

Transfer Articulation

An important goal in the student's academic life in music/jazz is successful transfer from CCRI to a four-year college or university, to complete the undergraduate degree which supports the student's career aspirations. (For information on careers in music/jazz, please see the Music Careers page with internet link in this handbook.)

The Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education oversees the transfer articulation agreement among Rhode Island's three state educational institutions, the Community College of Rhode Island, Rhode Island College, and the University of Rhode Island. This agreement is available online at www.ribghe.org/transferguide.htm. Supportive information may be found at www.ribghe.org/ritransfers.htm.

If a student is interested in a music/jazz degree program which is not available at RIC or URI, or if the student prefers to seek transfer to another institution of higher education, information is available on reserve in the CCRI Warwick Campus Learning Resources Center at the main circulation desk. Please ask for the *National Association of Schools of Music* Directory. This resource lists all of the NASM accredited colleges, universities, and non-degree granting music schools, with the majors/areas of study listed under each institution's name. The schools are listed alphabetically by name, and there is a list by state location in the back of the book. Contact information for each institution is also included.

CCRI's Music Department has an A.F.A. – Music degree transfer agreement with Rhode Island College's Music Department. Also, the CCRI Jazz Studies curriculum transfers as the Music Minor in Jazz Studies at RIC. Both of these transfer agreements are located in the RIBGHE's Transfer Articulation document, under *Program Transfer Plans*. Regarding individual courses that transfer, there is a large general listing under Course Transfer Agreements in the same document. If a CCRI course is listed as the equivalent of a specific RIC or URI course, whether Music or General Education courses, the four-year institution must honor the transfer of CCRI courses with the letter grade of C or better. Students must be aware of their right to transfer these credits and should be prepared to document the transferability of their CCRI courses by having the admissions officer at the four-year institution refer to the Transfer Articulation Agreement.

Each year, the Music Department Chairs of RIC, URI, and CCRI, along with chairs from each academic discipline, meet to discuss and update the RIBGHE Transfer Articulation Agreement, which is perpetually a work in progress. For this reason, the department chair of any academic department at CCRI is the student's best source for the most up-to-date information on the transferability of courses in his/her academic subject.

For transfer beyond RIC or URI, the student's best procedure is to find the four-year college's website for the course requirements for the first two years of the four-year degree program. Then take the equivalent courses at CCRI and make a grade of C or better. All music/jazz students must audition for placement in Applied Music, no matter where they transfer. For transfer advising, please see a member of CCRI's music faculty.