

**Transfer Advising Agreement for Creative Writing  
Brookdale Community College (BCC) and  
Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ)**

Brookdale Community College (BCC) students interested in transferring to Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) to the Bachelor of Arts major in Literature with a concentration in Creative Writing should complete all the requirements of the Associate in Arts in Humanities, Creative Writing Option at BCC. RCNJ will transfer a maximum of 64 credits from BCC and waive general education at RCNJ. Students must meet admissions requirements at RCNJ; their application fee will be waived if they use the RCNJ paper application. Once matriculated at RCNJ, students are strongly encouraged to take as many creative writing courses as possible to learn from multiple writing professors and to join a vibrant cohort of writing students at RCNJ. The following agreement stems from that premise.

**At BCC**

At BCC, students will follow option A, option B, or some combination of the two options, depending on their language proficiency. Language proficiency is a requirement of the Salameno School of American and International Studies (SSAIS) at RCNJ. Students should seek advisement at BCC and/or take the CLEP test to determine if they have already attained language proficiency at the intermediate I level. Option A is designed for students who have fully met the language proficiency, while option B is designed for students who have not met the language proficiency at all. Depending on their language proficiency, students may follow some combination of the two options. They may also decide to meet the language proficiency at RCNJ by using some of their free electives to take language courses. In order to continue language study at RCNJ at the intermediate level I students must be studying American Sign Language, French, Italian or Spanish.

Option A:

<b>BCC course</b>	<b>RCNJ literature course or category</b>
ENGL 231	Survey of British Literature I
ENGL 245	American Literature
ENGL 275	Drama

In addition, students following option A should take the following four courses for their career category.

<b>BCC course</b>		<b>RCNJ literature course or category</b>
ENGL 221		Introduction to Creative Writing
Choose two courses from this list.	ENGL 223	Poetry Writing Workshop
	ENGL 224	Fiction Writing Workshop
	ENGL 227	Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop

ENGL 158	Introduction to Literature
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Option B:

BCC course	SSAIS school core
Elementary Language (i.e., Spanish, French, etc.) I	language proficiency
Elementary Language II	
Intermediate Language I	

In addition, students following option B should take the following four courses for their career category.

BCC course	RCNJ literature course or category
ENGL 221	Introduction to Creative Writing
Choose two courses from this list.	ENGL 223 Poetry Writing Workshop
	ENGL 224 Fiction Writing Workshop
	ENGL 227 Creative Non-Fiction Writing Workshop
ENGL 158	Introduction to Literature

**At RCNJ**

Once BCC students have matriculated at RCNJ, they must complete one of the two following clusters of courses or categories of courses. Students who chose option A above should complete option A below, etc.

Option A:

- Readings in Poetry 4 credits
- International literature category 4 credits
- Pre-1800 literature 4 credits
- Major authors category 4 credits
- Literature Seminar 4 credits
- Creative Writing Capstone 4 credits
- Additional literature or, preferably, creative writing course\* 4 credits

Summary of degree program requirements:

<b>BCC</b>	major/general education	60 credits
<b>RCNJ</b>	literature and creative writing	28 credits
	free electives	40 credits
<b>Total</b>		128 credits

\* Students will have met the requirements of the major without this additional course, but they will not have met the graduation requirement that stipulates that students must complete 50% of

the major at RCNJ. To take full advantage of RCNJ's creative writing offerings, students are strongly encouraged to take a creative writing course for this additional course.

Option B:

- Survey of British Literature I 4 credits
- American literature 4 credits
- Drama 4 credits
- Readings in Poetry 4 credits
- International literature category 4 credits
- Pre-1800 literature 4 credits
- Major authors category 4 credits
- Literature Seminar 4 credits
- Creative Writing Capstone 4 credits

<b>BCC</b>	major/general education	60 credits
<b>RCNJ</b>	literature and creative writing	36 credits
	free electives*	32 credits
<b>Total</b>		128 credits

\* To take full advantage of RCNJ's creative writing offerings, students are strongly encouraged to take a creative writing course as an elective. This agreement shall become effective on September 1, 2012.