).

III. Program-to-Program Articulation Agreements

- A. Both STOCKTON and MERCER also support NJ Transfer, (<http://www.njtransfer.org/>), a state-wide program that assists students transferring from two-year institutions to determine course equivalencies at the senior college or university of their choice, and the Transfer Equivalency Tool (TREQ).
- B. To build on this system, STOCKTON and MERCER agree to develop specific program-to-program articulation agreements for high-demand majors to facilitate the quality and ease of transfer of students into comparable academic majors. Such agreements will be appended to this MOU and reviewed regularly by both schools to ensure they remain up-to-date in terms of course descriptions and degree requirements.

IV. Conditional Dual Admission

STOCKTON and MERCER further agree to strengthen the transfer process by offering conditional dual admission to STOCKTON. Students will be able to enter this program through one of two pathways, outlined below.

A. Admission via Stockton University

1. All freshman applicants who apply to STOCKTON, but are denied direct admission, shall receive notification of conditional dual admission to STOCKTON in partnership with MERCER through this MOU.
2. To enroll, students must both sign a consent form allowing STOCKTON and MERCER to share the student's information, and matriculate into MERCER .
3. Matriculation will be tracked by both institutions: 1) STOCKTON will provide application materials after prospective students complete the requisite consent forms; 2) MERCER will track students matriculating to their campus, and provide STOCKTON with an electronic copy of each participant's transcript, free of charge, so that STOCKTON may monitor student start dates, selection, grade point average, credits completed, and active or inactive status; and, 3) following a participating student's matriculation to STOCKTON, the University will provide MERCER with the following information annually: (i) whether the student is still attending STOCKTON; (ii) whether and when the student has completed 64 credits, thereby making the student available for Reverse Transfer (discussed in section V below); (iii) whether the student is maintaining a 2.0 GPA (or higher in some restricted programs); and (iv) whether the student has graduated.

4. All application fees to STOCKTON will be waived for students whose admission is covered by this MOU.

B. Admission via County College:

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2. The same stipulations for tracking, advising and access to special events apply to these students as to the students who are conditionally admitted to STOCKTON through a direct application (specified in section IV.A.3 and 4 above, and IV.C. 1 and 2 below).
3. Students who complete their AA or AS degree at MERCER and fulfill all other criteria pursuant to this MOU will enter STOCKTON as fully matriculated students with junior standing.

C. Program Benefits

1. Students who participate in conditional dual admission will be eligible to apply for STOCKTON housing from the first year of their matriculation to MERCER. Housing fees will be paid directly to STOCKTON.
2. Students who participate in conditional dual admission are also invited to participate in campus activities, student groups, and special events on both campuses from their first year of matriculation to MERCER, and will receive a special STOCKTON identification card for these purposes.

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and reverse transfer efforts. To do so, STOCKTON and MERCER will be granted non-exclusive and non-transferable permission to use the other institution's name, logo, and related intellectual property for academic, business, and merchandizing purposes. This includes permission to use mutually agreed-upon domain names and URLs to support initiatives in this MOU without royalty or fee, and upon written approval by both parties.

- B. To the maximum extent possible, both institutions shall notify one another when asked for public statements or press releases relating to this MOU and shall take reasonable steps to secure authorization from one another approving such messages prior to making any public statements.

XI. Fundraising, Foundation, and Alumni Activities

- A. STOCKTON and MERCER shall retain the right to treat students who have completed relevant degree programs described in this MOU as alumni of their institutions.
- B. Likewise, both institutions reserve the right to solicit donations from matriculated students and alumni who have completed degree programs described in this MOU.
- C. Participating institutions may work jointly in developing mutually beneficial fundraising and alumni engagement strategies.

XII. Separate Accounting; No Change in Status

- A. Costs and revenues will not be shared or allocated between participating institutions. During the period that a participating student is enrolled at MERCER, all costs and revenues arising from such enrollment will be paid to MERCER. During the period that a participating student is enrolled at STOCKTON, all costs and revenues arising from such enrollment will be paid to STOCKTON.
- B. STOCKTON and MERCER, and their respective Boards of Trustees, will continue to maintain their independent authority, rights, and privileges as set forth in their respective enabling statutes and bylaws. Moreover, the employees of STOCKTON and MERCER shall continue as employees of their respective institutions, with all of the rights and obligations attendant thereto. The foregoing shall not preclude STOCKTON or MERCER from entering into arrangements in the future to jointly employ certain individuals. Each institution shall be responsible for funding its own budget.

XIII. Term, Renewal, and Termination

- A. This MOU shall have an initial term of five (5) years from the date it becomes effective. Subject to changes that may be agreed upon by both institutions pursuant to the assessments set forth in Section IX and as otherwise set forth herein, this MOU shall renew automatically for successive two-year terms until terminated.
- B. This agreement may be terminated by either STOCKTON or MERCER by written notice to the other institution if:
 - 1. There shall have been a material breach of any of the covenants set forth in this MOU on the part of either institution, which breach (if susceptible to cure) is not cured within one hundred twenty (120) days following written notice to the institution committing the breach, or;
 - 2. The other institution shall cease to maintain its accreditation or licensure, or;

3. The other institution or any of its employees or agents shall engage in any conduct that could reasonably be expected to adversely affect the reputation of the institution seeking termination.
- C. After the first five (5) years following the date that this MOU becomes effective, either institution may terminate this MOU for any reason or no reason upon one year's written notice to the other institution.
- D. In the event that this MOU is terminated, it is understood and agreed that the termination will not apply to those students already accepted to STOCKTON and MERCER under the terms of this MOU.

XIV. Compliance with Applicable Laws

- A. Participating institutions agree to abide by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and any other applicable federal and state laws/regulations addressing student privacy. Any student data proposed to be shared (whether before or after the execution of this MOU) will be shared only in compliance with FERPA or any other applicable federal and state laws.
- B. Both STOCKTON and MERCER, in its programs and services, adhere to New Jersey's non-discrimination policy for Affirmative Action and Equal Employment Opportunity. In accordance with that policy, both institutions participating in this MOU will not discriminate based upon race; creed; color; national origin; ancestry; age; sex; marital status; familial status; affectional or sexual orientation; atypical heredity, cellular, or blood trait; genetic information; liability for training and service in the Armed Forces of the United States; or disability.
- C. This MOU will be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of New Jersey without regard to conflicts-of-laws principles. All disputes arising under this MOU shall be resolved by arbitration in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association then currently in effect, or by an individual arbitrator mutually agreed upon by both institutions. Demand for arbitration of any such dispute shall be made within a reasonable time after the dispute has arisen, and shall in no event be made after the date when institution of legal or equitable proceedings for the resolution of such dispute would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations as determined under the laws of the State of New Jersey. Any demand for arbitration shall include all disputes then known to the demanding party. Judgement upon the award rendered hereby may be entered in any court having competent jurisdiction thereof or application may be made to such court for a judicial acceptance of the award and an order of enforcement, as the case may be.
- D. This MOU may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original of this MOU and all of which will be deemed to constitute the same letter. To the extent permitted by law, a signature delivered via facsimile or email will be considered as an original for the purposes of acknowledging and agreeing to the terms of this MOU.
- E. This MOU supersedes any other similar agreement or MOU, written or otherwise, or any representations made thereto, between participating institutions, or any past practices of a nature provided for herein.
- F. STOCKTON and MERCER each represent that all necessary action has been taken to authorize the execution and delivery of this MOU.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, participating institutions have duly executed this instrument.

For MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE:



Dr. Jianpang Wang
President

For STOCKTON UNIVERSITY:



Dr. Harvey Kesselman
President