



State University  
of New York

**ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**  
**between**  
**FASHION INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**  
**and**  
**SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**(AAS, Photography to BFA, Photography and Related Media)**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

This articulation agreement (the “Agreement”) is made by and between the Fashion Institute of Technology (“FIT”), a community college in the program of the State University of New York (“SUNY”), with offices at 227 West 27<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10001, and Suffolk County Community College, located at 533 College Road, Selden, New York 11784 (“Institution” or “SCCC”) (each a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”). FIT and the Institution wish to enter into this Agreement pursuant to which students of the Institution’s Associate in Applied Science (“AAS”) degree program in Photography will be eligible for articulated course credits at FIT in pursuit of a Bachelor of Fine Arts (“BFA”) degree in Photography and Related Media, according to the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

**II. OBJECTIVES**

This Agreement reflects a collaborative effort between FIT and SCCC to:

- Attract qualified students to SCCC’s AAS degree program in Photography and FIT’s BFA degree program in Photography and Related Media;
- Encourage academic coordination and other faculty/administrative interactions, including curricular reviews and administrative streamlining; and
- Provide for the exchange of information on successes and failures of the articulation program pursuant to this Agreement in order to make improvements.

**III. DESCRIPTION OF ARTICULATION PROGRAM**

**A. Admission Program**

1. Students at SCCC who meet the following articulation criteria are eligible for admission to FIT in its BFA program in Photography and Related Media:

- i. Successful completion and award of SCCC’s AAS in Photography;
- ii. Maintenance of a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0;
- iii. Maintenance of a grade of “C” or better in all General Education courses applied to FIT for transfer credits.
- iv. Submission of an acceptable portfolio as part of the application process.

v. SCCC students must be accepted to FIT as matriculating students and must meet the admissions requirements for the academic year in which they are admitted.

2. Applications submitted with all required materials by February 1 receive priority consideration. Applications completed after February 1 will be reviewed on a space-available basis

3. The final determination of admission will be made by FIT's Office of Admissions in its sole discretion and will include consideration of available space and an assessment of each eligible student's qualifications.

4. SCCC agrees to promulgate information and to advise interested students at SCCC of the provisions of this Agreement.

**B. *Acceptance and Application of Credits***

1. If admitted, FIT agrees to accept eligible students as 5th-semester students in the BFA in Photography and Related Media program.

2. FIT will accept as comparable courses for credit and entrance into FIT's BFA in Photography and Related Media the Freshman and Sophomore level courses set forth in **Exhibits A and B**, which were completed by SCCC's AAS Photography program graduates. Exhibits A and B are attached hereto and incorporated into this Agreement.

C. ***Review.*** This Agreement shall be reviewed by both Parties prior to this Agreement's renewal pursuant to Section IV herein, or whenever substantive changes are made in the curriculum of either Party. The Parties agree that as part of this review, faculty and administrative staff from both Parties will confer on matters of curriculum content and other program details.

**IV. TERM AND TERMINATION**

A. ***Effective Date and Execution.*** This Agreement shall be effective when all parties have executed the Agreement (the "Effective Date"). This Agreement will apply to students seeking to enroll at FIT as of the Fall 2026 semester and in any fall semester thereafter. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same document.

B. ***Term and Renewal.*** This Agreement shall run from the Effective Date until June 30, 2029. The Agreement may thereafter be renewed in writing for subsequent three (3) year terms or as otherwise agreed upon by the Parties in writing.

C. ***Termination.*** Either Party may terminate this Agreement at any time upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other Party. If either party chooses to terminate the Agreement, or if the Agreement is not renewed, the Parties will honor the Agreement and all of its terms, to the extent feasible, for any SCCC student enrolled at FIT as of the date of termination.

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. *Representations and Warranties.***

1. Each Party represents and warrants that the official executing this Agreement on its

behalf is duly authorized to do so, and acknowledges that the other Party is acting in reliance thereon.

2. Each Party warrants that it is accredited by and/or properly recognized by the relevant accrediting and/or regulatory bodies in each Party's jurisdiction. Each Party agrees that it will immediately notify the other Party should such accreditation status change.

B. **Amendments.** This Agreement may be amended only by written amendment signed by an authorized representative of each Party.

C. **Disputes.** The Parties shall strive to resolve any dispute in connection with this Agreement through good faith negotiation.

D. **Independent Contractor.** The relationship of the Parties is that of independent contractors, and neither Party will hold itself out as being a partner or agent of the other Party.

E. **Indemnification.** To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party agrees to indemnify and hold the other Party harmless from and against any and all claims for damages, losses, and liabilities in connection with any action or proceeding arising from the negligent acts or omissions of the indemnifying Party, or its officers or employees when acting within the course and scope of their employment with respect to this Agreement. Neither Party will be liable for any acts or omissions of the other, nor shall either Party be liable for the acts of students.

F. **Assignment.** The Parties will not assign or transfer this Agreement or any right or interest herein.

G. **Use of Name.** The Parties will not use or adopt names, logos or any identification of the other Party without the other Party's prior written approval by an authorized representative.

H. **Severability.** If any paragraph or clause of the Agreement is deemed illegal or invalid or void for any reason, it shall be modified to the minimum extent necessary to make it legal or valid, and the remaining paragraphs and clauses of the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

I. **Waiver.** The waiver by either Party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate or be construed as a waiver of any other breach hereunder.

J. **Non-Discrimination.** This Agreement will be implemented by both Parties in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and in a manner that does not discriminate against any person on a basis (or perceived basis) of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, genetic disposition/information, citizenship status, age, veteran status or disability, or any other basis prohibited by applicable law.

K. **Subheadings.** The use of subheadings in this Agreement is strictly for organizational purposes only and shall not be construed to limit, modify or amend the provisions herein.

L. **Force Majeure.** Neither Party shall be liable for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under this Agreement if such failure or delay is caused by events beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to natural disasters, acts of God, war, terrorism, pandemics, governmental actions, labor disputes, or utility or internet outages ("Force Majeure Event"). The Party

affected by a Force Majeure Event shall promptly notify the other Party in writing and shall use reasonable efforts to resume performance as soon as practicable.

M. **Notices.** All notices, requests and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt if sent by email, regular first class mail, or overnight courier to such Party at its address as set forth below:

**To FIT:**

Fashion Institute of Technology  
Office of Academic Affairs  
227 West 27th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
Attn: Yasemin Jones, Ph.D.  
Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs  
[yasemin\\_jones@fitnyc.edu](mailto:yasemin_jones@fitnyc.edu)

**With a copy to:**

Fashion Institute of Technology  
Office of the General Counsel  
227 West 27th Street  
New York, NY 10001  
Attn: Stephen Tuttle  
General Counsel & Secretary of the College  
[OGC@fitnyc.edu](mailto:OGC@fitnyc.edu)

**To Institution:**

Suffolk County Community College  
Office of Academic Affairs  
533 College Road  
Selden, NY 11784  
Attn: Irene Rios, Ph.D.  
Title: Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Email: [riosi@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:riosi@sunysuffolk.edu)

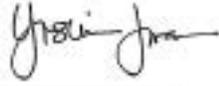
**With a copy to:**

Suffolk County Community College  
Office of Legal Affairs  
533 College Road  
Selden, NY 11784  
Attn: Ashley Pope  
Title: General Counsel  
Email: [popea@sunysuffolk.edu](mailto:popea@sunysuffolk.edu)

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

In witness whereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as follows:

**For FIT:**



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Signature

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Yasemin Jones, Ph.D.

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Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs

3 - 16 - 2026

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Date

**For Suffolk County Community College:**



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Signature

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Irene Rios, Ph.D.

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Vice President for Academic Affairs

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Date

## EXHIBIT A

### Course Equivalency Table

For eligible SCCC students, the following comparable courses will be accepted for credit and entrance into FIT's BFA in Photography and Related Media.

<b>FIT's Major Area, Related Area, Elective Requirements for Photography and Related Media AAS</b>	<b>Suffolk County Community College – Photography AAS</b>
PH 132 - Introduction to Light (3)	ART149: Photographic Lighting (3)
PH 141 - Creative Approaches in Photography (1)	ART144: Photography Seminar (1)
PH 152 - Photography 1: Introduction to Photography (4)	ART145: Digital Photography I (3)
FA 118 - Fundamentals of Design for Photography (2)	ART130: 2D Design (3)
PH 153 - Photography 2: Photographic Techniques (3)	ART146: Digital Photography II (3)
PH 172 - Photographic Post-Production (2)	ART116: Adobe Photoshop (3)
CG 121 - Applications of Social Media (2)	Photography Elective (3)
PH 251 - Photography 3: Advanced Photographic Solutions (3)	ART260: Studio Photography (3)
PH 275 - Digital Media Techniques (3)	ART261: Digital Video (3)
VP 211 - Styling, Prop and Set (2)	Transfer Credit (2)
PH 252 - Photography 4: Project Development (3)	ART257: Photographic Project Development (3)
PH 253 - Traditional Photography (2)	Photography Elective (3)
PH 265 - Professional Procedures/Contemporary Trends (3)	ART247: Professional Photography Practices and Portfolio (3)
Related Area Elective (2)	

## EXHIBIT B

*Last updated and approved by DV & ACL : 10/23/25*

### Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) Fall 2026 Admissions Eligibility for BFA Programs Course Equivalency Worksheet (Art & Design Majors)

Effective Fall 2026 admission to FIT, all bachelor's degree admits must follow the new SUNY General Education Framework [see [fitnyc.edu/NewGE](http://fitnyc.edu/NewGE)]

Transfer College: <i>Suffolk County Community College</i>			Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) BFA Programs:			
Major & Degree: <i>Photography AAS</i>			Course #	Course Title	Cr	SUNY GE NASAD
Course #	Course Title	Cr	EN 121	English Composition	3	COMW
ENG 100 or ENG 101	Enhanced Freshman Composition or Standard Freshman Comp	3	EN 040	Speech Elective	3	COMO
COM 101 or COM 102 or COM 105	Introduction to Human Comm or Interpersonal Comm or Public Speaking	3	MA 100-400	Mathematics	3	MATH
Mathematics Elective	Any SUNY GE: Mathematics course	3-4	SC 100-400	Natural Science	3	NSCI
Lab Science Elective	Any SUNY GE: Natural Science course	4	DEISJ Choice	Diversity studies course	3	DVRS
Diversity Social Science Elective	Any SUNY GE: Diversity Social Science course	3	HA 243	History of Photography 1	3	NASAD Art/design hist
ART 114	History of Photography	3	HA 100-400	Art/design history course 2	3	NASAD Art/design hist
ART 112 or ART 113	Renaissance to 20th C Art or Modern Art	3	General Education Area Choice (1 Additional Area)	Humanities	3	HUMN
English Elective	Any English elective	3	<b>Admission/AAS level General Education</b>		25-26	
<b>Admission/AAS level General Education</b>		25-26	<b>Admission/AAS level General Education</b>		24	
<b>Major/related area credits required at transfer college</b>		34	<b>Credits equivalent to FIT A&amp;D major/related area courses</b>		36	
<b>Additional liberal arts required</b>		0	<b>BFA level liberal arts</b>		varies	
<b>TOTAL MINIMUM TRANSFER CREDITS</b>		60	<b>TOTAL MINIMUM TRANSFER CREDITS</b>		60	

- \*6 credits in English (taken in the U.S. or in a country in which English is an official language) is required.
- 3 credit combination (COMO and COMW) course plus an additional 3 credits in English literature or speech
- or 3 credits in college writing (SUNY GE COMW) plus an additional 3 credits in speech/oral communication (COMO)