

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DELAWARE COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN
ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS DEGREE IN VISUAL ART
AND
WATKINS COLLEGE OF ART, DESIGN & FILM
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE IN FINE ART
Graphic Design**

PURPOSE:

Delaware College of Art and Design (DCAD) and Watkins College of Art, Design & Film (Watkins), in order to contribute to the development of a seamless postsecondary education system and to promote the transfer of credits while increasing the educational opportunities for the students of DCAD, establish this Transfer Agreement between the Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Visual Arts at DCAD and the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree at Watkins College of Art, Graphic Design.

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Watkins College of Art, Design & Film is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges to award baccalaureate degrees in fine art. Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Commission on Colleges guidelines and procedures, and will adhere to the requirements of reporting information to these and other accrediting agencies. Watkins College of Art, Design & Film is also accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Admission Practices

Upon completion of the attached program leading to the Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Visual Art at DCAD, graduates meeting Watkins admission requirements and academic policies will be selected for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree. It is preferred that candidates for admission to Watkins have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, but those with a 2.0 GPA or above may be accepted upon portfolio review.

Acceptance and Application of Credits

Academic credit in the amount of 63 credit hours will be accepted and applied toward the specified degree program at Watkins as identified in the Course Articulation Matrix included in this agreement. Elective courses taken at DCAD that differ from the recommended elective courses could result in a correspondingly heavier course load at Watkins. Additional courses above the 63 credit hours will be evaluated for transfer on a case-by-case basis and may require a portfolio review for credit award. For the purposes of aiding student planning and advisement, this agreement identifies a recommended Student Transfer Planning Guide.

Responsibility of Watkins College of Art, Design & Film

The provisions of this agreement apply to students who complete the Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Visual Arts from DCAD. To maximize students' ability to benefit from this agreement, Watkins encourages students' completion of the DCAD Associate in Fine Arts Degree in Visual Arts.

Watkins agrees to provide informational materials to DCAD advisors to facilitate their understanding of Watkins' Bachelor of Fine Arts program upon request.

Watkins agrees to designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement, building the relationship, and answering any questions of DCAD students, faculty, and staff.

Watkins agrees to promote this agreement through institutional print material, web sites, and mailings designed specifically for transfer students, and in a quality consistent with promotion of other academic programs and opportunities for potential Watkins students.

Watkins agrees to provide aggregate data about DCAD students who transfer to Watkins through annual reports to National Student Clearinghouse.

Responsibility of DCAD

DCAD will allow designated Watkins personnel access to DCAD campuses for the purposes of recruitment at times and events that are deemed appropriate by DCAD colleges.

DCAD will provide Watkins with access to the updated course academic catalog upon request.

DCAD agrees to designate an individual to serve as a liaison for the purposes of monitoring this agreement, building the relationship, and answering any questions of DCAD students, faculty, and staff.

DCAD will promote this agreement as appropriate in print material, web sites, and mailings for students in a quality consistent with the promotion of other academic programs and opportunities for DCAD students.

Joint Responsibility

DCAD and Watkins will design a cooperative process to support the advisement of DCAD students and to facilitate student transfer related to this agreement.

Both institutions will observe the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC), Commission on Colleges and Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) guidelines and procedures and will adhere to the requirements of reporting information to these and other accrediting agencies.

Implementation of the Agreement

This agreement will be considered in force when signed by both parties.

Annual evaluation

Should requirements for graduation for the Watkins Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree or the DCAD Associate in Fine Arts in Visual Art change, these changes shall be communicated to the appropriate program and institution, and the conditions of this agreement reviewed.

Both institutions will review this agreement annually.

DCAD and Watkins agree to monitor and support the provisions of this agreement to ensure consistency and program quality and transferability for mutual benefit of the students.

Term and Modification

This agreement can be terminated with written notification at least one year prior to the termination. Provisions will be made to allow students who are already enrolled to complete the program in a timely manner.

SIGNATURES:

Joy McKenzie, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Watkins College of Art Design & Film

Date

Stuart Baron, President
Delaware College of Art and Design

Date