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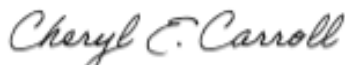
Steven Laymon
Interim Dean
School of Continuing and Professional Studies
PO Box 400764

Dear Dean Laymon:

I am writing to inform you that the president has signed and subsequently executed the Guaranteed Admission Agreement for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) at the School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS) between Richard Bland College of William & Mary and the University of Virginia effective fall 2018. Following is a copy of the executed agreement. A hard copy is being mailed to both your office and the office of Debbie Sydow, President of Richard Bland College of William & Mary.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the University Registrar (UREG) as well as the university librarian. UREG may be in touch with the appropriate individuals to discuss implementation details. Congratulations to SCPS for offering one of the University's newest collaborations and supporting interdisciplinary programs that enhance the curricular offerings for students of the Commonwealth of Virginia at the University.

Sincerely,



Cheryl E. Carroll
Academic Compliance Manager

cc: James Potter
Christina Morell
Carol Stanley
John Unsworth

GUARANTEED ADMISSION AGREEMENT
University of Virginia School of Continuing and Professional Studies
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
and
Richard Bland College of William & Mary

The Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia ("the University") is pleased to guarantee the admission of Richard Bland College of William & Mary ("RBC") students into the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program ("Program") according to the terms of this Guaranteed Admission Agreement ("Agreement"). RBC students who do not meet the terms described herein may still apply and will be considered for admission, although admission is not guaranteed. The Agreement is effective with the students entering fall 2018.

Section I: General Requirements for Undergraduate Admission to the School of Continuing and Professional Studies Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

The University agrees to guarantee admission to the **School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS)** Program for a RBC student who fulfills all of the steps described below.

- Awarded a high school diploma, or equivalency, at least four years prior to enrolling in the Program.
- Completes an Associate of Arts or an Associate of Science degree at RBC. Coursework required under this Agreement must be completed by the end of the term in which application is made to the University.
- Earns 60 transferable credits¹, with 45 or more credits earned from RBC. Transferable credits may include dual enrollment credit, but not AP or IB credit. The University will evaluate AP and IB credit for an admitted student and award credit based on policies in place at the time the student enrolls.²
- Completes a minimum of 24 credits of postsecondary coursework – not taken via dual enrollment – after completion of a secondary-level curriculum. Students who do not meet these criteria may apply to SCPS for regular admission and will be considered on an equal basis with other applicants for admission. Students earning an associate's degree prior to or concurrent with completion of a secondary-level curriculum are not eligible for admission under this Agreement.
- Satisfies all area requirements of SCPS as specified in Section II.
- Achieves a cumulative grade point average in RBC coursework of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale at the time of application and at the time of matriculation. If a student repeats a course, the University will include both the original and repeated course grades in the grade point average calculation.

¹ All uses of "transferable" in the Agreement mean transferable to the University's School of Continuing and Professional Studies (SCPS). See <http://asc8.eservices.virginia.edu/asEquivs> for a description of RBC transferable credits. Consistent with requirements, SCPS will approve which specific courses may be transferred into the Program.

² A complete inventory of the advanced examinations for which the University grants advanced standing or advanced placement may be found in the *Undergraduate Record*. See <http://records.ureg.virginia.edu> (Admission).

- Earns a grade of C or better in every postsecondary course taken, with the exception that the grades in ENGL 101 (Writing and Research) and ENGL 102 (Introduction to Literary Genres) must be a B or better, provided the courses were not taken as dual enrollment courses. If the courses were dual enrollment, then the student must take an English course at the 200-level, preferably ENGL 200 (The Craft of Researched Writing) and receive a grade of B or better.
 - Students earning a grade lower than a C in any postsecondary course or a grade of C or lower in ENGL 101 or ENGL 102 are not eligible for admission under this Agreement, even if such course is repeated and results in a higher grade. Students who do not meet these criteria may apply to the University for competitive transfer admission and will be considered for admission on an equal basis with other transfer applicants.
- Submits a letter of intent and an official transcript to the SCPS Office of Admission Services by February 15 for the fall semester of the year for which the student is seeking admission. These official transcripts will be used to identify, in writing, missing prerequisites for students.
- Submits a completed application for admission³ by May 15 for the fall semester. A completed transfer application includes:
 - A completed application for admission;
 - Official college transcript(s), reflecting all applicable transfer credits from all colleges and universities attended;
 - A personal interview; and
 - The application fee.

Applicants with financial need may be eligible for an application fee waiver. An interested student should submit a written request, which includes an explanation of financial hardship, to the SCPS Office of Admission Services at least two weeks prior to the application deadline. Additional documentation will be required.

Section II: Specific Course Requirements for Admission to the School of Continuing and Professional Studies Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

In addition to completing all requirements described in Section I above, a successful RBC transfer applicant must present postsecondary courses that satisfy the SCPS area requirements described below.

- English Composition (6 credits): ENGL 101(Writing and Research) and ENGL 102 (Introduction to Literary Genres) with a grade of B or better, provided the courses were not taken as dual enrollment courses. If the courses were dual enrollment, then the student must take ENGL 200 (The Craft of Researched Writing) and receive a grade of B or better. SCPS may consider alternative courses to satisfy this requirement.
- Social Sciences/History (6 credits): Two transferable courses each worth three credits or more in any of the following areas: anthropology, economics, government, history, psychology, or sociology.

³ Students who have been denied admission to another undergraduate program at the University must wait one year before applying to the Program.

- Humanities/Fine Arts (6 credits): Two transferable courses each worth three credits or more in any of the following areas: art, classics, drama, English, literature, moral thought, music, philosophy, or religion.
- Natural Sciences/Mathematics (12 credits): Twelve (12) transferable credits in any of the following areas: astronomy, biology, chemistry, environmental science, mathematics, or physics. Mathematics courses may include statistics. A 200-level MATH course (except MATH 299) will count towards degree credit at the University. MATH 100A, MATH 100B, MATH 101, MATH 110, and MATH 117 will not count towards degree credit at the University.
- Liberal Arts – Additional Courses (6 credits): Six (6) transferable credits in any of the Liberal Arts fields including: anthropology, art, astronomy, biology, chemistry, classics, drama, economics, English, environmental science, government, history, linguistics, literature, mathematics, moral thought, music, philosophy, physics, psychology, religion, or sociology.

Section III: School of Continuing and Professional Studies Requirements

A student who satisfies Sections I and II of this Agreement will enter SCPS as a third-year student. In order to earn a degree from the Program, a student must complete the following steps:

- Enroll as a part-time student carrying a minimum of three (3) credits each term (fall, spring, and summer) and a maximum of eleven (11) credits each term.
- Indicate a concentration at the time of application.
- Earn a total of 120 credits, of which a minimum of 60 must be at the University. SCPS will inform the student at the time of application for admission if there are additional course requirements beyond the minimum number of semester hours for graduation. Such courses will be specified in writing.⁴
- Complete all degree requirements in no more than seven years (21 terms).

Section IV: Financial Aid

All financial aid for undergraduate students at the University is administered through Student Financial Services. Students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- Submit all required applications by the required deadline, including the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and CSS / Financial Aid PROFILE;
- Have demonstrated financial need; and
- Enroll in at least six credits per term for institutional and Federal financial aid eligibility (three credits for Pell Grant eligibility only).

⁴ Students may apply a maximum of 29 credits of business towards the Program, including business courses transferred to the University.

Subject to any modifications to the AccessUVA program made subsequent to the date of this Agreement, RBC students admitted under this Agreement are eligible to apply for the AccessUVA financial aid program (see <http://accessuva.virginia.edu>). Additional details are available at <http://sfs.virginia.edu>.

Section V: Responsibilities

Responsibilities of RBC:

- a. Notify students of transfer opportunities to the University under this Agreement by including the Agreement on the RBC Web site (<http://www.RBC.edu>) and the Virginia Education Wizard (www.vawizard.org).
- b. Collaborate with SCPS to provide the Agreement to RBC students in applicable feeder programs.
- c. Provide advising services, through its constituent colleges, to students regarding courses needed to complete their Associate degree from a RBC college.

Responsibilities of the University:

- a. Continuous review of RBC courses for transfer equivalencies.
- b. Disseminate accurate information to prospective students for the Program regarding the general conditions of this Agreement.
- c. Provide advising services to prospective students as they prepare for the admission process to ensure their understanding of admission criteria, deadlines, and requirements for materials.
- d. Provide data on the number of applicants who apply for admission under the GAA by July 1 of each year.

Section VI: Review

RBC will designate officials who will be responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at RBC. The University will designate individuals responsible for all aspects of the Agreement at the University.

- a. Representing the University will be the Associate Dean for Academic Programs and Services (SCPS).
- b. Representing RBC will be the Dean of Faculty and Chief Academic Officer.

Section VII: General Terms

The terms of this Agreement may be evaluated at the discretion of either party at any time during the Agreement term. Either party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notice one year in advance. The University reserves the right to deny admission to any student who has been suspended, expelled, or convicted of a crime, or who fails to complete and satisfy the published admission requirements of the University. Neither party will unlawfully discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, marital status, national or ethnic origin, political affiliation, race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, veteran status, or family medical or genetic information in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. The University and RBC will indicate this relationship through appropriate literature and Web sites. This Agreement clarifies the responsibilities of the parties as to each other as provided herein and is not intended nor shall it be interpreted as creating any contractual or other rights in any third party or person who is not signatory to this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the University and RBC have caused this Agreement to be signed by their authorized representatives below:

FOR THE RECTOR AND VISITORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA:



Teresa A. Sullivan, President
University of Virginia

Date: 5/26/17

FOR RICHARD BLAND COLLEGE OF WILLIAM & MARY



Debbie L. Sydow, President
Richard Bland College of William & Mary

Date: 5-9-17