

Articulation Agreement between Bennington College and Santa Monica College

The objective of this agreement is to promote and facilitate the transfer of students from Santa Monica College (“SMC”) to Bennington College (“Bennington”). In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, this articulation agreement details guidelines for admission and credit.

1. Bennington College will provide academic advising to SMC students interested in transferring, to include discussion of eligible pathways, suitable transfer credits, and possible coursework at Bennington. SMC 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:

- Arts, Media, and Entertainment
 - 2D Animation
 - 3D Animation
 - Analog Photography
 - Animation
 - Applied Music
 - Architecture
 - Art
 - Communication and Media Studies
 - Dance
 - Digital Media
 - Film Production
 - Film Studies
 - Graphic Design
 - Journalism
 - Journalism - Multimedia Storytelling
 - Music
 - Photography
 - Studio Arts
 - Technical Theatre
 - Theatre
 - Theatre Arts
- Culture, History, and Languages
 - African and Middle Eastern Studies
 - Art History
 - Asian Studies
 - Creative Writing
 - English

- Ethnic Studies
- European Studies
- History
- Latin American Studies
- Liberal Arts
- Linguistics
- Philosophy
- Spanish
- People and Society
 - Anthropology
 - Economics
 - Environmental Studies
 - Global Studies
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Public Policy
 - Social Justice Studies
- STEM
 - Astronomy
 - Biological Sciences
 - Chemistry
 - Computer Science
 - Data Science
 - Environmental Science
 - Mathematics
 - Physics

2. Bennington College will admit SMC associate degree or Cal-GETC GE graduates with a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, subject to review and approval by the Bennington Admissions Committee. Please note that the Cal-GETC GE is accepted, but not a requirement of this transfer agreement. Students with a grade point average below 3.3 will be considered on a case-by-case basis. A student's previous GPA from SMC is not included in any GPA calculations at Bennington.

3. SMC 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. Phi Theta Kappa ("PTK") members in good standing will also receive an award of \$10,000 for each year, renewable for up to 6 terms at Bennington.

5. Bennington College will accept a maximum of 64 approved academic transfer credits from SMC 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.

6. 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.
7. Bennington College and SMC will incorporate a summary of this agreement into their official publications.
8. In addition to the transfer and PTK awards outlined in bullet #3 and bullet #4, transfer students are eligible for additional need and merit based financial aid at Bennington College. The fall deadline for financial aid consideration is April 7.
9. Review of the agreement will take place between Bennington College and SMC every five years or as needed. Bennington College and SMC 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.

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