

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



Between

University of South Carolina Beaufort And Rockland Community College

Purpose

To create a mutually beneficial opportunity with a cordial and cooperative relationship between the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USCB) and the Rockland Community College (RCC), to further the purposes of scholarship, to provide a framework for students, and expand opportunities for RCC graduates to transfer to USCB to earn a baccalaureate degree (with or without) any possible concentrations or minors.

USCB will accept RCC courses with a grade of “C” or better indicated on per program that are applicable for students who are pursuing a baccalaureate degree with or without any possible concentrations or minors at USCB, provided the overall GPA for each area is 2.0 or better. The specific courses that will apply for an individual student may vary depending on the number of courses and program successfully completed at the time of enrollment in the University but may not exceed 90 semester hours to comply with SACSCOC accreditation standards.

Exchange Opportunities

It is understood that this is a blanket and universal transfer agreement that covers all academically qualified students seeking to transfer from RCC to USCB. No special waiver of admissions standards to USCB is implied in this agreement (unless otherwise specified in this agreement). It is understood that admission requirements for transfer students to USCB, as specified by the 2024-2025 University Bulletin, will be met. This agreement is applicable for those students who have been granted admission by the USCB Admissions Office. Students coming to USCB from RCC may be accepted or rejected in accord with existing University admission requirements. RCC graduates will send completed application forms and current application fees to the USCB Admissions Office.

All RCC students attending USCB must fulfill the US immigration requirements (if applicable and in alignment with South Carolina State Law) that they maintain a full semester course of study (12 or more credits). USCB will offer all incoming students its normal orientation, as well as assistance and consultation for specific program related student issues. RCC students may transfer 37-46 credits of general education courses and 18 hours of program requirements based on the transfer agreement, and additional elective courses on a course-by-course program evaluation approved by the USCB academic major department faculty of the admitted student. USCB will offer students the full range of services, including, but not limited to an authorized student identification card, library, and computer facilities, advising, counseling, and student housing.

In addition, USCB agrees to accept the general education requirements of the RCC A.A., A.A.S, A.F.A, A.M and A.S. Degrees as meeting some of the requirements of its undergraduate core curriculum. If USCB requires additional credits beyond the required core, RCC students will not lose credits in the transfer process but will need to meet the additional core requirements at USCB.

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RCC will maintain and distribute information about this agreement to students, counselors, and faculty advisors. All changes to this agreement will be distributed through each institution's Transfer Counselor.

TOEFL scores are not required for international students from countries or institutions where the primary language of instruction is documented to have been in English.

RCC graduates will take the usual program of study of the student's chosen major and/or minor and/or concentration provided to all USCB students seeking a baccalaureate degree. Students must comply with all USCB student rules and regulations. Students who violate the rules and regulations of USCB, who perform unsatisfactorily or who do not participate regularly during the course of study could be suspended from any or all of the programs at the initiation of USCB.

RCC students are personally responsible for paying all costs including transportation, housing, board, books and supplies, health insurance and personal expenses and will pay resident tuition and fees which are revised from time to time as changed by the USC Board of Trustees. RCC students who apply and are admitted as a resident student to USCB with a 2.5 overall GPA and have earned at least 30 hours of transferable college credits are eligible for an in-state tuition scholarship. (This is subject to annual review and Students who maintain their overall GPA of 2.5 will continue to be eligible for this scholarship). <https://admissions.uscb.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/scholarships/institutional-scholarships/index.html>) All RCC transfer students are eligible to apply for all applicable scholarships at USCB.

Obligations of USCB

1. To waive any admissions application fee for students who enroll at USCB pursuant to this Agreement.
2. To award tuition discounts to qualified students admitted pursuant to this Agreement. All scholarships may be renewed each July 1 contingent upon the students maintaining a 2.5 cumulative USCB GPA.
3. To invite RCC students to informational meetings (in-person or virtual) with USCB staff on a regular basis at both RCC and USCB, to facilitate smooth curricular and co-curricular integration to USCB. https://www.uscb.edu/registrar/programs_of_study/index.html

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4. To ensure that students are provided with USCB's financial aid information and receive full consideration for USCB's financial aid and scholarships upon matriculation at USCB. <https://admissions.uscb.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/index.html>

Obligations of Rockland Community College

1. To publicize this Agreement to prospective students in its admissions literature and as part of its regular recruitment functions, and to inform qualified students matriculating at RCC of the opportunity for admission to USCB under the terms of this Agreement.
2. The establishment of a USCB Transfer site once the agreement is finalized.

Joint Obligations

1. RCC and USCB will develop, maintain, and share records of the RCC students admitted into the program, to the extent permitted by law.
2. Each institution will designate a representative who will coordinate the Agreement between the two institutions.
3. RCC students will need to go through the application process as per any qualifying transfer (domestic and/or international) student. <https://admissions.uscb.edu/apply/transfer/index.html>

Evaluation of Agreement

This transfer agreement is based on the 2024-2025 Bulletins of the respective institutions and is applicable for future bulletins providing that neither institution has made curricula, program, or graduation requirement changes. Each institution agrees to notify the other when any changes are made in order that this articulation agreement can be reviewed and amended if needed. Agreement Coordinators of the two schools will evaluate the agreement annually and inform one another when changes to the agreement are warranted.

Renewal, Termination, and Amendment

Either party may renounce this agreement by providing adequate written notice. Such termination will become effective after the end of the academic year in which one institution notifies the other, in writing, of its intention to terminate the agreement.

Miscellaneous

