Articulation Agreement between Bennington College and Berkshire Community College

The objective of this agreement is to promote and facilitate the transfer of students from Berkshire Community College ("BCC") to Bennington College ("Bennington"). In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, this articulation agreement details guidelines for admission and credit.

 Bennington College will provide academic advising to BCC students interested in transferring, to include discussion of eligible pathways, suitable transfer credits, and possible coursework at Bennington. BCC students are encouraged to contact the Admissions Office at Bennington College early in their final year to begin discussion of the transfer process.

Proposed Transfer Pathways:

- Environmental Sciences
 - o Environmental Science
- Fine and Performing Arts
 - o Music
 - o Music Production
 - Studio Art
 - Technical Theatre
 - Theatre
 - Visual Arts
- Liberal Arts
 - Liberal Arts
 - Psychology Pathway
- Natural and Physical Sciences
- 2. Bennington College will admit BCC associate degree and certificate graduates with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, subject to review and approval by the Bennington Admissions Committee. Students with a grade point average below 3.3 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A student's previous GPA from BCC is not included in any GPA calculations at Bennington.
- 3. BCC graduates meeting admission requirements and entering Bennington College will be awarded a \$15,000 transfer award for each year, renewable for up to 6 terms at Bennington.
- 4. Bennington College will accept a maximum of 64 approved academic transfer credits from BCC per the Bennington College Transfer Credit Policy. Transfer courses must have a grade of C or higher. Generally, transferable credits are limited to classes within the liberal arts curriculum as determined by Bennington. Applicants have their transfer credit evaluated at the time of admission and will be notified of the total transferable credits accepted in their decision letter. Transfer credits will be applied toward a student's record just prior to the start of the term.

- 5. Transfer students must spend the equivalent of two years in residence at Bennington College, and complete all necessary requirements to be eligible to graduate with a Bennington degree. On a case-by-case basis, students may be permitted to spend one term abroad in a program of study connected to their course of study at Bennington.
- 6. Bennington College and BCC will incorporate a summary of this agreement into their official publications.
- 7. In addition to the transfer award outlined in bullet #3, transfer students are eligible for additional need and merit based financial aid at Bennington College. The fall deadline for financial aid consideration is April 1st.
- 8. Review of the agreement will take place between Bennington College and BCC every five years or as needed. Bennington College and BCC will inform one another of changes in course or degree program requirements and revise this articulation agreement as needed. The signatures below indicate acceptance of the above agreement.

Laurie Gordy, Vice President of Academic Affairs

Berkshire Community College

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David Buckwald, Bennington College 6/16/2025