

Bucks County Community College – Rider University
Program to Program -Guaranteed Transfer Agreement
between
Department of the Arts: Communication Studies, Associate of Arts (1120)
from **Bucks County Community College (Bucks)**
and the
Bachelor of Arts with a Communication Studies major at Rider University

In the interest of providing Bucks County Community College students with improved opportunities to excel in higher education, Rider University (Rider) and Bucks County Community College (Bucks) agree to create a Program to Program - **Guaranteed Transfer Agreement** between the Communication Studies, Associate of Arts Program at Bucks and the Bachelor of Arts with a Communication Studies major at Rider University.

1. Rider University will guarantee transfer admission; waiver of application fee; acceptance of all credits earned with a grade of C or better that count toward the Associate degree in the Department of the Arts; Communication Studies (1120) Program and meet Rider University equivalents; and full junior status to all graduates in good standing of the Department of the Arts: Communication Studies, Associate of Arts (1120) degree at Bucks.

Rider University admission will be granted to students who have fulfilled the following criteria:

- A. Declared their participation in this program while enrolled at Bucks by completing the Intent to Enroll Form. (Note: Students should be advised to submit their application to the program before they have completed 30 credits at Bucks in order to maximize the efficiency of their transfer to Rider University.)
 - B. Followed the appropriate transfer program of prescribed selections for Rider while at Bucks, listed in the Transfer Advising Guide.
 - C. Taken all their courses and completed their Associate degree at Bucks.
 - D. Earned a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.50.
 - E. Applied for transfer admission by the normal Rider transfer application deadline.
2. This agreement between Bucks and Rider goes into effect immediately upon receipt of the signatures of each institution.
 3. This agreement shall be subject to review and renewal every five years.
 4. Bucks will provide its students with full information about the Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program that falls under the overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with Rider and Bucks. Students under this Program to Program Agreement will be also eligible for the benefits outlined in the Rider-Bucks overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement.

5. Students who declare their intent to participate will work directly with Bucks' transfer and advising staff to obtain assistance with course selections which fulfill Rider's requirements.
6. Bucks will provide Rider with the names and contact information of students who have enrolled in the Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Agreement program and Rider will establish communication with the participating students. Students will provide this information and permission to share information when they complete the Bucks-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form.
7. The regular process for transfer admission to Rider will remain available for Bucks students who do not participate in this program, as well as for program participants who do not fulfill the requirements listed in Article 1 of this document.
8. Rider University is committed to making our educational opportunities as affordable as possible. With scholarship and financial aid, transfer students often find Rider's private education is comparable to attending a public college or university. The Bucks transfer student, who holds a GPA of 2.50 to 4.00 on college-level work, is eligible upon the submission of a full-time student application, for consideration for transfer scholarships and grants. In addition, for those students of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Bucks County Community College the student may be eligible to receive an annual renewable scholarship. For specific financial aid and scholarship information please access the Rider University website.
9. Bucks students following completion of the Bucks-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form, have the option to take an additional course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree at no charge. The designated courses require a grade C or better and allow the Bucks student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. The course option is:
COM-264, Introduction to Media Convergence

Agreed this 19th day of February, 2015

For: **Rider University**

For: **Bucks County Community College**

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TRANSFER ADVISING GUIDE

Communication Studies (1120) (A.A.) from Bucks County Community College to Communication Studies (B.A.) at Rider University

BUCKS COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE <i>Department of the Arts: Communication Studies (1120)</i>	Cr	RIDER UNIVERSITY COURSE/AREA SATISFIED <i>Communication, B.A. 120 Credits</i>	Cr
COMM 105 Interpersonal Communication ⁵	3	COM 251 Interpersonal Communication	3
COMP 110 English Composition I ^{A,I,1}	3	CMP 120 Expository Writing	3
MATH 115 Elementary Statistics ^{E,8}	3	MAT 120 Introduction to Applied Statistics	3
SOCI 110 Introduction to Sociology ⁶	3	SOC 101 Sociological Imagination	3
Cultural Perspectives	3	Language, History, American Lit., etc.	3
	15		15
COMM 110 Effective Speaking ^{E,4}	3	COM 104 Speech Communication	3
COMP 111 English Composition II ^{E,2}	3	CMP 125 Research Writing	3
COMT 101 Introduction to Theatre	3	THE 120 Theater Appreciation	3
Program Elective ^D (Suggest COMM 230)	3	COM 323 Oral Interpretation of Literature	3
Cinema Elective ^C (VACV 141, VACV 142)	3	Free Elective ^Ω	3
	15		15
COMM 111 Media & Society ⁶	3	COM 105 Communication, Culture & Media	3
College Level Science ^{A,F}	3	Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Physical Geology	3
Foreign Language and/or Literature	3	Foreign Language/Literature	3
Program Electives ^D (Suggest JOUR175)	3	Free Elective ^Ω	3
Elective ^G (Suggest VACV130)	3	Free Elective ^Ω	3
	15		15
COMM 240 Persuasive Communication ^E	3	COM 205 Theories of Persuasion	3
INTG 285 Integration of Knowledge ^{E,H,3}	3	Liberal Arts Elective ^U	3
Program Electives ^D (Suggest VACV135, VACV137)	6	Free Elective ^Ω	6
Elective ^G (Suggest VACV145, VAFA110, VAMM100)	3	Free Elective ^Ω	3
	15		15
Total	60	Total	60

Rider Course Option: COM-264, Introduction to Media Convergence (Rider Core Requirement)	COM-264 Introduction to Media Convergence Following completion of the Rider Intent to Enroll Form and while a student at Bucks; students have the option to take a course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree. See Bucks or Rider Transfer Representatives for additional information. Contact information listed below.	3
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Bucks County Community College Footnotes:

1 See Important Notes section below for recommended elective, if applicable

A Placement testing required

B Consult the list of courses approved for this subcategory. Any course may be chosen.

C Choose from VACV141 or VACV142.

D Consult the list of Program Electives.

E Course requires pre-requisites.

F Choose from BIOL101, BIOL181, BIOL182, CHEM101, CHEM121, PHYS106, PHYS107, SCIE102, SCIE103.

G Pre-college level courses do not meet this requirement.

- H Any INTG course may be chosen.
- 1 Satisfies College Writing Level I.
- 2 Satisfies College Writing Level II.
- 3 Satisfies Writing Intensive requirement.
- 4 Satisfies Creative Expression.
- 5 Satisfies Personal Health.
- 6 Satisfies Social Perspective.
- 7 Satisfies Cultural Perspective.
- 8 Satisfies College Level Math.

Rider University:

*Attachment A, Communication Studies Major Core Curriculum to August, 2015

Attachment B, Communication Studies Major Core Curriculum after August, 2015

Ω Students have a number of options to satisfy this requirement; courses will be evaluated on an individual basis.

For transfer credit Bucks students must have a grade of “C” or higher in all courses.

Students interested in the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) at Rider should contact that division directly.

Requirements are subject to change. This Advising Guide is best used in consultation with an advisor.

COURSES REMAINING FOR A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN COMMUNICATION AT RIDER UNIVERSITY*

Course Number	Rider University Course Name or Core Area	Credits	Notes* (if course can be taken at Bucks, indicate course number)
Please see Attachment A for Rider, Communication Studies Department Core Requirements <u>to</u> August, 2015			
Please see Attachment B for Rider, Communication Studies Department Core Requirements <u>after</u> August, 2015			

Bucks County Community College students may transfer 60 credits to Rider University.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

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Attachment A
Rider University
Department of Communication & Journalism
Communication Studies Major BEFORE AUGUST, 2015

Communication Studies Major Required Department Core:	
Course Number:	Course Name and Prerequisite (if applicable)
COM 104	Speech Communication
COM 105	Communication , Culture & Media <i>(formerly Mass Media Communication)</i>
COM 107	Writing for Media <i>(formerly Persuasive Writing for the Media)</i>
COM 131	Fundamentals of Video Production
COM 264	Introduction to Media Convergence
COM 301	Communication Law
COM 302	Communication Ethics
COM 400	Senior Seminar
Choose at Least Seven Courses (at least one at the 300 level or above)	
COM 201	Communication Theory
COM 204	Advanced Speech (COM 104 or 290)
COM 205	Theories of Persuasion
COM 222	Group Communication
COM 240	Public Relations
COM 251	Interpersonal Communication
COM 252	Intercultural Communication
COM 253	Organizational Communication
COM 322	Argumentation & Debate (COM 104 or 290)
COM 323	Oral Interpretation & Literature (COM 104 or 290)
COM 353	Nonverbal Communication (COM 104 or 290)
COM 391	Communication Criticism
COM 393	International Communication
COM 452	Contemporary Issues in Interpersonal Communication (COM 222 & either COM 251 or COM 252)
GND 311	Gender and Communications
LAW 308	Conflict and Conflict Resolution
Choose at least one course:	
COM 106	Writing for the Communication Professions
COM 233	Writing for Broadcast

No more than 2 courses may be used to meet the requirements for both a major and a minor in the Department.

If a student receives a grade lower than a "C" in a course required in a major or minor in the department, the student must repeat the course. Credit will only be awarded once for a course that is repeated. The student must also repeat the course before enrolling in any course before enrolling in any course for which it is a prerequisite.

Some of the requirements for the major/minor can be met by taking similar coursework through Rider Approved Study Abroad Programs. Please make an appointment with the Study Abroad Adviser to get more information.

ATTACHMENT B

Communication Studies Major FOR STUDENTS ENTERING THE MAJOR AFTER AUGUST, 2015

Required Department Core

Semester Taken	Grade	Course Number	Course Name and Prerequisite (if applicable)
		COM 104	Speech Communication
		COM 105 Or COM 103	Communication, Culture and Media (<i>formerly Mass Media Communication</i>) or Introduction to Communication Studies
		COM 107	Writing for the Media (<i>formerly Persuasive Writing for the Media</i>)
		COM 131	Fundamentals of Video Production
		COM 264	Introduction to Media Convergence
		COM 301	Communication Law
		COM 302	Communication Ethics
		COM 400	Senior Seminar

Required Courses

		COM 201 Or COM 205	Communication Theory Or Theories of Persuasion
		COM 204	Advanced Speech (COM 104 or 290)
		COM 251	Interpersonal Communication
		COM 348	Communication Research Methods
		COM 350	Team and Group Communication
		COM 452 Or COM 491	Seminar in Communication Studies (COM 348 and COM 350; or POI) Or Internship in Communication (to count for seminar credit, students need a 3.2 GPA and POI)

Select ONE of the following emphasis areas:

Communication and Culture (choose two of the following classes; at least one course must be 300 level)

		COM 252	Intercultural Communication
		COM 318	Gender and Communication
		COM 328	Sitcoms and American Culture
		COM 330	Documenting Cultures Through Travel
		COM 353	Nonverbal Communication (COM 104 or COM 290 or POI)
		MUS 309	World Music
		GLS 310	Ethnographic Film
		MCS 110	Race, Class, and Gender in America
		MCS 220	Issues in Multicultural Studies

Organizational Communication (choose two of the following classes; at least one course must be 300 level)

		COM 240	Public Relations
		COM 253	Organizational Communication
		COM 280	Issues in Event Planning (COM 240 or MKT 200)
		COM 254	Introduction to Health Communication
		MGT 201	Fundamentals of Management and Organizational Behavior
		PHL 203	Business Ethics
		POL 325	Public Administration
		MGT 310	Human Resource Management (MGT 201)
		MGT 363	Management Skills (MGT 201)

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