

## **ARTICULATION & TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

**between**

**Arapahoe Community College  
ACC**

**and**

**Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design  
RMCAD**

This TRANSFER ARTICULATION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made between Arapahoe Community College (“ACC”) 5900 S Santa Fe Dr, Littleton, CO 80120 and Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (“RMCAD”) 1600 Pierce Street, Lakewood, Colorado 80214. ACC and RMCAD may each be referred to herein as “Party”, and collectively as “Parties”.

Arapahoe Community College (ACC) and Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design (RMCAD) agree to the following policies and conditions governing the transfer of credit earned at ACC into a baccalaureate offered at RMCAD. The principles, policies, and guidelines in this transfer guide shall apply uniformly to all students attempting to transfer credit earned at ACC into RMCAD.

For the purposes of this document, an Associate of Fine Arts degree is defined as a two-year program of 61 credits and applies to the following degrees at ACC

1. Interior Design , Associate of Applied Science Degree

### **Section I: ADMISSIONS CRITERIA & PROCEDURES**

#### **A. The admission standards of the institution including the grade point average required for admission.**

Students seeking admission to RMCAD must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all college work attempted. All coursework submitted for evaluation must be presented in an official transcript.

Admission to some undergraduate programs is competitive. While all students who have achieved a 2.0 GPA will be fully considered, RMCAD may offer admission to students based on

their relative ranking in the college cumulative GPA. Courses in progress will not be used for calculating the GPA.

**B. The treatment of the GPA earned at the previous institution in relation to the GPA established for graduation.**

The GPA used to determine admission to a baccalaureate program will be based on the academic policies of RMCAD. RMCAD may choose to use the GPA that is calculated from all institutions previously attended or the GPA at the last attended college. In either case, RMCAD must calculate a GPA the same way for all incoming candidates.

**C. Treatment of Associate degrees during admissions.**

ACC students who have completed an Associate Degree, who have been awarded such a degree, and who have maintained a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA and have completed RMCAD's admissions requirements shall be approved for admission into the baccalaureate programs offered by RMCAD.

Students who are awarded an Associate of Fine Arts in Visual Arts will receive credit for FD1600 Studio Seminar: Methods of Inquiry. All other courses are awarded as indicated by the supplemental course mapping, provided students receive a C- or better for courses with a total maximum of 90 credits transferred possible.

Students who are awarded an Associate of Applied Science Degree who enroll in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at RMCAD may transfer up to 57-72 credits; reviewed for future ACC course offerings as indicated by the Supplemental Course Mapping.

Students who are awarded an Interior Design , Associate of Applied Science Degree may enroll in the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree programs Interior Design, or Interior Design: Sustainable Design as indicated by the Supplemental Course Mapping and depending on the required courses for their degree requirements from ACC. Transferred credits could range from 57 to 72, with a maximum of 90 credits possible, with some future catalog changes being reviewed and counted for.

Students who wish to transfer without earning an Associates of Applied Science Degree will have their credits evaluated on a case-by-case basis, using the equivalencies noted in the supplemental course mapping.

**D. Application procedures and deadlines.**

The office of admissions at RMCAD has established application procedures and deadlines. A student should contact the office of admissions for details or consult the RMCAD catalog.

**E. Transfer Scholarship**

Students who transfer to RMCAD after earning an Interior Design , Associate of Applied Science Degree and maintain a 3.0 at RMCAD college until their graduation and are enrolled as full-time students are eligible to receive a \$500 scholarship in their graduating semester at RMCAD.

**Section II: Transfer of Credit**

**A. Policies for accepting grades in transfer.**

1. The letter grades on courses from the transferring institution that are accepted for transfer into a baccalaureate program will be treated in accordance with RMCAD's grade policies.
2. Transfer courses will be assessed according to the catalog policy at the time the student enrolls at RMCAD; courses with grades of "D", "F", "IP", "I", "S", "U", "AU", "Z", are not transferable.
3. Students may at any time during their studies at ACC provide a ACC transcript to RMCAD and receive an unofficial transfer evaluation and consultation about how their credits will transfer.

**B. Treatment of advanced placement and national, standardized test scores (i.e. DANTES, ECE, AP, CLEP) scores, and other non-traditional methods of awarding credit.**

1. Courses that are developmental are not transferable toward a four-year degree.
2. Students who have earned scores on International Baccalaureate (IB) tests offered in high school may be awarded college credit. Decisions for or against awarding credit are based on individual scores on selected exams that have been determined to be comparable to RMCAD courses and degree requirements. In order to evaluate and award credit, RMCAD requires the official transcript no later than 30 days prior to the start of the term in which the student matriculates.

3. Credit depends on the test, the score, and college policy. Advanced Placement credit is evaluated upon receipt of an official score report from the College Entrance Examination Board (CEEB). Students who earn a minimum qualifying grade of 3, 4 or 5 on selected AP Exams are granted credit for selected RMCAD courses.

Students may earn RMCAD credit by examination in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) in general education subject areas in which they have demonstrated college-level proficiency and by other non-traditional means. RMCAD grants credit for CLEP exams that meet the minimum qualifying score of 50 and are comparable to RMCAD course requirements

**C. Maximum number of hours accepted in transfer.**

A maximum of 90 credits can be earned from external sources, including transfer credit, Advanced Placement (AP), CLEP, IB, and credit given through a portfolio review.

**D. Credits in residency requirement.**

Students are required to complete at least 25% of their total credits at RMCAD, including the final 33 credits of study, which must be completed in residency.

**E. Programs where early transfer (prior to completion of an associate degree) is advised.**

Early transfer is advised when students at the sending institution are unable to complete courses that are equivalent to specific degree requirements in a time period comparable to a native student's completion of the courses.

**F. Treatment of the Associates of Applied Science Degree in awarding credit.**

For the purposes of this document, an AFA is defined as a is defined as a two-year program of 61 credit hours with 57 of these in the foundation and liberal arts curriculum and the remainder in core curriculum and approved electives. Students who have earned a degree will be credited with the total number of credit hours for all courses that were completed provided that the total number of credits does not exceed the maximum number of hours accepted in transfer and meet RMCAD's grade policies for transfer credits.

**G. Maximum age of credit.**

Digital media and other computer- or technology-based courses that are deemed equivalent to RMCAD courses must have been completed within the last five years prior to the date of matriculation. Courses that are older than five years will be evaluated in conjunction with the students' admissions portfolio.

Once the five-year period has lapsed, credit is contingent upon the evaluation of the Department Chair to determine if the course satisfactorily meets current standards and practices in the discipline.

#### **H. Accreditation requirements for transfer of credit.**

Previously earned post-secondary credits may be considered for transfer if they were earned at an institution accredited by:

1. An agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education
2. Certain programmatic accrediting agencies that oversee programs with content similar to those offered by RMCAD (such as the Council for Interior Design Accreditation); or
3. International equivalents to the aforementioned agencies.

### **Section III: Degree/Program Requirements**

#### **A. Institutional graduation requirements including minimum number of hours and minimum grade average.**

In order to graduate from RMCAD, students must pass the minimum number of semester hours and attain a cumulative grade point average (G.P.A.) of 2.0 on all coursework completed after the transfer.

#### **B. Course number system explanations and credit hour conversion table.**

At RMCAD, lower division courses are numbered in the \_1-2XXX\_; upper-division courses in the \_3-4XXX\_.

**THE PARTIES BELOW HAVE EXECUTED THIS AGREEMENT**

<p>Each person signing this agreement represents and warrants that he or she is duly authorized to execute this agreement and to bind the Party authorizing his or her signature.</p> <p><b>Rocky Mountain College of Art + Design</b></p> <p>DocuSigned by: By: <u>Brent Fitch</u> Brent Fitch, President</p> <p>Signed: 3/14/2025</p>	<p><b>Arapahoe Community College</b></p> <p>Signed by: By: <u>Tom Coakley</u> Tom Coakley, Academic Dean</p> <p>Signed: 3/12/2025</p>
	<p><b>Arapahoe Community College</b></p> <p>DocuSigned by: By: <u>Cheryl Calhoun</u> Cheryl Calhoun, Provost</p> <p>Signed: 3/14/2025</p>

INTERIOR DESIGN - RMCAD COURSES			Arapahoe Community College		
DEPARTMENT / COURSE PREFIX	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	Course Code	Course Title	Credits Awarded
<b>ART HISTORY</b>		<b>15</b>			<b>3</b>
AH 1110	Art Historical Methods + Theory	3			
AH 1130	Global Art History II: c. 1300 CE to c. 1980	3			
AH 3070	History of Architecture, Interiors + Furnishings I	3	IND1102	History of Interior Design	3
AH 3071	History of Architecture, Interiors + Furnishings II	3			
AH ----	Art History Elective	3			
<b>LIBERAL ARTS</b>		<b>24</b>			<b>12</b>
EN 1110	Composition I	3	ENG1021	English Composition I (ENG1031 Technical Writing not accepted)	3
EN 1111	Composition II	3			
HU ----	Humanities Elective 1	3			
HU ----	Humanities Elective 2	3			
MA ----	Mathematics Elective	3	MAT1240-OR-MAT1340	Math for Liberal Arts-OR- MAT1340 College Algebra (Gen Ed Election Recommendation)	3
NS ----	Physical + Natural Science Elective	3			
SBS ----	Humanities Elective or Social Behavioral Science 1	3	PSY/ SOC	Psychology or Sociology Elective (Gen Ed Election Recommendation)	3
SBS ----	Humanities Elective or Social Behavioral Science 2	3	PSY/ SOC	Psychology or Sociology Elective (Gen Ed Election Recommendation)	3
<b>FOUNDATIONS</b>		<b>15</b>			<b>6</b>
FD 1020	2D Design: Elements + Principles	3	ART1002	2D Design (General Transfer Elective)	
FD 1120	Topics in Color	3	MGD1011 OR ART1001	Adobe Photoshop I (Elective) OR Color Theory (Elective)	
FD 1235	Observational Drawing	3	ART1201	Drawing I	3
FD 1600	Studio Seminar: Methods of Inquiry	3	PORT	Portfolio Credit (completion of Associates)	3
FD 2130	3D Design: Space + Materiality	3	ART1003	3D Design (General Transfer Elective)	
<b>INTERIOR DESIGN</b>		<b>65</b>			<b>45</b>
ID 1230	Introduction to Sustainable Design	3	IND2703	Sustainable Design	3
ID 1510	Survey of Interior Design	3	IND1101	Intro to Interior Design	3
ID 1550	Interior Materials	3	IND2204	Estimating Interior Materials + Portfolio Approval	3
ID 1710	Drafting	3	IND2200	Drafting for Interiors	3
ID 2530	Building Codes + Regulations	3	IND2209/ IND2211	Commercial Design I (2 credit course) AND 1 credit from Commercial Design II overflow	3
ID 2710	Introduction to Computer Aided Design (CAD)	3	CAD1105	AutoCAD for Interiors (4 credits)	3
ID 2750	Architectural Perspective + Rendering Techniques	3	CAD1110	Sketchup	3
ID 2840	Design Process + Planning	3	IND2203	Space Planning	3
IDSD 2860	Sustainable Residential Design	3	IND2208	Residential Design (4 credits)	3
IDSD 2870	Sustainable Holistic Design	3			
ID 3510	Building Structures + Systems	3	IND2300	Interior Construction (4 credits)	3
ID 3530	Lighting Layout + Design	3	IND2302	Lighting Design	3
ID 3610	Interior Design Professional Practices	3	IND2702	Portfolio Presentations (as long as IND2208 transfers)	3
ID 3715	Building Information Modeling: Revit	3	IND2220	Revit Architecture (required for 25-26 catalog)	3
IDSD 3845	Sustainable Hospitality Design	3	IND2211	Commercial Design II	3
IDSD 3870	Sustainable Office Design	3			
ID 4611	Interior Design Internship Program - Part I	1.5		Internships do not transfer	
ID 4612	Interior Design Internship Program - Part II	1.5		Internships do not transfer	
ID 4715	Advanced Building Information Modeling: Revit	3	CAD2221	Advanced Revit Architecture (Elective)	3
IDSD 4870	Special Use Design - Sustainable Design	3			
IDSD 4885	Capstone Project I	2		courses do not transfer, strict accreditation	
IDSD 4886	Capstone Project II	3		courses do not transfer, strict accreditation	
ID 4887	Capstone Project III	3		courses do not transfer, strict accreditation	
<b>STUDIO ELECTIVES</b>		<b>6</b>			<b>6</b>
Studio Elective	Studio Elective	3	IND2501	Kitchen and Bath Design I (4 credits)	3
Studio Elective	Studio Elective	3	CAD or MGD	1 studio Elective if not fulfilled elsewhere	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>		<b>125</b>			<b>72</b>
<b>SUSTAINABLE DESIGN COURSES</b>		<b>6</b>			<b>6</b>
IDSD 3200	Sustainable Design Strategies + Technologies	3		None for Sustainable Design Emphasis	0
IDSD 4200	Sustainable Design Studio	3		None for Sustainable Design Emphasis	0
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>		<b>125</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>
<b>Liberal Arts Core Remaining</b>					<b>24</b>
<b>Foundations Remaining</b>					<b>9</b>
<b>Core Remaining - Interior Design</b>					<b>20</b>
<b>Core Remaining - Sustainable Design</b>					<b>26</b>
<b>Total Remaining</b>					<b>50-56</b>
<b>Courses that will not Transfer</b>					
CAD or MGD	1 studio Elective if not fulfilled elsewhere				3
ENG1031	Technical Writing (strict on Academic writing)				3
ENG1031	Creative Writing				3
IND2088	Practicum: Design Research (2 credits)				2
IND2089	Capstone: Advanced Design				3
IND2080	Internship (Elective)				3
<b>Other Notes:</b>					
No classes transfers to IDSD3200 or IDSD4200					
There will be a loss of credits due to contact hour requirements between					
Students must pass both ID2702 and IND2208 for ID3610 transfer credit					
Portfolio approval needed for ID1550 transfer with IND2204					
Recommend that students take Composition I, MAT, PSY, and SOC electives, 2D Design, 3D Design (if able) and Revit Architecture for electives					

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ID 3530	Lighting Layout + Design	3	IND2302	Lighting Design	3
ID 3610	Interior Design Professional Practices	3	IND2701/ 2702	Professional Practice for Interior Designers (2 CR) AND IND Portfolio Presentations (3 credits)	3
ID 3715	Building Information Modeling: Revit	3	IND2220	Revit Architecture (Elective) (recommend for ACC students)	3
IDSD 3845	Sustainable Hospitality Design	3	IND2211	Commercial Design II (4 credits)	3
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IDSD 4870	Special Use Design - Sustainable Design	3			
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ID 4887	Capstone Project III	3		courses do not transfer, strict accreditation	
<b>STUDIO ELECTIVES</b>					<b>6</b>
Studio Elective	Studio Elective	3	IND2501	Kitchen and Bath Design I (4 credits)	3
Studio Elective	Studio Elective	3	IND or CAD	1 studio Elective, cannot be MAR1011	3
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>					<b>125</b>
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IDSD 3200	Sustainable Design Strategies + Technologies	3		None for Sustainable Design Emphasis	
IDSD 4200	Sustainable Design Studio	3		None for Sustainable Design Emphasis	
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED</b>				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>57-66</b>
				<b>Liberal Arts Core Remaining</b>	<b>24</b>
				<b>Foundations Remaining</b>	<b>9</b>
				<b>Core Remaining - Interior Design</b>	<b>23</b>
				<b>Core Remaining - Sustainable Design</b>	<b>17</b>
				<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>50-56</b>
				<b>Courses in Question/ Not Transfer</b>	
ENG1031	Technical Writing (strict on Academic writing, but sometimes accept it if they complete the Associates)	3			3
ENG1031	Creative Writing (no CCT requirement for ID)	3			3
IND or CAD	1 studio Elective, cannot be MAR1011	3			3
IND2089	Capstone: Advanced Design	3			3
IND2088	Practicum I	3			3
IND2080	Internship (Elective)	3			3
				<b>Other Notes:</b>	
				No classes transfers to IDSD3200 or IDSD4200	
				No classes transfer to Internship or Senior Project	
				Students must pass* both IND2209 and IND2211 to transfer ID2530	
				Students must pass* both IND2701 and IND2702 to transfer ID3610	
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