

## Transfer Guide

### Associates Degree Program to Interdisciplinary Studies BA Degree

### Richland Community College and Eastern Illinois University

Students admitted to the Bachelors in Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) program will need to meet the following requirements for completion of their degree.

Minimum of 120 hours, which will include:

- 40 credit hours junior/senior level courses
- 20 credit hours taken from EIU
- General Education component
  - 12 credit hours - scientific awareness/mathematics
  - 12 credit hours - social/behavior sciences
  - 12 credit hours - humanities/fine arts
  - 6 credit hours - communication/language
- 1 course - senior seminar
- 1 course - cultural diversity
- 1 course - IDS orientation
- 1 course - IDS critical thinking course
- 1 course - IDS capstone course
- Satisfy the Electronic Writing Portfolio requirements
- Maintain a 2.0 GPA

Students may transfer up to 78 semester hours from a community college, although this is not required. Below is a short list of courses that we recommend students complete before applying to the IDS program.

Recommendations:

- English Composition I & II
- Introduction to Speech Communications
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction to Psychology
- A general biology or earth science class

Transferring students who have completed a Baccalaureate-oriented Associates degree and have met the IAI GECC requirements will be judged as having met all lower level general education requirements for the IDS degree.

Please contact the IDS/BA Degree Program office at 217-581-5618 or email [ids@eiu.edu](mailto:ids@eiu.edu) for more information about applying to the program and transfer of credits.

Agreement is in effect beginning Fall 2022. Departmental Contacts are **Eastern Illinois University:** Kim Redfern, [karedfern2@eiu.edu](mailto:karedfern2@eiu.edu), and Shannon Maldonado, [sjaldonado@eiu.edu](mailto:sjaldonado@eiu.edu), 217-581-5618; and **Richland Community College:** Meredith Johnson-Palmer, [mpalmer@richland.edu](mailto:mpalmer@richland.edu), 217-875-7211. Institutional Contacts are Eastern Illinois University: Rita Pearson, 217-581-7663, [ripearson@eiu.edu](mailto:ripearson@eiu.edu); and Richland Community College: Meredith Johnson-Palmer, [mpalmer@richland.edu](mailto:mpalmer@richland.edu), 217-875-7211.

Articulation Agreement  
Between  
Eastern Illinois University  
And  
Richland Community College

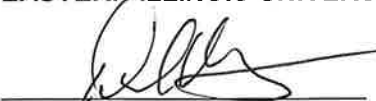
Richland Community College (RCC) and the Board of Trustees of Eastern Illinois University (EIU) form a cooperative relationship through this articulation agreement to serve better our public constituents, to smooth transfer, to minimize duplication of instruction, and to build on community college and university learning experiences. Both institutions recognize that working together, their collective efforts are stronger than their individual efforts.

The two institutions agree to the following:

1. Any student who has completed a baccalaureate-oriented associates degree at RCC (with the required 2.00 GPA) and submits required application and supporting documentation will automatically be admitted to EIU at the junior level and will be deemed to have met EIU's lower division general education requirement.
2. Acceptance into a specific EIU program is based on the individual transferring student meeting the conditions and considerations listed for that program. Specifically, students completing the **any Associates Degree** at RCC will be admitted to the baccalaureate **Interdisciplinary Studies B.A. Degree program** at EIU.
3. The courses listed in the attached prescribed RCC transfer guide have been reviewed and accepted for transfer to EIU.
4. Relationships between RCC and EIU faculty and administration are in the spirit of cooperation and provide the basis for this agreement
5. Representatives of both institutions agree to meet on a regular basis to assess curricular changes and other conditions that may affect the nature of this agreement.
6. This agreement does not preclude either institution from making curriculum changes as it may solely deem appropriate in which case appropriate prior notice will be given to the operative academic personnel at the cooperating institution.
7. Appropriate publications and promotional materials regarding this agreement will be made available to all RCC students.
8. Either EIU or RCC may dissolve this agreement by giving one years' advance notice to the cooperating institution's president or academic vice president.
9. This agreement is effective for four years beginning with the **2022-2023** academic year and is subject to renewal every four years.


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David Glassman, President      Date      11/10/22

  
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Jay Gatrell, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs      Date      11/4/22

**RICHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

  
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Cristobal Valdez, President      Date      10-25-2022

  
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Denise Crews, Vice President of Academic Services      Date      10/25/22