

UNIFORM ARTICULATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
Signatory North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities  
BACHELOR OF MUSIC PROGRAM S  
and  
North Carolina Community College System  
ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS (AFA) IN MUSIC PROGRAM S  
Effective: Fall 2019

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## I. Background

Since the adoption of a revised Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement between the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) and the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities (NCICU) in 2015, the two organizations have worked collaboratively to strengthen the transfer relationship and to provide greater opportunity for students. Accordingly, community college and NCICU music faculty, department chairs and administrators have been focused on forging productive, collaborative relationships founded on the common goal of best serving students pursuing music in North Carolina's institutions of higher education.

This document is an agreement jointly created by the NCCCS Associate in Fine Arts (AFA) Music programs and the signatory NCICU Bachelor of Music programs. The AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music is focused on facilitating transfer for students who begin music studies at a community college and then transfer to one of the signatory NCICU programs. There are multiple Bachelor of Music granting institutions within the NCICU whose focus is on music. While the individual names of these Bachelor of Music degrees may vary slightly between NCICU programs, for the sake of consistency and clarity we will refer to all four-year music degrees as Bachelor of Music within this document. The specific title of each degree will be listed in Appendix A, under Participating Programs.

## II. Purpose and Rationale

This document presents a uniform statewide academic progression agreement that will promote educational advancement opportunities for Associate in Fine Arts in Music graduates moving between North Carolina community colleges and the signatory institutions of the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities in order to complete Bachelor of Music degrees. It describes a progression degree plan.





Transfer courses that do not originate in a North Carolina Community College or signatory NCIC institution may be used under the AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music with the following stipulations:

- a. Courses must be completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education;
- b. Courses must meet general education requirements; and
- c. Courses may total no more than 14 hours of general education course credit.











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\_\_\_\_\_ : If a student from a North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) college believes the terms of the AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music Articulation Agreement have not been honored by a signatory NCICU institution to which the student has been admitted, the student may invoke the AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music Articulation Agreement Transfer Credit Appeal Procedure.

\_\_\_\_\_, the student must submit a Transfer Credit Appeal Form along with supporting documentation to the Music Chair/Executive (or other campus designee) at the signatory NCICU campus to which the student has been admitted. Students first enrolling at the senior institution in a summer session must submit their appeal by the end of the subsequent fall semester.

The Music Chair/Executive (or other campus designee) will review the appeal and respond in writing (email or letter) to the student within 15 business days of receiving the appeal.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the Music Chair/Executive (or other campus designee), the student may appeal on the same form to the next designated administrator i.e. Dean/Vice Provost/Chief Academic Officer (Provost) of the specific signatory NCICU institution.

The designated administrator will review the appeal and respond in writing (email or letter) to the student within 15 business days of receiving the appeal.

If the student is not satisfied with the decision of the designated administrator, the student may appeal to the AFA to Bachelor of Music Transfer Committee. The student must submit the

the AFA to Bachelor of Music Transfer Committee appeals subcommittee should be sent to:

AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music Independent Transfer Committee  
North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities  
530 North Blount Street  
Raleigh, NC 27604

The committee will review the appeal and notify the student of the final decision within 10 business days of receiving the appeal.

(to be completed by the student submitting the form)

The completed form and any supporting documentation  
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	(	Select 4 SHC from the following:		
AST	111	Descriptive Astronomy	(3 SHC)	and
AST	111A	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	(1 SHC)	
AST	151	General Astronomy I	(3 SHC)	and
AST	151A	General Astronomy Lab	(1 SHC)	
BIO	110	Principles of Biology	(4 SHC)	
BIO	111	General Biology I	(4 SHC)	
CHM	151	General Chemistry I	(4 SHC)	
GEL	111	Geology	(4 SHC)	
PHY	110	Conceptual Physics	(3 SHC)	and
PHY	110A	Conceptual Physics		

(2-4 SHC) Select 24 SHC from the following courses:

MUS 131	Chorus	(1 SHC)	MUS 132	Chorus II	(1 SHC)
MUS 231	Chorus III	(1 SHC)	MUS 232	Chorus IV	(1 SHC)
MUS 133	Band I	(1 SHC)	MUS 134	Band II	(1 SHC)
MUS 233	Band III	(1 SHC)	MUS 234	Band IV	(1 SHC)
MUS 135	Jazz Ensemble I	(1 SHC)	MUS 136	Jazz Ensemble II	(1 SHC)
MUS 235	Jazz Ensemble III	(1 SHC)	MUS 236	Jazz Ensemble IV	(1 SHC)
MUS 137	Orchestra I	(1 SHC)	MUS 138	Orchestra II	(1 SHC)
MUS 237					

## Appendix F

North Carolina Independent Colleges & Universities Institutions Honoring the Associate in Fine Arts in Music to Bachelor of Music Articulation Agreement

The following institutions do not award Bachelor of Music degrees but offer a degree in music other than a Bachelor of Music degree and agree to honor the AFA in Music to Bachelor of Music Articulation Agreement

Methodist University