GRAPHIC DESIGN
Letter of Agreement Between The Art Institute of Portland and Portland Community College: An Articulation Project in Graphic Design

This Letter of Agreement has been enacted to facilitate the transfer of credits of Graphic Design students at Portland Community College to the Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design program at The Art Institute of Portland. The following areas have been agreed to and will be reviewed each year by the parties involved. Any changes to this agreement shall be made in writing.

I. Instructional Representatives

The following instructional representatives are responsible for implementing the provisions and procedures of this agreement as well as maintaining liaison between the Graphic Design program at The Art Institute of Portland and the Graphic Design program at Portland Community College.

The Art Institute of Portland
Dean of Education
Academic Department Director of Graphic Design

Portland Community College
Dean of Academic Services
Program Chair, Graphic Design

II. Residency Requirements

A minimum of 45 credits must be taken at The Art Institute of Portland after admission as a degree-seeking student in the Bachelor’s program. A minimum of 33 credits must be taken at The Art Institute of Portland after admission as a degree-seeking student in the Associate’s program. Students enrolled in the Bachelor’s program must also take 24 of their 45 residency credits from the Graphic Design program’s upper division major course offerings.

III. Procedure

Students who want to have credit transferred to The Art Institute of Portland must first be admitted to the college. They must then present an official Portland Community College transcript to The Art Institute of Portland Registrar for review. The acceptance of credits is subject to review by the Registrar’s Office and approval by the Dean of Education.

IV. Future Agreements

In that both parties desire to further the nature of the cooperative relationship between the respective programs, all transfer agreements will be reviewed and revised, as necessary, on an annual basis.
V. Articulated Courses

Block Transfer: Portland Community College Associate of Applied Science Degree

When a student has successfully completed the Associate of Applied Science in the Graphic Design program at Portland Community College, with a 2.5 or higher G.P.A., they become eligible for a block transfer of credits.

The Art Institute of Portland will accept a block of classes that represents 84 quarter credits. In doing so, The Art Institute will accept 24 general education credits and 60 major credits. In addition, The Art Institute will accept up to an additional 21 credits of applicable general education, or major, course work from Portland or any other regionally accredited community college in the state of Oregon. Therefore, this brings the total number of credits transferred to a possible 105 quarter credits.

In the major field, 60 credits will be transferred as a block: the 57 of 60 credits that are required for the associate’s degree (except CA257, Camera and Lighting) and GD221, Web Design for Graphic Artists I. Students will also receive waivers for GD341, Corporate Identity, and GD 405, Package Design, as competencies have been shown.

This leaves 51 credits of additional course work. The 51 credits remaining contain CA257, Camera and Lighting Techniques (3 credits), plus 13 required upper-division courses (39 credits) for the BS degree, and 9 credits open for upper-division electives.

All other courses will be considered on an individual basis. A total of 180 quarter credits is required to graduate from The Art Institute with a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design.