

Pathways Transfer Agreement

Associate in Science (A.S.) in Communication and Media Arts to Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Communication and Media Arts

Empire State College (ESC), and Broome Community College (BCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Program agreement in Communication and Media Arts. The agreement is designed to support transfer students from BCC during their transition to Empire State College, and:

- Ease the transition process for BCC graduates to an educational model comprised of online courses, independent study, and small group seminars;
- Ensure a smooth transfer for BCC graduates to Empire State College;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for BCC graduates who want to remain close to their homes and/or community;
- Provide clear guidelines for BCC graduates to follow during the transition.

Empire State College will offer A.S. degree graduates in Communication and Media Arts from Broome Community College an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into a Bachelor of Science degree. BCC graduates meeting ESC's admissions requirements will become Empire State College students upon admission.

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works

During their first year at Empire State College, students in the Pathways Transfer Program may, with advisement, cross-register for additional credits at Broome Community College beyond the associates degree. These lower-division credits will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements or needed pre-requisite courses. Up to 79 total credits can be transferred in from BCC, leaving at least 45 upper-level credits to be completed at Empire State College. This includes 24 upper-level credits within the Communication and Media Arts concentration, consistent with the College's requirements for a bachelor's degree. Each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their associate's degree to Empire State College, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program.

As part of the agreement, Empire State College will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all Communication and Media Arts students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at Broome Community College to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at BCC, at Empire State College locations, and online.

Broome Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways transfer students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any college publications where such agreements are listed (i.e. college catalog, website, transfer office brochures).

Communication and Media Arts students may enroll at Empire State College on a full or part-time basis. With advisement from their faculty mentor at ESC, students may elect to design a degree program similar to the sample provided on page 4.

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, and remains in effect for five years from that date (of last signature). The agreement may be amended or renewed by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

Sample Degree Plan

Please refer to Appendix A for a sample degree plan.

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Signatures to the Agreement


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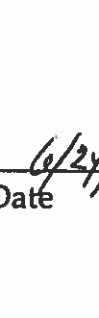
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Appendix A - Sample Degree Plan

Degree: Bachelor of Science
Area of Study: Interdisciplinary Studies
Concentration: Communication and Media Arts

SUNY Broome Community College – A.S. Communication and Media Arts

* College Writing	3
* Humanities Elective	3
* Media and Society	3
* Introduction to Mass Media	3
* Writing for the Media	3
* Image Theory for Film, Photography, TV	3
* Mass Media Research Methods	3
Students select 7 courses from approved list of Broome Community College electives for Communication & Media	21

* Social Science or US History Elective	3
* Natural Sciences Elective	4
* Mathematics Elective	3
Physical Education Elective	1
Effective Speaking Elective	3
Computer-Related Elective	3
* Western or Other World Civilization Elective	3

Total Transcript Credit 62

Additional BCC credits	17
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Total Advanced Standing 79

SUNY Empire State College (Sample Only¹)

+ * Communication Analysis	4
+ * Intercultural Communication	4
+ * Public Relations	4
+ * Organizational Behavior	4
+ * Digital Storytelling	4
+ * Information Design	4
+ * Media History	4
+ * Capstone Study/Internship	4

+ * Educational Planning	4
+ * Educational Planning: Transitioning from Community College	1
+ Non-Concentration Elective	4
+ Non-Concentration Elective	4

(*) Liberal Studies (+) Advanced Level

Total Empire State College Credit 45
Degree Program Total 124²

¹ Courses at Empire State College can be taken through the online program or a combination of contracts through any regional location across New York State. This is a sample of one way a student may choose to design his/her degree program. Additional options are available.

Addendum B
Empire State College Policies and Procedures for Transfer

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. and transferring in the entire associate degree will be able to transfer to Empire State College all credit earned for the associate degree, including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree. If the entire associate degree is not used toward the Empire State College degree program, "D" grades are not transferable.
2. The maximum advanced standing allowed toward a bachelor's degree is 93 credits, which means that students must complete at least 31 credits at Empire State College³.
3. Any courses taken at Broome Community College beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on Empire State College's advance standing policies.
4. There is no statute of limitations regarding the age of acceptable learning substantiated by transcript except in some areas, technologies and science for instance, where that learning may be outmoded and may not be accepted if it is crucial to the structure of a degree program concentration.
5. Students earning a bachelor's degree from Empire State College must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which 24 are in the concentration and 30 general education credits over seven designated areas which must include the areas of mathematics and basic communication.
6. All students need to complete the application process and meet all admissions criteria before being accepted to Empire State College. Students must submit the Empire State College Application for Admission form along with an official transcript of their completed course work to the Office of Admissions, Empire State College, 2 Union Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. These forms can be found at www.esc.edu/admissions.

² The 124 total credits for a degree is under college governance review in conjunction with the SUNY Policy Resolution 2012-089: Seamless Transfer Requirements, effective September, 2014.

³ The maximum advanced standing and residency requirements are under college governance review in conjunction with the SUNY Policy Resolution 2012-089: Seamless Transfer Requirements, effective September, 2014.