

Bridge Program between William & Mary and Richard Bland College

To facilitate the admission of Richard Bland College students to William & Mary, the two institutions have entered into an agreement whereby students at Richard Bland College may enroll in classes at William & Mary and, after achieving a minimum grade point average (GPA) in these William & Mary classes, be guaranteed admission.

Section I Provisions of the Bridge Program

Up to fifteen students at Richard Bland College will be allowed in any given academic year to co-enroll in courses at William & Mary if they meet the following conditions:

- For students applying for the spring bridge program to William & Mary, they must have successfully completed their first full-time semester at Richard Bland College with a minimum of 12 credits since graduation from high school. Students are permitted to pre-register for William & Mary spring courses but enrollment in these courses is contingent on their receiving a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4 in the fall semester.
- For students applying for the fall bridge program at William & Mary, they must have successfully completed at least 12 credit hours at Richard Bland College with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4. Students are permitted to pre-register for William & Mary fall courses but enrollment in these courses is contingent on their receiving a cumulative GPA of at least 3.4 in all Richard Bland College courses, post high school.
- In both cases, the courses taken at Richard Bland College should be general education classes that are applicable toward the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree. If courses are repeated, the original and repeated course grades will be included in the calculation of the cumulative GPA.
- A list of course equivalencies is available for general education requirements and their Richard Bland College equivalents is available on the [William & Mary webpage](#).

In addition, the following provisions apply to bridge program students:

- While students at Richard Bland College, they may enroll in a minimum of two or a maximum of four, 3- or 4-credit courses at William & Mary. These courses may not have a COLL 100 or COLL 150 attribute.
- No course may be taken on a pass/fail basis.

If more than fifteen Richard Bland College students are eligible for the bridge program in any given academic year, Richard Bland College will select students for participation in the program based on curricular GPA, coursework, and other relevant criteria. William & Mary may elect to allow more than fifteen students based on space availability and on other criteria mutually agreed upon by both institutions.

Section II Admissions Requirements

Students in the bridge program at Richard Bland College will be guaranteed admission as degree candidates to William & Mary if they meet all the following:

- They have completed an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree at Richard Bland College within the past year, without enrolling at another institution, and are recommended by Richard Bland College.
- They have achieved a cumulative GPA of not less than a 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale) at Richard Bland College and 2.70 in their co-enrolled classes at William & Mary courses taken at William & Mary through co-enrollment will appear as native credit on students' transcripts at Richard Bland College, including the grades earned.
- Credits earned through co-enrollment at William & Mary will appear on their William & Mary transcript as transfer credits if a grade of C or higher is earned. These William & Mary co-enrollment grades are not calculated into the William & Mary cumulative GPA after admission.
- They have taken two to four courses, each carrying 3- or 4- credit hours, at William & Mary and have maintained a GPA of not less than 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) in those courses. All courses taken at William & Mary, including courses for which students received a grade of "F", must be included in the calculation of the GPA, during the degree-seeking admission application process.
- They have submitted the application, as well as their transcript from Richard Bland College and other institutions attended along with all other required documents by the Office of Undergraduate Admission at William & Mary. Application materials are due by March 1 for the fall semester and by November 1 for the spring semester. The application fee will be waived. Acceptance is conditional upon receipt of a final transcript from Richard Bland College and verification by Richard Bland College that the student has met the conditions outlined above.

Students who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents and whose native language is not English are strongly encouraged to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), IELTS Academic Test, DuoLingo, or successfully complete a 200-level English course at RBC or W&M.

The Committee on Admission looks for the following scores: 100 and above- Internet-based TOEFL
7 or above for IELTS
125 or above for DuoLingo

William & Mary eligibility for admission under the terms of this agreement is contingent upon meeting high standards of personal conduct. Conviction of a felony or other evidence of behavior inconsistent with the community standards and Honor Code of William & Mary may be grounds for denying admission or rescinding an offer of admission.

Admission to William & Mary under the terms of this agreement does not imply admission to degree programs in the Mason School of Business Administration, the School of Education or the Batten School of Coastal and Marine Sciences. Students intending to enroll in these programs are encouraged to discuss prerequisites and other requirements well in advance of admission.

Students admitted as degree candidates are also eligible for on-campus housing on a space-available basis. Students seeking on-campus housing should apply to the Office of Residence Life immediately after admissions as degree candidates.

Bridge program students who do not meet the minimum standards outlined in this agreement may seek admission to William & Mary through the traditional application process.

Section III Tuition and Financial Aid

Participating bridge program students will pay tuition and fees to Richard Bland College. Bridge students may apply for financial aid from Richard Bland College.

Students seeking admission as degree candidates to William & Mary under the provisions of this agreement and who wish to apply for financial aid should file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the CSS Profile with the Office of Financial Aid at William & Mary as soon after January 1 as possible, but no later than March 1, for the following academic year. Students expecting to be admitted in the spring semester should file the FAFSA and CSS Profile as soon as possible after September 1, but no later than November 1.

Section IV Rights and Responsibilities of Bridge Program Students

All bridge program students must attend a William & Mary orientation session organized by Academic Advising before their first semester of co-enrollment, at which time they will sign a pledge to abide by the terms of William & Mary's Honor Code. They also will be directed to an electronic copy of the William & Mary *Student Handbook*, which stipulates their rights and responsibilities as students at William & Mary.

Bridge program students will receive:

- a William & Mary ID card, entitling them to student discounts, borrowing privileges in campus libraries, and the use of the Express Account, by which students may deposit money into an account to pay for meals and goods
- access to computer labs
- access to campus parking, after paying the necessary fee and obtaining a pass from Parking Services

The major responsibilities of bridge program students include:

- abiding by the terms of the Honor Code, by which students pledge not to lie, cheat, or steal. Plagiarism, too, is a violation of the Honor Code. Bridge program students convicted of any Honor Code violation will be ineligible to take William & Mary courses and will not be granted admission to William & Mary after completion of their degree requirements at Richard Bland College.
- abiding by the terms of the Student Code of Conduct, which describes appropriate and inappropriate conduct in such areas as the consumption of alcoholic beverages, sexual harassment, and possession of firearms. Bridge students convicted of any violation of this Code will be ineligible to take William & Mary courses and will not be granted admission to William & Mary after completion of their degree requirements at Richard Bland College.
- the payment of assessed fines, such as on overdue library books and parking tickets. Students with assessed fines may not enroll in classes at William & Mary until the fines are paid in full.

Bridge co-enrolled students have full access to the services provided by W&M Academic Advising, Student Success (including the Tutor Zone), and the Writing and Communications Centers. Students also will have access to computer labs and campus parking, after meeting vehicle registration requirements. Bridge students will receive a W&M ID card entitling them to borrowing privileges at campus libraries and student discounts.

Bridge program students are ineligible for on campus housing and participation in intercollegiate sports at William & Mary.

Section V **Reporting Requirements and other Responsibilities** **of Richard Bland College and William & Mary**

Richard Bland College shall provide the following information to the University Registrar at William & Mary:

- Individual emails to the William & Mary Registrar's office with course selection(s) indicated for each student for the upcoming semester with a copy to the student

William & Mary shall provide the following information to Richard Bland College:

- The grades for the Bridge Program students. Grades for the spring term will be provided by June 1, grades for the summer term by August 15, and grades for fall term by January 10.

In addition, designated staff and officials from both institutions will meet annually to review the

academic status of bridge program students and those admitted to the William & Mary, as well as to discuss changes to academic regulations. Both institutions also agree to share data on the performance of students co-enrolled and/or admitted under the terms of this agreement, as well as data necessary for their comparison with native students.

Section VI

Academic Requirements after Admission to William & Mary

Academic Credit

Students admitted to William & Mary with a Richard Bland College Associates of Arts or Associates of Science degree will be granted junior academic standing, defined as a minimum of 54 credit hours of coursework toward the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree.

The Richard Bland College transcript will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis, and specific credit will be granted for courses identified on the "[Course Equivalents](#)" document on William & Mary's University Registrar website was equivalent to those at William & Mary, provided that the student earned a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher. When necessary to reach junior standing, additional elective credits will be granted.

Credits applied toward the associate's degree but not earned at Richard Bland College will be reviewed in accordance with William & Mary academic policy as outlined in the Undergraduate Catalog. This review will be based on original, official transcripts or score reports sent directly to William & Mary. Other types of credit, such as military training, ACE recommendations, and CLEP, will be assessed in accordance with William & Mary policy at the time of student matriculation.

Although there is no maximum number of credits that may be accepted in transfer, all students must earn at least 60 credits in residence at William & Mary in order to receive a William & Mary degree.

General Degree Requirements

Students admitted under the provisions of this agreement are considered to have completed lower-division general education and proficiency requirements at William & Mary with the following exceptions:

- Foreign Language and Arts proficiency requirements
- COLL 150 - all students must take COLL 150 in residence at William & Mary (4 credits)
- COLL 200 - 3 credits must be earned in residence at William & Mary post-matriculation (6 of the 9 credits waived).

The Foreign Language requirement and the Arts proficiency requirement may be fulfilled prior to matriculation, in accordance with the William & Mary [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

Note that the College Curriculum also includes three upper-division requirements, COLL 300, COLL 350, and COLL 400 (Capstone). In rare cases, pre-matriculation transfer credit may be granted for COLL 300, but COLL 350 and 400 must be taken in residence at William & Mary by all students.

Students must abide by all other provisions and regulations set forth in the *Undergraduate Course Catalog* at the time they complete their *Letter of Intent*.

Major Requirements

Students admitted under the terms of this agreement must declare a major with the Office of the University Registrar by the end of their first semester of full-time study. Students are bound by the major requirements in place at the time they declare their major.

The Mason School of Business, School of Education, and Batten School of Coastal and Marine Sciences have their own application process, so students should contact those schools directly for more information.

Richard Bland College courses may be used to fulfill major requirements, if they have William & Mary equivalents as designated on the "[Course Equivalents](#)" document on William & Mary's University Registrar website. Courses awarded academic credit but designated as "elective" may not be used to satisfy major requirements.

Section VII Effective Date

The terms of this articulation agreement shall become effective with students first entering in fall 2026 and shall remain in place unless abrogated by either party with thirty days' notice or amended by mutual agreement. Students who participated in the bridge program under this agreement may take advantage of its terms for continued participation in this program and admission for a period of two years following its termination.



President of William & Mary

12/09/25

Date



President of Richard Bland College

12-10-2025

Date

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