



Spring 2026

**Articulation Agreement of Academic Programs  
between  
Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**

The above institutions hereby enter into an agreement to facilitate the transfer of students enrolled in the Associate's Degree in Arts Transfer: Graphic Design Transfer Concentration at Bristol Community College into the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Program, Art + Design - Graphic Design at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth's designated representative will be the Director of Community College Partnerships and Bristol Community College's representative will be the Director of Transfer and Career Services.

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**Objectives:**

1. To attract qualified students to Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.
2. To promote and facilitate an efficient transition of transfer students between institutions.
3. To provide specific information and guidelines for transfer students.
4. To encourage academic coordination and cooperation, including curricular reviews, on-site visits, and joint academic advising for students attending Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

**Stipulations:**

1. University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth guarantees acceptance of Bristol Community College students who complete the Associate's Degree in Arts: Graphic Design Transfer Concentration with an overall GPA of 2.5, as outlined in this document.
2. Massachusetts transfer students are eligible to receive financial benefits such as the Mass Transfer Program, Commonwealth Commitment and/or other applicable scholarships in accordance with UMass Dartmouth transfer admission policies (renewable if GPA is maintained 3.0 or better)  
<https://www.umassd.edu/transfer/programs/>
3. UMass Dartmouth will accept sixty-two (62) credits toward the baccalaureate degree. If portfolio work is not deemed sufficient, students may need to complete up to four foundational courses.
4. Students will submit a portfolio as part of the process. Placement into upper-level Art and Design courses is dependent upon this submission and determination of faculty at UMass Dartmouth. Based on the level of portfolio work, 200 level courses may be issued studio elective credit in transfer. Therefore, students would need to complete the 200 level major courses at UMass Dartmouth, and in some cases the four foundational courses.

**Mutual Responsibilities:**

1. Both institutions agree to maintain current listings of the course equivalencies. This will be the responsibility of the two designated representatives.
2. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth will incorporate a summary of this agreement into official publications and web sites.
3. Bristol Community College and University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth agree to encourage qualified students to participate in this program by providing information, advising, and other assistance required to foster a seamless transition from the two-year institution to the four-year institution.
4. Representatives from the Bristol Art Department will assist students in developing and submitting their portfolio.

**Review/Revision:**

1. Both institutions will periodically review this agreement. Substantive changes in the courses or program of either institution will require a review of this articulation agreement. Revisions will be implemented with one- year notice prior to termination of the agreement.



### Articulation Agreement

**Institution: Bristol Community College**

**Date: Spring 2026**

**Transfer Institution: University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth**

**Summary of Benefits:**

- Guaranteed acceptance with a minimum G.P.A. of 2.5
- Massachusetts transfer students are eligible to receive financial benefits such as the Mass Transfer Program, Commonwealth Commitment and/or other applicable scholarships in accordance with UMass Dartmouth transfer admission policies (renewable if GPA is maintained 3.0 or better) <https://www.umassd.edu/transfer/programs/>
- Guaranteed transfer of credits of all courses with a C- or better
- Students transfer with Junior status with regard to financial aid and registration

Bristol Program: Art Transfer –Graphic Design Transfer	CR	UMass-Dartmouth Program: BFA – Art + Design – Graphic Design	CR
General Elective Courses			
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	ENL 101 Critical Reading & Writing I	3
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	ENL 102 Critical Reading & Writing II	3
Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Elective	3	Mathematics Elective	3
Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Elective includes Lab	4	Natural Science/Natural World Requirement	4
Program Requirements			
ART 101 Visual Art Colloquium	1	FOU 101 Visual Arts Seminar	3
ART 201 Careers in the Visual Arts	2		
ART 111 Drawing I	3	FOU 110 Structural Drawing	3
ART 112 Drawing II	3	AXD 221 Figure Drawing Form & Structure	3
ART 105 Survey of Art History I	3	ARH 102 Intro to Art History	3
ART 106 Survey of Art History II	3	ARH 150 Modern - Contemporary Art	3
ART 121 Two-Dimensional Design	3	FOU 120 2D Form and Surface	3
ART 122 Two-Dimensional Design II	3	STU 800 Studio Elective	3
ART 131 Three-Dimensional Design	3	FOU 130 3D Form and Space	3
ART 151 Digital Photography	1	FOU 800 Foundation Elective	1
ART 211 Drawing III	3	AXD 827 200 level Drawing Elective	3
ART 251 Digital Photography II	3	AXD 282 Intro to Digital Photography	3
ART 260 Computer Graphics	3	FOU 140 Digital Essentials	3
ART 261 Graphic Design I	3	AXD 251 Intro to Graphic Design	3
ART 262 Graphic Design II	3	AXD 252 Careers in Graphic Design	3
ART 266 Typography Design	3	AXD 253 Intro to Typography	3
ART 267 Publication Design	3	AXD 353 Advanced Typography System	3
ART 280 Electronic Imaging	3	AXD 245 Story Structures	3
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>62</b>