

TRANSFER AGREEMENT

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY
AND
RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE
of The College of William and Mary

The purpose of this articulation agreement is to assist students at various levels of higher education to achieve their goals in an efficient and timely way. This purpose may be achieved through the coordination between James Madison University and Richard Bland College of The College of William and Mary of transfer policies, enhanced advising, and acceptance of equivalent courses. This agreement is in support of the State Policy on Transfer. James Madison University agrees that Richard Bland College graduates who are accepted under the provision of the State Policy on Transfer will be designated as junior-level students.

1. Upon application, James Madison University (JMU) will guarantee acceptance of all Richard Bland College graduates with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree who have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.0. This guarantee assumes that there are no other factors in a student's academic or personal record that might prevent acceptance. For guaranteed acceptance, submit the *JMU Application for Admission* and request that all previously attended colleges/universities submit an official transcript to JMU's Office of Admissions by January 15 for the following summer term; by March 1 for the following fall semester.

Students who have completed all requirements of the GAA by the end of the spring term will be given priority for the upcoming fall semester. Students who complete the requirements for the GAA during the summer and want to start at JMU in the fall will be considered on a space available basis. Students who complete the GAA requirements in the summer may need to wait until the following summer or fall terms to start their course work at JMU.*

Students with grade point averages below 3.0 or who apply after the stated deadlines also will be considered for admission but without the guaranteed acceptance.

* A student's final acceptance to James Madison University could be delayed or deferred if one or more core requirements remain to be completed at the time the *JMU Application for Admission* is submitted.

2. Credits earned through Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, German Abitur, and United Kingdom "A" Level examination and awarded credit at Richard Bland College will be assessed for transferability by JMU. If the credit applied to the associate degree includes credit not recognized by JMU, such as CLEP, the student will still receive junior status and will have General Education requirements waived. Since JMU transfers credit on a course-by-course basis, credit not accepted by JMU will not transfer. Students are required to earn credits needed to meet the 120-hour minimum needed for graduation.

3. JMU cannot guarantee that the transfer student from Richard Bland College will be able to complete all requirements for graduation within the 120-credit hour minimum which is required for graduation at JMU. The student will be informed by JMU at the time the program of study is approved for his or her major if there are any course requirements that would require credit hours beyond the 120 minimum needed for graduation.
4. Acceptance in some programs at JMU is competitive; acceptance into JMU does not imply admission to these programs without further acceptance by the college or department offering the program. Student participation in this admission agreement should follow all special college and/or departmental application procedures and deadlines, as well as grade point requirements listed in the JMU catalog for native JMU students. Transfer students and native JMU students will be treated identically with regard to admission to programs.
5. JMU will offer accepted applicants from Richard Bland College consideration for available financial aid if they apply for aid by the recommended deadline of March 1.
6. The faculty and staff of the two institutions will work together to maintain a course-by-course evaluation of all courses listed in the Richard Bland College Catalog. Richard Bland College faculty and advising staff will encourage prospective JMU transfer students to meet the spirit and content of the JMU general education requirements to the greatest extent possible in preparing for transfer. The Registrar and student advisors at JMU will offer counsel to Richard Bland College students who plan to transfer to JMU concerning degree requirements and programs of study.
7. Richard Bland College transfer students must sign a *Guaranteed Admission Letter of Intent* form to enroll at JMU.
8. A student must obtain the associate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.0 four-point scale*. A minimum grade of C must be obtained in each course the student wishes to transfer unless otherwise indicated in the guaranteed admission agreement. Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from any other institutions attended.

*A student needs to have either an overall GPA of 3.00 on all college work attempted in the last five years or have earned 60% of the credits applied towards the associate degree at RBC. All work attempted at RBC will be included in the GPA considered by JMU. Only exception is that, in compliance with JMU's policy, a student is allowed to repeat up to two courses where the initial grade earned will not be included in the GPA. The student who does not meet this requirement can still apply to JMU through the traditional transfer admission process.
9. Richard Bland College students may select the James Madison University undergraduate catalog in effect at the time of enrollment in the Guaranteed Admission Agreement and may continue with the degree requirements as specified in this catalog for up to five academic years. If the transfer to JMU is not made within five years then the student will follow the JMU undergraduate catalog in effect at the time of transfer to JMU.
10. Richard Bland College agrees to support this articulation agreement by indicating the relationship in appropriate literature and through its web site.

11. This agreement may be amended, as needed, for specific program articulation without affecting the currency of the master agreement. All course-by-course transfer guides may be amended as needed.
12. This transfer Agreement will remain in effect until terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party of an intention to terminate. Such notice shall be effective only if given 180 days prior to the intended date of termination. Upon termination, the agreement will remain in effect for two additional years to accommodate students currently pursuing the articulated program at Richard Bland College.

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