

Transfer Admission Memorandum of Understanding: Richard Bland College of William & Mary Honors Program and University of Mary Washington Honors Program

Note: This memorandum of understanding was modelled on similar agreements between Northern Virginia Community College and University of Mary Washington.

Purpose

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) facilitates the transfer of Honors Program students between Richard Bland College of William & Mary (RBC) and University of Mary Washington (UMW).

Eligibility

To be eligible for admission into the University of Mary Washington Honors Program as a Track B Honors Scholar, RBC students must:

- Complete an Associate of Arts (A.A) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at RBC.
- Successfully complete the RBC Honors Program requirements and graduate with "RBC Honors Distinction" on transcript.
- Present a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.50 (4.0 scale) upon application to UMW and upon graduation from RBC.
 - If a student has attended multiple institutions, they must have earned a minimum grade point average of 3.50 on a 4.0 scale at RBC and all previous institutions.
 - All work attempted at RBC and any other institution(s) attended will be considered by UMW.
 - Eligible transfer students must provide transcripts from all institutions attended.
- Be admitted to UMW.
- Be admitted to the UMW Honors Program. Admission to the Honors Program is space-limited (new honors students typically number 75-100 each fall semester and 10-20 each spring semester).
- Submit a letter of intent form, to enter the UMW Honors Program, signed by the RBC Honors Program Coordinator. The letter should be submitted prior to or with the application for admission to UMW.

Implementation

- Students who have successfully completed the RBC Honors Program requirements (as certified by the RBC Honors Program Coordinator) and are admitted to the UMW Honors Program will receive credit for two Honors (HN) designated courses (6 credits); the credit for HONR 201, Honors Service Learning course; and two co-curricular event participation submissions towards the Honors Program requirements at UMW.
- RBC transfer candidates in the Honors Track B at UMW must complete 6 additional credits of HN designated coursework at UMW, the leadership requirement, the capstone preparation requirement, six co-curricular events, and a capstone project (3 credits). These courses and requirements are described on the UMW Honors Program Website (<http://academics.umw.edu/honorsprogram/honors-program-requirements/>).
- If any of the requirements imposed on UMW Track B students are modified subsequent to the signing of this MOU, new RBC transfer students will be held to the revised

requirements. Any RBC transfer student accepted into the UMW Honors Program under this agreement shall be bound by the requirements in effect at the time of acceptance.

- This MOU shall commence in the fall semester of 2019, with the intent to admit the first students as soon as administratively possible.
- Students who did not complete the RBC Honors Program requirements may still be admitted to the UMW Honors Program on a case-by-case basis.

Benefits


RBC transfer students who are admitted to UMW Track B Honors will be eligible for the following:

- graduation with University Honors;
- honors distinction on students' transcripts;
- participation in all UMW Honors activities, events, and organizations;
- priority registration;
- funding for capstone research project (application required);
- access to the Honors Program lounge; and
- Honors advising.


Review of the Agreement and Notice of Change or Termination

Either institution may withdraw from this MOU by notifying the other no less than one academic year before the intended date of termination. No further admissions shall be made under this MOU after such notice is given.


UMW and RBC will designate officials who will be responsible for monitoring and reviewing the MOU. UMW will be represented by the Associate Provost for Academic Engagement and Student Success and Director of the Honors Program. RBC will be represented by the Provost in consultation with the Honors Program Coordinator. UMW and RBC will review the MOU every three years to make adjustments as deemed appropriate to maintain its integrity and for the improvement of the Honors transfer process.



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