

**Emerson College
And
Miami Dade College**

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

This Articulation Agreement establishes guidelines and procedures for students wishing to transfer to Emerson College after completing an Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College (hereinafter referred to as MDC).

Miami Dade College - Miami, Florida

MDC has an open-door admissions policy that provides educational opportunities to local community residents and to national and international applicants. The mission of MDC is to provide accessible, affordable, high-quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and to work in partnership with its dynamic, multicultural community. Miami Dade College offers a wide range of programs designed to meet the needs of its diverse student body. The College offers degree options and a host of career certificates and specialized programs.

The Associate in Arts degree (A.A.) designed to prepare students for further study at four-year institutions includes more than 80 areas of concentration. The Associate in Science degree (A.S.), with more than 60 areas of study, prepares students for direct entry into the workforce. Our A.S. graduates take advantage of the College's numerous partnerships with innovative businesses throughout South Florida, the region and nation. MDC also offers fully accredited baccalaureate degree programs (B.A. and B.S. in education; B.A.S. in public safety management; B.S. in Nursing; B.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology; B.A.S. in Film, Television, and Digital Production; B.A.S. in Health Science with an Option in Physician Assistant Studies; B.A.S. in Supervision and Management. These programs are designed to develop professionals to meet industry and service needs in a variety of areas, including education, law enforcement, and health care. The College offers numerous short-term career certificate programs, as well as courses of study to enhance career knowledge through continuing education.

Of mention, Miami Dade College has outstanding programs in communications, journalism and the performing arts. The College's School of Entertainment and Design Technology provides a cluster of arts, design, and media production programs taught on four campuses. Its mission is to inspire and train students to lead the next generation of high-tech media producers.

Emerson College – Boston, Massachusetts

Emerson College is the only comprehensive college or university in America dedicated exclusively to communication and the arts in a liberal arts context. It is located in downtown Boston, at the gateway to the Theatre District and in close proximity to major media outlets. It also has facilities in Los Angeles and the Netherlands.

Emerson's mission is to inspire students to create and communicate with depth, honesty, courage, and passion, both as professionals in their fields and as informed and articulate participants in society.

Emerson College is committed to excellence in education for communication and the arts. Emerson College was founded on the study of oratory and the performing arts. Currently, Emerson's distinctive undergraduate curricula challenge students to think and express themselves with clarity, substance, and insight. Emerson is focused on instilling the highest professional standards through rigorous academic inquiry and experiential learning. Its specialized major and external programs are based in and integrated with the liberal arts and interdisciplinary study, and are informed by a set of core values: freedom of expression, diversity of perspective, cultural awareness, integrity, civility, and the responsibility of ethical choice.

Each year Emerson College awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Science.

Articulation Agreement Provisions

1. To be admitted into Emerson College, MDC students must submit application materials for evaluation to the Emerson College Admission office by posted deadlines, and meet the requirements for admission to Emerson College.
2. Except for programs which require a portfolio review and/or an audition, Emerson College will admit MDC students who fulfill **all** of the following requirements:
 - a 3.2 cumulative GPA;
 - a completed Associate Degree.
3. For programs with additional creative evaluations (portfolio reviews and auditions), MDC students must meet the academic criteria in #2 as well as meet the creative standards required for admission by the Emerson College creative reviewers.

4. Each year MDC students will be considered for three half-tuition Next Step Scholarships. Students who wish to be considered for these scholarships must apply for financial assistance by the posted deadlines. Students may also be eligible for other need based financial assistance beyond the Next Step Scholarship and are encouraged to apply.
5. This agreement will guarantee the complete transfer of credits for all courses with a C grade or better from Miami Dade College to Emerson College.
6. Students with an Associate in Arts from MDC will be considered to have satisfied Emerson College's general education requirements. MDC applicants who are transferring their AA degree for evaluation are not required to submit ACT/SAT test scores. All credits in courses with grades of a C or better will transfer for up to 64 credits.
7. While most Emerson College majors may be completed in four semesters, some majors may require an extra semester or summer course work.
8. Major specific courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine if courses will fulfill requirements for the major. Emerson College will not accept EAP courses.

Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

<u>Enrollment Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline</u>	<u>Financial Assistance Application Deadline</u>
September	March 15 (Notification Date: May 15)	April 1
January	November 1 (Notification Date: December 15)	December 1

Application Requirements

- Common Application for Transfer Admission and Emerson Transfer Application Supplement
- A \$65 application fee (this will be waived if hardship can be established by an MDC Dean of Students)
- Official, final secondary school transcript indicating proof of graduation or GED
- Official transcript from each college or university attended
- One Professor or Instructor Evaluation
- College Official's Report including current year courses and grades
- Official SAT or ACT (waived with an Associates Degree)
- Candidates for the Media Production major for Film are required to submit a 5-10 page script OR register online at www.emerson.slideroom.com and upload a

video of up to 5 minutes and a statement/resume describing your role in the production.

- Candidates for programs offered by the Department of Performing Arts are required to submit a resume of theatre-related activities and either audition or interview, or submit a portfolio or an essay. Auditions and portfolio reviews must be arranged online at StageDoor <http://stagedoor.emerson.edu>.
- The Department of Performing Arts will only consider transfer applications for September Admission and only for the programs in Stage/Production Management, Theatre Design/Technology, Theatre Education (performance and non-performance), and Theatre Studies (performance and non-performance). Transfer students cannot apply for the BFA in Acting or BFA in Musical Theatre.

Program Management and Reporting

So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, MDC and Emerson College agree to develop, maintain and continuously improve a program management and report system.

Each institution shall:

- Publicize the Articulation Agreement among its students and faculty;
- Assign an institutional representative to coordinate activities, monitor student progress, and evaluate and improve the program;
- List the program, as appropriate, in publications and websites of the institution.
- Share regular updates from their general college catalog and any other information which may be helpful in advising students.
- Provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relates to the preparation of participating students.

Termination/Modification

Program changes or modifications by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties. This agreement is effective at the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year of both institutions, and shall remain in effect for each successive academic year unless otherwise canceled by either institution. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least one full academic year in advance of such termination date.

If the agreement is canceled by either party, it will not affect students who have been accepted and enrolled into either the MDC Associate in Arts or the Bachelor's program at Emerson College. However, students enrolled in the MDC program must successfully complete the program requirements and exercise their right to transfer to Emerson College within two (2) years after the effective date of cancellation.

Authorizing Signatures

This Agreement between Miami Dade College and Emerson College was accepted and approved by the participating entities on this 15th day of June, 2010, and it will be reviewed at least every two years and shall continue until such time that it is revoked in writing by either party.

The chief executive officers do hereby execute this Agreement by virtue of their signatures as affixed below.

MIAMI DADE COLLEGE

EMERSON COLLEGE

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