

# Transfer Agreements at SMCC



**Dear Student,**

If you want to earn a bachelor's degree for less, you can save thousands of dollars by starting at SMCC before transferring to a four-year college or university. Our transfer agreements will put you on the right path.

These agreements allow you to pre-plan your college careers so you can avoid taking unneeded credits and spending money on courses that won't count toward a bachelor's degree.

We have transfer agreements with the University of Maine, the University of Southern Maine, the University of New England, Saint Joseph's College and elsewhere in Maine. If you're interested in out-of-state schools, we can simplify your transfer to places such as Johnson & Wales, Southern New Hampshire University, Smith, Wellesley, Mount Holyoke College and more.

If you want to continue your education after graduating from SMCC, our transfer agreements will help get you there.

Start smart at SMCC by avoiding debt and getting the skills and support you need to continue your education through one of our seamless transfer agreements. Then finish strong by getting a four-year degree and earning over \$1 million more over your lifetime. We are here to help you succeed.

Joe Cassidy

President of SMCC

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**For more information about this specific transfer agreement please view the additional pages in this document.**

**Please note:** These agreements are frequently renewed and may at times be under renewal. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our **Advising Office** at **207-741-5835** or **transfer@smccME.edu**.

**We are here to help your succeed.**

## **Transfer Articulation Agreement for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree between Southern Maine Community College and Maine College of Art**

### **PART I: STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and Maine College of Art (MECA) have entered into this transfer articulation agreement. The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate student academic transfer and provide a smooth transition from a two-year community college to a four-year college. This agreement describes the required program of study at SMCC for admission eligibility into the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at MECA as a major beginning the third year of study.

### **PART II: TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ACADEMIC CREDIT TRANSFER**

To: Bachelor of Fine Arts at MECA

From: Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Art at SMCC

The evaluation and transfer of earned college credits shall be in compliance with state and federal education policies and institutional and academic program accreditation standards pertaining to undergraduate academic transfer. Current students and graduates who have earned an Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Art at SMCC shall be eligible for credit evaluation under the terms of this agreement.

Transfer students will be accorded the same standards and criteria for admission to a major degree sequence as current MECA students. All applicants accepted to MECA's Bachelor of Fine Arts program must fulfill MECA's admission and graduation requirements as identified in Appendixes A and B.

Appendix A contains admission and graduation requirements of Maine College of Art.

Appendix B contains a side-by-side course equivalency table for the transfer of credit between SMCC and MECA.

### **PART III: ARTICULATION IMPLEMENTATION AND AGREEMENT REVIEW**

The Chief Academic Officer or designee of the collaborating institutions shall be responsible for implementing this agreement, for identifying and incorporating any changes into subsequent agreements, for providing academic updates as they occur, and for conducting periodic reviews of this agreement.

### **PART IV: SIGNATURES TO THIS AGREEMENT**

This agreement becomes effective March 1, 2011 and will be reviewed by both MECA and SMCC in June 201

## APPENDIX A

This appendix defines the requirements for eligibility for admission directly into a major in MECA's Bachelor of Fine Arts program and outlines the graduation requirements to receive a Bachelor of Fine Arts at MECA

### ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS:

- Students must be accepted by admissions.
- Students must meet all application requirements at MECA.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING DIRECTLY INTO A MAJOR FOR THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT MECA:

- Students must have formally completed the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Art at SMCC before commencing their studies at MECA.
- Students must have an overall GPA at SMCC of at least 2.0.
- Students must have a grade of C or better in all courses that are being transferred into MECA (see Appendix B for a list of course equivalencies).
- Students must have a least 6 credits of electives in the major they wish to enter to be guaranteed entry directly into a major. If students do not have 6 credits of electives in the major they wish to enter then they must get written permission from the Department Head of the major they wish to enter.
- The last course taken that applies for entry to the major must have a grade of B- (2.7) or above.
- Students who take the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Art at SMCC are able to choose between 9 credits of Art History or 9 credits of Studio Electives. It is critical that students take these 9 credits as studio electives. Not doing so will likely make it impossible for the student to graduate in two years. This is because of the high number of studio elective credits that are required to receive the BFA. We have found that students can not handle taking more than 4 studio electives in a term. Taking more than four studio electives in a term places students at academic risk. In addition, studio electives help students gain fundamental skills they will need in the major.
- Though not required, it is strongly recommended that an SMCC student take at least one, and up to two courses at MECA via GPACU (the Greater Portland Alliance of Colleges and Universities) before completing the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies with a Concentration in Art at SMCC. This familiarizes the students with MECA's curriculum and institution, and makes the transition to MECA much easier for the student. Two classes are suggested: AH 250 Critical Approaches and/or a Studio Elective in the student's primary area of interest.
- MECA will accept ARTH 295 to replace FY 100

### REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AT MECA:

- The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is awarded to students who have earned 120 credits according to the curricular distribution requirements and who have met the following criteria:
- Completion of all course credit requirements with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of not less than 2.0.
- Completion of all studio major requirements with a GPA in the major of not less than 2.0.
- Completion of the degree requirements within the parameters of Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- A Professional Presentation of work in the senior thesis exhibition.
- Payment of all financial obligations to Maine College of Art.

A MORE DETAILED LIST OF THE CURRICULAR DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

**Major Requirements (36 credits)**

Students must take 36 credits of Studio Courses that apply directly to the major.

**Liberal Arts Requirements (30 credits)**

Students must take 30 credits of liberal arts courses, as follows:

6 credits English Composition & Literature

3 credits Western or World History (WH)

3 credits Western Philosophy (WP)

6 credits Natural Science or Math (NS)

6 credits Social Science or Humanities (SS or HU)

6 credits your choice (NS, SS, HU, WP or WH. Note that Art History electives do not meet this requirement.)

**Art History Requirements (15 credits)**

Students must take 15 credits of Art History courses, as follows:

6 credits Art History Survey

3 credits Critical Approaches to Contemporary Art

3 credits Non-Western Art History

3 credits Art History electives of your choice

**Foundation and Elective requirements (36 credits)**

Students must take 39 credits of Foundation and/or Elective courses. These are all studio courses.

**Other Foundation Credits (3 credits)**

Students must take a 3 credit First-Year Seminar, FY-In.

**Additional Institutional Contact Information at MECA**

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Ian Anderson, Associate Dean, [ianderson@meca.edu](mailto:ianderson@meca.edu), 207.699.5035

**Additional Institutional Contact Information at SMCC**

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## APPENDIX B

### Side by Side Institutional Course Equivalency list

SMCC	Credits	MECA EQUIVALENT	Credits
Core Requirements		Liberal Arts Requirements	
ENGL 100 English Composition	3	EN 101 Comp & Literature	3
ENGL 110 Oral Communications	3	ANY Liberal Arts	3
ENGL 115 Introduction to Literature	3	EN 102 Comp & Literature	3
Art History or Studio Elective (CNMS 120)	3	FN 101 Intro to Digital Imaging	3
Economics or Political Science Elective	3	HU/SS Liberal Arts	3
		World History - WH 231 or 232 or ANY	
History Elective	3	Liberal Arts	3
Arts & Humanities electives (2)	6	HU/SS Liberal Arts	6
Mathematics elective	3	NS/MATH Liberal Arts	3
Psychology or Sociology Elective	3	ANY Liberal Arts	3
Science with lab	4	NS/MATH Liberal Arts + 1 extra credit	4
<b>TOTAL CORE: 34</b>			
ARTH 145 Survey of Western Art History I	3	AH 101 Art History Survey I	3
ARTH 155 Survey of Western Art History II	3	AH 102 Art History Survey II	3
ARTS 110 Drawing I	3	DR 100 Intro to Drawing	3
ARTS 130 2D Design	3	FN 113 2D Design	3
ARTS 140 3D Design: Sculpture Studio	3	FN 115 3D Design	3
		Fulfills Foundation Choice Requirement:	
ARTS 210 Drawing II	3	Fabrication/Drawing/Design	3
Art History or Studio Electives (2)	6	Studio Electives (2)	6
ARTH 295 Portfolio Seminar	3	FY 100 FY-In	3
<b>TOTAL ART: 27</b>			
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDITS TRANSFERRED</b>	<b>61</b>