Internal Approval Curriculum Committee
Mercer County Community College

Insert Detailed Summary of Contract here: The intent of this Agreement is to facilitate Associate in Applied Science in Advertising and Graphic Design students transferring from MCCC into the FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY Bachelor's degree program in Graphic Design Program

If Renewal, are there any changes from last years? [X] **NO** [ ] **YES, Explain:** _____

If Amendment, what are the changes, Explain: _____

Date Needed: Fall 2026

By: Tina LaPlaca _____ 11 / 03 / 2026

Tina LaPlaca — Date

Professor of Advertising Design

By: Lucas Kelly _____ 11 / 02 / 2026

Lucas Kelly — Date

Dean, ARCO

By: _____ _____

James Whitney — Date

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
AND
MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on this 15th day of October, 2026 by and between Fairleigh Dickinson University, a New Jersey non-profit corporation ("University" or "FDU"), and Mercer County Community College ("Institution" or "MCCC"), (each a "Party" and collectively, the "Parties").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Institution offers Associate in Applied Science in Advertising and Graphic Design;

WHEREAS, University offers a bachelor's degree program in Graphic Design ("Program");

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into this Agreement under which qualified students of MCCC will be eligible to receive credits toward the Program at FDU; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall become effective on October 15, 2026 and shall remain in effect until June 30, 2029.

2. This Agreement and its requirements will be reviewed as necessary but at least annually.

3. Institution and University will each assign a staff person to serve as liaison to coordinate the performance of this Agreement.

4. Institution and University will provide students with all Program requirements, information, and a list of course equivalencies pertaining to this Agreement, including but not limited to those set forth in Appendix A.

5. FDU retains decision-making authority with respect to its admission criteria and standards in accordance with its routine practices.

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6. Term and Termination.

    a. This Agreement will have an initial term of three (3) years and will automatically renew for five (5) subsequent one-year terms unless terminated by either Party as described in this section.

    b. This Agreement may be terminated at any time upon the mutual written agreement of FDU and Institution. In addition, this Agreement may be terminated without cause upon 30 days prior written notice by either Party.
    c. Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Parties will take reasonable measures to assure that students already participating in the Program are able to progress toward their degree as contemplated by this Agreement.

7. Notices. Every notice required or permitted under this Agreement will, unless otherwise specifically provided herein, be given in writing, and may be sent by either United States Postal Service Certified Mail, return receipt requested, or by reputable overnight courier, provided that such courier obtains and makes available to its customers evidence of delivery. All notices shall be addressed by the Party giving, making, or sending the notice to the other Party at their address set forth below or to such other address as either Party may designate from time to time by written notice.

    Notice shall be deemed to be given upon receipt. Notwithstanding the above, a notice of change of address shall not be effective until received.

Fairleigh Dickinson University	Mercer County Community College
1000 River Road	1200 Old Trenton Road
Teaneck, New Jersey 07666	West Windsor, NJ 08550
Attn.: General Counsel	Attn.: Dean Lucas Kelly

8. Other.

    a. During the term of this Agreement and thereafter as required by law, both Parties will keep all student information confidential in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232g and its implementing regulations at 34 C.F.R- 99.1 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 6A: 32-7.1 et seq.

    b. It is expressly understood that FDU and MCCC are independent contractors with respect to each other.

    c. The Parties to this Agreement hereby agree that they will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, creed, color, national origin, marital status, ancestry, age, affectional or sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy status, veteran status, religion, disability, socioeconomic status, or other protected status under applicable law; and that each will fully comply with all federal and state statutes, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, in the performance of this Agreement.

    d. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Jersey, without regard to its conflict of laws provisions.

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e. Neither FDU nor Institution shall have any liability for failure to perform under this Agreement due to events or conditions beyond its reasonable control or which make an essential purpose of this Agreement impractical to achieve. These circumstances may include, without limitation, natural disasters or acts of God; acts of war, terrorism, riots, or widespread criminal activity; changes in law, regulation, or rule; government acts or orders (including the extension or modification of a pre-existing governmental act or order); a state of emergency; labor disputes or stoppages; fire. storm, or other natural disaster; quarantines; new outbreaks or resurgence of Coronavirus or other communicable diseases, viruses or illnesses requiring quarantine or significant curtailment of activities; other pandemics or epidemics; or any other cause, whether or not similar in kind to the foregoing that is beyond a Party's reasonable control, taking into account the associated budget allocated by each Party to the activities contemplated hereunder.

f. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties relating to the subject matter it addresses and supersedes all other agreements, representations and understanding between the parties with respect thereto. This Agreement may not be supplemented or modified except through a written and dated amendment signed by both parties.

g. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of the Agreement to be void, the remaining provisions shall be deemed severed and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

h. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original agreement and all of which shall constitute one and the same agreement. The counterparts of this Agreement may be executed and delivered by facsimile or other electronic signature by either of the Parties and the receiving Party may rely on the receipt of such document so executed and delivered electronically or by facsimile as if the original had been received.

i. If necessary to comply with applicable law, this Agreement is subject to ratification and final approval by MCCC after receipt from FDU of a signed Agreement. In such event, MCCC will seek to expeditiously obtain the necessary ratification and approvals and will promptly inform FDU of any associated issues or delays.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

Fairleigh Dickinson University

Benjamin Rifkin

Name: Benjamin Rifkin, Ph.D.
Title: Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Date: 10/22/2026

Mercer County Community College

Name: Robert Schreyer, D.P.T.
Title: Provost and Vice President, Academic Affairs
Date: 11 / 03 / 2026

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Appendix A

Program Requirements

Fairleigh Dickinson University, Maxwell Becton College of Liberal Arts and Education shall be solely responsible for the requirements of its Program.

Students will be required to meet all admission requirements for Fairleigh Dickinson University, in addition to the following Program requirements:

- Successful completion of Associate in Applied Science in Advertising and Graphic Design with a minimum of 2.0 overall average on a 4.0 scale for admission to the Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design Program.
- Students must have completed the Associate in Applied Science in Advertising and Graphic Design Program at Mercer County Community College to earn credit at Fairleigh Dickinson University towards their Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design.
- Meet with an advisor at Fairleigh Dickinson University.
- Upon confirmation of acceptance to FDU, the student will submit an official transcript for consideration for enrollment to the Program.

Meeting minimum admissions criteria does not imply a guarantee of admission to FDU. Students who are admitted to FDU and enrolled in the Program will be awarded 60 credits from FDU in accordance with the list attached.

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Sample Graphic Design Post-Transfer Check-sheet
(BA in Graphic Design)

COURSES TO BE COMPLETED AT FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY:			
First Semester		**Second Semester**	
CGD 1313 Creative Imagery with Photoshop	3	CGD 3305 Dynamic Design	3
CGD Elective	3	SOAC 3001 Career Path to the Arts	3
Information/Technological Literacy	3	Ethical Reasoning	3
Humanities	3	Lab Science	4
Behavioral Analysis	3	Social Science	3
	15		**16**
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
CGD 2213 Visual Principles in Design	3	CGD 4420 Thesis	3
CGD 3351 Illustration Design or Free Elective	3	SOAC 4005 Professional Practice: Graphic Design	3
CGD 3355 Package Design	3	UNIV 2002 Global Issues	3
CGD 4500 Portfolio Preparation	3	Free Electives	6
UNIV 2001 Cross-Cultural Perspectives	3		
	15		**15**
		MINIMUM CREDITS NEEDED TO GRADUATE (BA):	**120**

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FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
B.A. IN GRAPHIC DESIGN

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE A.A.S., ADVERTISING AND GRAPHIC DESIGN			FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY B.A., GRAPHIC DESIGN		
COURSE#	**COURSE TITLE**	**CR.**	**COURSE#**	**COURSE TITLE**	**CR.**
ART 102	Basic Drawing	3	ART 1201	Drawing I (Cognate Req.)	3
ART 105	Two-Dimensional Design	3	ART 1231	2-Dimensional Design I	3
DMA 115	Vector Design	3	ANIM 1800	Vector Animation with Animate CC	3
DMA 144	Internet Tools & Techniques	3		Free Elective	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	WRIT 1002	Composition I	3
ADV 101	Advertising Design	3	CGD 1212	Introduction to Graphic Design	3
ADV 110	Typography I: Basics of Graphic Design	3	CGD 2212	Typography I	3
ADV 230	History of Graphic Design	3	CGDH 2020	History of Graphic Design	3
DMA 110	Digital Imaging I	3	CGD 1314	Illustrator Graphics and Design	3
DMA 145	Web Design I	3	CGD 3303	Web Design I	3
ADV 210	Typography: Publication Design	3	CGD 3215	Editorial Design	3
CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication	OR			
CMN 112	Public Speaking	3		Oral Communication	3
DMA 250	Digital Portfolio Seminar	3		Free Elective	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3	WRIT 1003	Composition II	3
	Math Elective	3 or 4		College Math	3
ADV 201	Advertising II	3	CGD 2370	Print Layout	3
ART 106	Three-Dimensional Design	3	ART 2233	Three-Dimensional Design	3
PHO 103	Digital Photography I	3		Free Elective	1
			UNIV 1001	Transitioning to University Life	1
			UNIV 1002	Prep. For Professional Life	1
ART 121	History of Art I	OR	ARTH 1205	Art History: Prehistoric to Medieval	OR
ART 122	History of Art II	OR	ARTH 1206	Renaissance to Today	OR
ART 124	Survey of World Art	OR		Free Elective	OR
ART 125	Topics in Contemporary Art	OR	ARTH 2218	20th Century Art	OR
PHO 110	History of Photography	3	ARTH 2265	History of Photography	3
ADV 220	Illustration I	OR	CGD 3351	Illustration Design*	OR
ART 104	Life Drawing	OR		Free Elective	OR
CMN 146	Social Media Technologies	OR		Free Elective	OR
DMA 135	Digital Narrative	OR	COMM 2050	Digital Storytelling	OR
DMA 210	Motion Graphics	OR	ANIM 1750	Motion Graphics with After Effects	OR
DMA 245	Web Design II: Portfolio	3		Free Elective	3
TOTAL CREDITS		60	**TOTAL CREDITS**		60

***Recommended to maximize transfer credit.**

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