



Mercer County Community College – Rider University

**Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Agreement
between
Liberal Arts & Sciences Associate of Arts Degree
from Mercer County Community College and the
Bachelor of Arts, Journalism major at Rider University**

In the interest of providing Mercer County Community College students with improved opportunities to excel in higher education, Rider University (Rider) and Mercer County Community College (MCCC) agree to create a Program to Program **Guaranteed Transfer Agreement** between the Liberal Arts & Sciences, Associate of Arts Program at MCCC and the Bachelor of Arts with Journalism major at Rider University.

1. Rider University will guarantee transfer admission, the waiver of application fee; acceptance of all credits earned with a grade of C+ or better that count toward the Associate degree in the Liberal Arts & Sciences Program and meet Rider University equivalents; and full junior status to all graduates in good standing of the Liberal Arts & Science's Associate of Arts Degree at Mercer County Community College.

Rider University admission will be granted to students who have fulfilled the following criteria:

- A. Declared their participation in this program while enrolled at MCCC by completing the Intent to Enroll Form. Students are encouraged to submit their application to the program before they have completed 30 credits at MCCC in order to maximize the efficiency of their transfer to Rider University. Rider further agrees that we will accept the MCCC student up to 45 credits; but prior to completion of the last semester at MCCC.
 - B. Followed the appropriate transfer program of prescribed selections for Rider while at MCCC, listed in the Liberal Arts & Sciences (**Journalism**) Program to Program – Transfer Advising Guide.
 - C. Graduated with their Associate degree at MCCC.
 - D. Earned a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.50.
 - E. Applied for transfer admission by the normal Rider transfer application deadline.
2. This agreement between MCCC and Rider goes into effect immediately upon receipt of the signatures of each institution.
 3. This agreement shall be subject to review and renewal every five years.



4. MCCC will provide its students with full information about the Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program that falls under the overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with Rider and MCCC. Students under this Program to Program Agreement will be eligible for the benefits outlined in the Rider-MCCC overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement.
5. Students who declare their intent to participate will work directly with MCCC counseling and advising staff to obtain assistance with course selections which fulfill Rider's requirements.
6. MCCC will provide Rider with the names and contact information of students who have enrolled in the Program to Program – Guaranteed Transfer Agreement Program and Rider will establish communication with the participating students. Students will provide this information and permission to share information when they complete the MCCC-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form.
7. The regular process for transfer admission to Rider will remain for MCCC students who do not participate in this program, as well as for program participants who do not fulfill the requirements listed in Article 1 of this document.
8. Rider University is committed to making our educational opportunities as affordable as possible. With scholarship and financial aid, transfer students often find Rider's private education is comparable to attending a public college or university. The MCCC transfer student, who holds a GPA of 2.50 to 4.00 on college-level work, is eligible upon the submission of a full-time student application, for consideration for transfer scholarship and grants. In addition, for those students of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Mercer County Community College, the student may be eligible to receive an annual renewable scholarship. For specific financial aid and scholarship information please access the Rider University website.
9. MCCC students, following completion of the MCCC-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form, have the option to take a course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree at no charge. The course may be taken following completion of 30 college-level credits at MCCC and prior to the time period before their matriculation with Rider University. The designated course (s) requires a grade of "C" or better and allows the MCCC student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. The course credit option is COM-264, Introduction to Media Convergence (3 cr.)

TRANSFER ADVISING GUIDE

Liberal Arts & Sciences (A.A.) from Mercer County Community College to Journalism (B.A.) at Rider University

<i>MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE</i>	Cr	<i>RIDER UNIVERSITY COURSE/AREA SATISFIED</i>	Cr
<i>Liberal Arts, A.A.</i>		<i>Journalism, B.A. (120 Credits)</i>	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	CMP 120 Expository Writing	3
MAT 125 Elementary Statistics I	3	MTH 120 Intro to Applied Statistics	3
HIS Historical Perspective/General Ed. Elective ¹	3	History Elective ^U HIS 150 World History to 1500	3
HIS 101 History of Western Civil. To 1648 OR HIS 112 World History to 1500			
World Language Elective ²	3	Foreign Language Elective ^U	3
Social Science General Education Elective ³ Suggest: PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3
	15		15
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	CMP 125 Research Writing	3
CMN 112 Public Speaking	3	COM 104 Speech Communications	3
HPE 110 Concepts of Health & Fitness	2	NOT TRANSFERRABLE	0
MAT Mathematics Elective ⁴ Suggest: MAT 120 Mathematics for the Liberal Arts	3	MTH 102 Finite Mathematics	3
World Language Elective ²	3	Foreign Language Elective ^U	3
Social Science General Education Elective ³ Suggest: SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101 Sociological Imagination	3
	17		15
ENG Literature Elective ⁵	3	Literature Elective ^U	3
HIS Historical Perspective (Gen. Ed. Elective) Suggest: HIS 102 History of Western Civil. Since 1648 OR HIS 113 World History Since 1500	3	HIS 151 World History Since 1500	3
Humanities ⁷ (General Education Elective) ⁴ Suggest: Philosophy Course (PHI-113, PHI-204, PHI-205, PHI-210)	3	Philosophy Core ^U	3
Science Laboratory Elective Suggest: BIO-113, PHY-111, CHE-106	3	Science Core ^U	3
Social Science Elective ^{6,*} Suggest: PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3
	15		15
ENG Literature Elective ⁵	3	Literature Elective ^U	3
Science or Technology Elective ⁷ Suggest: IST 101 Computer Concepts with Applications OR IST 102 Computer Concepts with Programming	3	CIS-185 Information Systems Essentials	3
Diversity & Global Perspective Elective Suggest: ANT 101 Anthropology	3	SOC 110 Cultural Anthropology	3
Social Science Elective ^{6,*}	3	Social Science Elective ^U	3
Program Elective ⁸ Suggest: JRN 131 Journalism I	3	COM IXX Communication Elective ^U	3
	15		15

Rider Course Option: COM-264, Introduction to Media Convergence (Rider Core Requirement)	Rider Course Option: Following completion of 30 credits and the Rider Intent to Enroll Form and while a student at Mercer; students have the option to take a course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree. The selected course counts academically at both Mercer and Rider and allows the student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. See Mercer or Rider Transfer Representatives. Contact information below.	3
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Mercer County Community College Footnotes:

- 1 Select from HIS 101, 102, 112, 113
- 2 Courses must be taken in a progressive sequence limited to one language; start at 101 only if this is a new language for you. Choose carefully with a faculty advisor regarding the transferability of language courses.
- 3 Recommended: PSY 101 or SOC 101 or 107. These courses can be taken in any order.
- 4 MAT 126 recommended. MAT 120 or higher-level mathematics courses are acceptable alternatives. Consult your academic advisor and the institution(s) to which you plan to apply for transfer regarding their math requirements.
- 5 Select any 200-level ENG literature course (not limited to general education listings)
- 6 Select from all Social Science general education courses as well as many – not necessarily general education – in CMN, POL, PSY, SOC, and WGS course categories. The list of Social Science electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor. No more than six credits in any one Social Science discipline may be taken.
- 7 Choose carefully with assistance from a faculty advisor or transfer counselor. May be a second laboratory science or another general education Natural Science or Technology elective.
- 8 The list of approved program electives is available in the Liberal Arts Division or from an academic advisor.
- * In addition to the two 200-level English literature courses, at least one Humanities or Social Science course must be at the 200 level.
- † HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

Rider University Footnotes:

- ☐ - Students have a number of options to satisfy this requirement; courses will be evaluated on an individual basis.
Mercer students interested in the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) at Rider should contact that division directly.
For transfer credit the Mercer student must have a grade of "C" or higher in all courses for transfer credit.

Requirements are subject to change. This Advising Guide is best used in consultation with an advisor.

COURSES REMAINING FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN JOURNALISM AT RIDER UNIVERSITY*

Course Number	Rider University Course Name or Core Area	Credits	Notes* (if course can be taken at Mercer, indicate course number)
COM 204	Advanced Speech	3	
COM 210	News Reporting & Writing	3	
COM 211	Copy Editing	3	
COM 212	Publication Design	3	
COM 215	Computer Assisted Reporting	3	
COM 316	Feature Writing (COM 102 OR 107)	3	
COM 415	In-Depth Reporting (COM 210)	3	
	One additional selected from a menu		
COM 201	Communication Theory	3	
COM 205	Theories of Persuasion	3	
COM 233	Writing for Broadcast	3	
COM 234	Audio Production	3	
COM 240	Public Relations	3	
COM 253	Organizational Communications	3	
COM 261	Multimedia Production I: Interactive Design	3	
COM 360	Advanced Publication Design (COM 212)	3	
COM 361	Photography	3	
COM 393	International Communication	3	

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