

## Senate Policy

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### **Articulation Agreements and Transfer Pathways, Undergraduate**

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#### **Description:**

This policy outlines the principles for the development and operation of articulation agreements and transfer pathways between OCAD University and other post-secondary institutions, and the procedures for admitting students under these agreements and pathways.

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#### **Approvals:**

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#### **Policy**

OCAD University (OCAD U) implements undergraduate admission pathways and articulation agreements with other post-secondary institutions in order to provide qualified and motivated students the opportunity to reach their full potential. Agreements and pathways are designed to recognize prior learning and to facilitate student success within OCAD U's degree programs.

#### **Definitions**

- **Articulation Agreement:** An articulation agreement is a formal signed agreement with a post-secondary institution that spells out the conditions under which students will be accepted from one or more programs at a partner institution into one or more undergraduate programs at OCAD University. Articulation agreements outline the responsibilities of each

party to the agreement and must be periodically reviewed and renegotiated.

- **Multilateral Transfer Pathways:** A multilateral transfer pathway facilitates transfer from one or more college or university programs into one or more of OCAD U's programs. A pathway does not necessarily involve negotiation with partner institutions but does require periodic review.
- **Concurrent Registration:** Under specific agreements, and only under these agreements, students may be eligible to enrol in courses at both the partner institution and OCAD University at the same time.

### **Development of Articulation Agreements and Transfer Pathways**

Articulation agreements and transfer pathways are selected for development based on:

- historical rates of admission and/or success through upper year admission
- student demand
- program affinities
- strategic priorities (e.g. increased access for specific groups, regions)

Proposals for the development of new agreements or pathways may be developed by any member of the faculty or academic administration and must be approved by the relevant Dean and the Vice-President, Academic before proceeding to the development stage.

### **Procedures for Admission**

Students applying to OCAD University via an articulation agreement or transfer pathway will complete an application to OCAD University and pay any applicable application fees as outlined on the OCAD University website.

If the agreement or pathway stipulates that a portfolio is required for admissions, students should follow the guidelines for **upper year** admission as outlined on the OCAD University website.

### **Concurrent Registration for Pre-Articulation Students**

Students applying through agreements that specify the option of concurrent registration will be required to complete an application for admission to OCAD U as a special student in order to be eligible for registration in OCAD U courses.

Pre-articulation students who meet all other requirements will be offered admission to OCAD University, conditional upon meeting the requirements as described in the articulation agreement. During that time, students will be

permitted to register in the OCAD University course(s) specified under the articulation agreement.

Students will be charged OCAD University undergraduate tuition fees for the OCAD University courses

Students may be charged specific service, course-based and/or ancillary fees in relation to the courses they enroll in at OCAD University.

Students completing courses at OCAD University through a concurrent registration will be subject to OCAD University's academic and non-academic policies and procedures for the course(s) they complete at the University.