

**Emerson College
And
Santa Monica College
ARTICULATION AGREEMENT
November 19, 2025**

This Articulation Agreement establishes guidelines and procedures for students wishing to transfer to Emerson College after completing an Associate of Arts degree from Santa Monica College.

Emerson College – Boston, Massachusetts

Emerson College is the only comprehensive college or university in America dedicated exclusively to communication and the arts in a liberal arts context. It is located in downtown Boston, at the gateway to the Theatre District, and in proximity to major media outlets. It also has campuses in Los Angeles and the Netherlands.

Emerson's mission is to inspire students to create and communicate with depth, honesty, courage, and passion, both as professionals in their fields and as informed and articulate participants in society.

Emerson College is committed to excellence in education for communication and the arts. Emerson College was founded on the study of oratory and the performing arts. Currently, Emerson's distinctive undergraduate curricula challenge students to think and express themselves with clarity, substance, and insight. Emerson is focused on instilling the highest professional standards through rigorous academic inquiry and experiential learning. Its specialized major and external programs are based in and integrated with a liberal arts and interdisciplinary study, and are informed by a set of core values: freedom of expression, diversity of perspective, cultural awareness, integrity, civility, and the responsibility of ethical choice.

Each year, Emerson College awards the following undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Bachelor of Science.

Santa Monica College

Santa Monica College (SMC) is a two-year community college located in Santa Monica, California, and is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The College opened in 1929 with 153 students, and it has grown into a thriving campus with more than 32,000 students and offerings in more than 100 fields of study.

Set on a 38-acre main campus less than two miles from the beach and several nearby satellite campuses, Santa Monica College has everything today's student needs to

succeed — computer labs, athletic facilities, performing and visual arts spaces, and active student clubs. The College's modern facilities have won numerous architectural and sustainability awards, as has its beautiful quad with fountains, palm trees, and benches. Santa Monica College's award-winning faculty works closely with students to ensure their success, and the College offers numerous student support services to help students meet their academic and career goals.

Santa Monica College's academic excellence and prime location in a vibrant urban area attract students from all over the world. The College boasts one of the largest international student populations of any community college in the nation, with approximately 3,300 from more than 100 countries.

Santa Monica College prides itself on preparing students for careers of the 21st century, in growing fields like interaction design, cloud computing, technical theatre, and global trade and logistics. In addition, the 180+ career-focused degrees and certificates offered encompass traditional fields like nursing, early childhood education/teacher training, film production, and many more. The Community Education program offers a broad range of classes in such fields as computers, career enhancement, the arts, self-development, and fitness.

Each year, Santa Monica College awards three types of Associate Degrees: Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), and Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) to help students transfer to a CSU and certain UC, HBCU, and private universities. The College also grants a Bachelor of Science degree in Interaction Design.

Articulation Agreement Provisions

1. To be admitted to Emerson College, SMC students must submit application materials for evaluation to the Emerson College Undergraduate Admission office by posted deadlines.
2. Except for programs that require a creative evaluation, Emerson College will admit SMC students who fulfill all of the following requirements:
 - a. 3.0 cumulative GPA;
 - b. Completed an Associate of Arts degree
 - c. Completed courses at SMC that align with Emerson's Liberal Arts curriculum (see Course Equivalency section)
3. Academic programs that require an artistic review:
 - a. Comedic Arts (see [Application Requirements section](#) for additional details)
 - b. Performing Arts (see [Application Requirements section](#) for additional details)
4. School for Film, Television and Media Arts- A creative sample is optional for the BA or BFA tracks at this time (see [Application Requirements section](#) for additional details)

5. SMC students must meet both the academic criteria and the creative standards required for admission by the Emerson College reviewers.
6. If SMC students meet the above requirements, this agreement qualifies as a Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG)
7. This agreement guarantees the complete transfer of credits for the equivalent Liberal Arts courses outlined in this document, provided a grade of C or better is earned. Students may transfer in a maximum of 80 pre-matriculation credits, with no more than 64 of those credits coming from a junior or community college.
8. While most Emerson College majors may be completed in four semesters, some majors may require extra semesters or summer coursework.
9. Major-specific courses will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis to determine whether courses fulfill requirements for major or minor programs. Emerson College will not accept English for Academic Purposes (EAP) or English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

Undergraduate Admission and Financial Aid deadlines may vary year to year. Please find the current deadlines [here](#).

The Undergraduate Admission Office offers multiple transfer scholarships. For eligibility requirements, please visit our [Financial Aid and Scholarships page](#).

Application Requirements

1. Common Application for Transfer Admission or the Emerson College Application, and the Emerson College Writing Supplement.
2. A \$65.00 application fee (this will be waived for SMC students who meet the Articulation Agreement Provision #2)
3. Final, official high school transcript indicating proof of graduation, GED, or HiSET.
4. Official transcript from each college or university attended.
5. One letter of recommendation is required. While we prefer an evaluation from a college professor, we will accept a recommendation from an academic advisor, employer, or a professional with whom you have worked closely.
6. International students:
 - a. High School Transcript and Proof of Graduation: If your secondary school is not accredited by the U.S. and does not issue U.S. diplomas, or you do not have national exam results showing completion of secondary school, you will need to have your credentials translated. An evaluation of secondary school transcripts is not necessary.
 - b. College or University transcripts: If you are submitting a transcript from a college or university that is outside the United States, please submit a

course-by-course evaluation via a credentialing agency listed by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services.

- c. Proof of English Proficiency: If you have completed at least three years of consecutive study (including a continuous combination of secondary or post-secondary instruction) at an institution that uses English as its primary language of instruction, then you should complete the Waiver for English Proficiency, which is accessible in your application portal after you have submitted your transfer application. If you have not completed three consecutive years at a school with English instruction, you will need to take an English Proficiency exam. Approved tests for English Proficiency and minimum score requirements are listed on Emerson's website.
7. School for Film, Television and Media Arts- While not required at this time, candidates for the BA or BFA majors have the option to submit a creative sample online through the Undergraduate Admission Application portal.
8. Candidates for programs offered by the Department of Performing Arts must submit a transfer application and complete a major-specific Artistic Review application through the platform Accepted.
 - a. The Department of Performing Arts will only consider transfer applications for fall term admission.
 - b. Transfer students to Performing Arts should plan to study at Emerson College for a minimum of three years, four years for BFA Musical Theatre or BFA Acting.
9. Candidates for Comedic Arts are required to submit one creative sample that showcases their comedic voice/talent in the areas of writing, performance, or production. Comedic Arts candidates are limited to fall term admission and should have completed no more than 32 credits before matriculation at Emerson.
10. Students applying for the Interdisciplinary Studies major should have completed no more than 48 credits before matriculation at Emerson.
11. The Media Psychology major is only available for fall term admission, and the Global Portal Programs are not open to transfer students at this time.

Liberal Arts Requirements

Santa Monica College students will fulfill the specified Liberal Arts courses before matriculating at Emerson College. A minimum of 3 credits is needed to fulfill the Liberal Arts requirements.

Course to Course Equivalencies

FOUNDATION COURSES

Introduction to College Writing

ENGL C1000 (formerly ENGL 1) Academic Reading and Writing (3cr)

Research Writing

ENGL C1001 (formerly ENGL 2) Critical Thinking and Writing (3cr)

Fundamentals of Speech Communication

COMM C1000 (formerly COM ST 11) Introduction to Public Speaking (3cr)

PERSPECTIVE COURSES

Aesthetic Perspective - take one 3-credit course

AHIS 1 Western Art History 1 (3cr)

AHIS 2 Western Art History 2 (3cr)

AHIS 3 Global Art History Since 1860 (3cr)

AHIS 5 Latin American Art History 1 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

AHIS 6 Latin American Art History 2 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

AHIS 11 Art Appreciation: Introduction to Global Visual Culture (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

AHIS 15 Mexican Art History (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

AHIS 17 Arts of Asia (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

DANCE 2 Dance in American Culture (3cr)

DANCE 5 Dance History (3cr)

MUSIC 29 A World of Music (3cr)

MUSIC 30 Music History 1 (3cr)

MUSIC 21 Music History 2 (3cr)

MUSIC 32 Music Appreciation (3cr)

TH ART 5 History of World Theatre (3cr)

Ethics and Values Perspective - take one 3-credit course

PHILOS 1 Knowledge and Reality (3cr)

PHILOS 2 Ethics (3cr)

PHILOS 5 Contemporary Moral Conflicts (3cr)

PHILOS 23 Philosophy of Religion (3cr)

History and Politics Perspective - take one 3-credit course

HIST 1 History of Western Civilization 1 (3cr)

HIST 2 History of Western Civilization 2 (3cr)

HIST 5 History of Latin America 1 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 6 History of Latin America 2 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 11 US History Through Reconstruction (3cr)

HIST 12 US History Since Reconstruction (3cr)

HIST 16 African-American History (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

HIST 19 History of Mexico (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 22 History of the Middle East (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 25 History of East Asia Since 1600 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 27 History of Southeast Asia (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 38 African History 1 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 39 African History 2 (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HIST 41 Native American History (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

HIST 42 The Latina/o Experience in the United States (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

HIST 43 Mexican-American History (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

HIST 52 The History of Women in American Culture (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

HIST 62 Asian-American History (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

POLS C1000 (formerly POL SC 1) American Government and Politics (3cr)

POL SC 2 Comparative Government and Politics (3cr)

POL SC 3 Introduction to Politics (3cr)

POL SC 4 International Politics (3cr)

Interdisciplinary Perspective - take one 3-credit course

ETH ST 1 Introduction to Ethnic Studies (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ETH ST 6 Introduction to Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Studies (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ETH ST 7 Introduction to African American and Black Studies (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

GLOBAL 10 Global Issues (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

HUM 9A South Asia: Culture and Civilization (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

WGS 10 Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (3cr)

WGS 20 Gender, Feminisms, and Social Movements: Global Approach (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

WGS 30 Women, Gender, and Sexuality in Popular Culture (3r)

WGS 40 Introduction to LGBTQ Studies (3cr)

Literary Perspective - take one 3-credit course

ENGL 3 World Literature 1 (3cr)

ENGL 4 World Literature 2 (3cr)

ENGL 5 British Literature 1 (3cr)

ENGL 6 British Literature 2 (3cr)

ENGL 7 American Literature 1 (3cr)

ENGL 8 American Literature 2 (3cr)

ENGL 34 Afro-American Literature (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ENGL 41 Introduction to Asian-American Literature (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ENGL 53 Latino Literature in the US (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ENGL 54 Indigenous Literatures of North America (3cr) **Also fulfills US Diversity and Justice*

ENGL 59 Lesbian and Gay Literature (3cr)

Scientific Perspective - take one 3-credit course

ANTHRO 1 Biological Anthropology (3cr)

ASTRON 1 or 3 Stellar Astronomy (3 or 4cr)

ASTRON 2 or 4 Planetary Astronomy (3 or 4cr)

ASTRON 5 Life in the Universe (3cr)

BIOL 2 Human Biology (3cr)

BIOL 3 Fundamentals of Biology (3cr)

BIOL 15 or 15N Marine Biology (3 or 4cr)

BOTANY 1 General Botany (4cr)

CHEM 9 Everyday Chemistry (5cr)

CHEM 10, 11, or 12 General Chemistry (5cr)

GEOG 1 or 5 Physical Geography (3 or 4cr)

GEOG 3 Weather and Climate (3cr)

GEOG 12 Earth Science with Lab (4cr)

PHYSICS 6, 7, 8, or 9 General Physics with Lab (4cr)

PHYSICS 12 or 14 Introductory Physics (3 or 4cr)

ZOOL 5 Introductory Zoology (4cr)

Social and Psychological Perspective - take one 3-credit course

ANTHRO 2 Cultural Anthropology (3cr)

ANTHRO 20 Traditional Peoples and Cultures of Africa (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

ANTHRO 21 Peoples and Power in Latin America (3cr) **Also fulfills Global Diversity and Justice*

ECON 1 Principles of Microeconomics (3cr)

ECON 2 Principles of Macroeconomics (3cr)

PSYC C1000 (formerly PSYCH 1) Introduction to Psychology (3cr)

PSYCH 3 Personality (3cr)

PSYCH 11 Child Growth and Development (3cr)

PSYCH 13 Social Psychology (3cr)

PSYCH 14 Abnormal Psychology (3cr)

PSYCH 19 Lifespan Human Development (3cr)

SOCIOL 1 Introduction to Sociology (3cr)

SOCIOL 2 Social Problems (3cr)

SOCIOL 12 Sociology of the Family (3cr)

Global Diversity and Justice - take one 3-credit course

AHIS 5 Latin American Art History 1 (3cr)

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US Diversity and Justice - take one 3-credit course

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HIST 62 Asian-American History (3cr)

World Languages

In order to fulfill the language requirement, students must take 1&2 of a single language. Completion of 2, 3, or 4 of a particular language by itself will also fulfill the requirement.

ASL 1 American Sign Language 1 (5cr) *Students wishing to continue in ASL at Emerson must take a placement test

ASL 2 American Sign Language 2 (5cr) *Students wishing to continue in ASL at Emerson must take a placement test

CHINESE 1 Elementary Chinese 1(5cr)

CHINESE 2 Elementary Chinese 2 (5cr)

CHINESE 3 Intermediate Chinese 1 (5cr)

CHINESE 4 Intermediate Chinese 2 (5cr)

FRENCH 1 Elementary French 1 (5cr)

FRENCH 2 Elementary French 2 (5cr)

FRENCH 3 Intermediate French 1 (5cr)

FRENCH 4 Intermediate French 2 (5cr)

GERMAN 1 Elementary German 1 (5cr)

GERMAN 2 Elementary German 2 (5cr)

HEBREW 1 Elementary Hebrew 1 (5cr)

HEBREW 2 Elementary Hebrew 2 (5cr)

ITAL 1 Elementary Italian 1 (5cr)

ITAL 2 Elementary Italian 2 (5cr)

JAPAN 1 Elementary Japanese 1 (5cr)

JAPAN 2 Elementary Japanese 2 (5cr)

JAPAN 3 Intermediate Japanese 1 (5cr)

JAPAN 4 Intermediate Japanese 2 (5cr)

KOREAN 1 Elementary Korean 1 (5cr)

KOREAN 2 Elementary Korean 2 (5cr)

KOREAN 3 Intermediate Korean 1 (5cr)

KOREAN 4 Intermediate Korean 2 (5cr)

PERSIN 1 Elementary Persian 1 (5cr)

PERSIN 2 Elementary Persian 2 (5cr)

PORTGS 1 Elementary Portuguese 1 (5cr)

PORTGS 2 Elementary Portuguese 2 (5cr)

SPAN 1 Elementary Spanish 1 (5cr)

SPAN 2 Elementary Spanish 2 (5cr)

SPAN 3 Intermediate Spanish 1 (5cr)

SPAN 4 Intermediate Spanish 2 (5cr)

Quantitative Reasoning - take one 3-credit course

MATH 2 Precalculus (5cr)

MATH 3 Trigonometry with Applications (3cr)

MATH 4 College Algebra for STEM majors (4cr)

MATH 7 Calculus 1 (5cr)

MATH 8 Calculus 2 (5cr)

MATH 10 Discrete Structures (3cr)

MATH 11 Multivariable Calculus (5cr)

MATH 13 Linear Algebra (3cr)

MATH 21 Finite Mathematics (3cr)

MATH 28 Calculus 1 for Business and Social Sciences (5cr)

MATH 29 Calculus 2 for Business and Social Sciences (3cr)

STAT C1000 (formerly MATH 54) Elementary Statistics (4cr) * *also fulfills Statistics requirement for Marketing Communication majors*

Program Management and Reporting

So as to assure the admission and academic success of participating students, SMC and Emerson College agree to develop, maintain, and continuously improve a program management and reporting system.

Each institution shall:

1. Publicize the Articulation Agreement among its students and faculty.
2. List the agreement, as appropriate, in publications and websites of the institution.
3. Share regular updates from their general college catalog and any other information that may help advise students.
4. Provide timely information about significant changes in the program of study that relate to the preparation of participating students.

Termination/Modification

Program changes or modifications by either institution can be incorporated into this Agreement by written amendment, as agreed to by both parties. This Agreement is effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 academic year of both institutions, and shall remain in effect for each successive academic year unless otherwise canceled by either institution. This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon written notice to the other party given at least one full academic year in advance of such termination date.

If the Agreement is canceled by either party, it will not affect students who have been accepted and enrolled into either the SMC Associate in Arts or the Bachelor's program at Emerson College. However, students enrolled in the SMC program must successfully complete the program requirements and exercise their right to transfer to Emerson College within two (2) years after the effective date of cancellation.

Authorizing Signatures

This Agreement between Santa Monica College and Emerson College was accepted and approved by the participating entities, and it will be reviewed at least every two (2) years.

The chief executive officers do hereby execute this Agreement by virtue of their signatures as affixed below.

Santa Monica College

Emerson College

Olivia Vallejo

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Articulation Officer

3/24/2026

Date

Alexandra Socarides

Dr. Alexandra Socarides

Provost

3/25/26

Date