Transfer Articulation Agreement

Between

Bergen Community College

And

Ramapo College of New Jersey

for the

Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), Music Business

Associate of Fine Arts (AFA), Music Technology

And

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Music, Industry Concentration

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Music, Production Concentration

February 2015
The intent of this agreement is to define the procedures for a transfer articulation between Bergen Community College and Ramapo College. The successful implementation of the Agreement depends on the communication of its contents to all involved participants, and the assumption of responsibility by both institutions for such communication.

This AGREEMENT is based upon the completion of an Associate’s degree in the approved transfer programs as identified in the Agreement.

This AGREEMENT is in full compliance with the State’s Full Faith and Credit Policy and the Transfer Advisory Board’s Interpretative Statement of that policy.

The terms of the AGREEMENT will become effective immediately upon the signatures of both parties. Thereafter, Ramapo College will provide information packets for transfer admission, special transfer days and other recruitment services. In turn, Bergen Community College will make available to its students all information, including the list of course equivalencies pertaining to this agreement. The agreement and equivalencies will be reviewed when programmatic changes occur to any of the programs.

The AGREEMENT is to facilitate the smooth transfer and transition of graduates from Bergen Community College into appropriate upper level programs. The successful implementation of the Agreement depends on the communication of its contents to all involved participants, and the assumption of responsibility by both institutions for such communication.

Completion of Programs:

Bergen Community College transfer students will be required to meet all graduation requirements as listed for Ramapo College.

Eligibility:

A. Grade point average (GPA) requirement

For admission to Ramapo College the student will be required to earn a 2.5 overall cumulative GPA on a four−point scale.

B. New Jersey Community College graduates who earn an Associates of Fine Arts (A.F.A) degree will have certain general education requirements satisfied.

Financial Aid:

College students transferring into Ramapo College will be treated the same as native Ramapo College students of equal class standing when applying for financial aid in the award and distribution of funds.
Agreement Review and Update:

Bergen Community College and Ramapo College will assign a staff member to serve as a liaison to assure the maintenance of communications between the two institutions. As necessary, Bergen Community College and Ramapo College faculty shall meet to discuss academic programs, especially with regard to any changes being contemplated.

Bergen Community College and Ramapo College representatives will consult whenever changes in policy or curricula are articulated which will affect transferring under the terms of this Agreement. In addition, both institutions will review this agreement regularly and make any mutual agreements when necessary.

Representatives from both institutions shall also facilitate support, consultation, and collaboration between their facilities in matters related to this Agreement, general education, degree requirements and other relevant academic matters.

Conditions:

Under the existing transfer agreement between Ramapo College and Bergen Community College

a. The Ramapo College Application Fee is waived for students who apply using the paper application.

b. If student receives the A.F.A degree from Bergen Community College, they will follow the General Education requirement guidelines of this Articulation Agreement.

c. Credits will only be applicable if a grade of C or better is earned.

SELF-INSURANCE BY INSTITUTION - INSTITUTION is an agency of the State of New Jersey. Any agreement or arrangement signed or entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey by a State official or employee shall be subject to all of the provisions of the New Jersey Torts Claims Act, NJSA 59:1-1 et seq., the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, NJSA 59:13-1, et seq., and the availability of appropriations. The State of New Jersey does not carry public liability insurance, but the liability of the State and the obligations of the State to be responsible for tort claims against its agencies and employees are covered under the terms and provisions of the New Jersey Tort Claims Act. The Act also creates a special self-insurance fund and provides for payment and claims against the State of New Jersey against its employees for which the State of New Jersey is obligated to indemnify against tort claims which arise out of the performance of their duties. Claims against the University or its employees should be referred for handling to the Attorney General, Division of Law, Claims Service Section, Richard Hughes Complex, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Furthermore, the State of New Jersey self-funds for Workers Compensation and Disability.

B. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT – The parties agree to comply with all provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L. 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq. 1.4

C. COMPLIANCE - LAWS – The parties shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to the contract.

D. SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT - The Agreement may not be subcontracted or assigned in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of both parties. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve either party of any of its responsibilities under the contract.

E. MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS - The parties shall maintain records associated with the performance of this contract in accordance with the applicable provisions of the NJ State Record Retention Policy. Such records shall be made available to either party upon request for purposes of conducting an audit or for ascertaining other information.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement on the day and date below.

Bergen Community College

By: 

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Appendix A
Bergen Community College
Associate of Fine Arts, Music Business
Ramapo College
Bachelor of Arts, Music Industry Concentration

AFA degree at BCC:
AFA Music Business degree at Bergen Community College 41 credits
Bergen Community College Gen Ed Requirements 21-22 credits

Waived Credits:
As a NJ community college A.F.A degree holder, students are waived from certain Ramapo College General Education Requirements including:

These courses include
CA First Year Topics: 20 credits
Social issues or Perspectives of Business & Society: CNTP 101
Readings in Humanities: SOSC101/BADM115
History Requirement: AII 201
Topics in Social Science Category: Gen Ed
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Students at Bergen Community College and General Education:
Students at Bergen should utilize their General Education Requirements to satisfy additional Ramapo College general education requirements that do not come in with A.F.A degree holders. Students should consult with the New Jersey Transfer website for specific equivalencies, but outlined at the categories that should be satisfied.

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**Required Music and Music Industry Courses at Ramapo College:**
- Music and Culture Lower Level Course
- Music and Culture Upper Level Course
- MUSI 255: Music, History and Culture
- MUSI 301: Advanced Business of Music
- MUSI 316: Music, Technology and Media
- MUSI 313: Music Online
- MUSI 350: Marketing and Management Music Industry

**Additional Music Industry Required Courses:**
- CNTP 388: Co-Op/Internship Contemp Arts OR MUSI 400: IS-Music
- MUSI 450: Capstone Seminar In Music
Appendix B
Bergen Community College
Associate of Fine Arts, Music Technology
Ramapo College
Bachelor of Arts, Music Production

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- Music and Culture Lower Level Course
- Music and Culture Upper Level Course
- MUSI 255: Music, History and Culture
- MUSI 223: Electronic & Computer Music (was 322)
- MUSI 261: Recording Arts (was 361)

Additional Music Production Courses:
- CNTP 388: Co-Op/Internship Contemp Arts OR MUSI 400: Is-Music
- MUSI 450: Capstone Seminar In Music