

**DELAWARE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY  
PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT FOR THE BACHELOR OF INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES DEGREE**

**FACT SHEET**

The Division of Part-Time Studies at Villanova University welcomes transfer students from Delaware County Community College. We are proud to note that Villanova University consistently finishes at the top of its region (North) in the *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of America's best colleges and universities.

**GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM**

This Transfer Agreement is designed to facilitate the transfer of DCCC students into Villanova University's Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies (BIS) part-time degree program. The Agreement allows graduates who have earned an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree from DCCC to enter the BIS degree program having satisfied the majority of the degree's Core curriculum requirements, except for the addition of three courses as outlined in the Guaranteed Admission Transfer Requirements below. DCCC graduates entering the BIS degree program under the terms of this agreement must go through Villanova University's Division of Part-Time Studies transfer admissions process and must meet all of the applicable Villanova University Division of Part-Time Studies requirements and deadlines pertaining to application for admission, orientation, and registration.

**ADVANTAGES OF THE GUARANTEED ADMISSION PROGRAM**

- \$25 application fee waiver.
- Accelerated FastForward Track option.
- Community College Scholars 20% tuition reduction program for each course taken at Villanova (for a total of six semesters) available to students who graduate from DCCC with a 3.3 grade point average or higher.
- Phi Theta Kappa scholarships for part-time students pursuant to this Agreement. A varying number of renewable scholarships are available. A 3.5 grade point average is required for consideration. The number of semesters for renewal will be based on the student's grade level upon enrollment to Villanova University. Non-U.S. citizens and students with previous bachelors' degrees are not eligible.
- Opportunities to meet with a Villanova University BIS program representative on a regular basis for advising and assistance with transferring.



**GUARANTEED ADMISSION TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS**

- The terms of this agreement apply to students who have earned an A.A. or A.S. degree at DCCC.
- Guaranteed Admission Intent Form must be completed by graduation from DCCC. For advising purposes, Villanova recommends that students complete the Intent Form before completing more than 30 transferable credits.
- DCCC graduates must enroll in Villanova University's BIS degree program within one (1) year of DCCC graduation and they may not attend another institution of higher-education between the time they graduate from DCCC and enroll at Villanova University in the BIS degree program.
- A minimum of 50% of courses required for the degree as well as 50% of the selected major courses for the BIS degree must be completed at Villanova University.
- DCCC graduates must take the following two courses at Villanova University: THL 1000 (Christian Faith and Life) and ACS 1000 (Core Humanities Seminar: Ancients).
- MAT 1260 must be taken at Villanova University unless the student has completed MAT 210 at DCCC.

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**Note: DCCC graduates interested in pursuing part-time study at Villanova University who do not plan to enroll in the BIS degree program should contact the Office of Part-Time Studies for part-time transfer admission and academic advising information.**

## **DCCC AND VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY GUARANTEED ADMISSION TRANSFER AGREEMENT**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**Q: Does this agreement pertain only to the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree?**

**A:** Yes. Villanova University offers a range of academic programs that can be completed on a part-time basis and/or just in the evening, but this agreement applies only to the BIS degree.

**Q: If I complete a Guaranteed Admission Intent form, am I obligated to attend Villanova University?**

**A:** No. The Guaranteed Admission program is an opportunity to continue your education with minimal duplication of coursework in the most efficient manner possible. If you change your mind, simply advise the DCCC Transfer Office.

**Q: What is the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree?**

**A:** Villanova University recognizes that the adult learner brings life and work experiences to the classroom that presents a different dynamic than with traditional age students. Because of this, a more flexible Core curriculum that meets the needs of adult students yet maintains the major elements of the Villanova Core in the humanities, ethics, philosophy, social sciences and quantitative and scientific theory was created. Additionally, the four majors within this degree were planned with a view towards student's needs as well as major trends within today's society – for example the role of technology in every workplace, the need for strong ethical and leadership skills and the flexibility of a major that reflects the student's personal choice in selecting courses in the area of their strongest academic interest.

**Q: How is the new degree different from the traditional Part-Time Studies degrees?**

**A:** The BIS degree has a Core curriculum of 45 credit hours versus the Core curriculum for existing programs of 50 credits. The major areas consist of approximately 33 credit hours and 42 credits of free electives. This Core provides more flexibility and choices so students can select classes in line with personal interests and experiences. The new degree requires a total of 120 credit hours.

**Q: Is it an approved Villanova degree?**

**A:** The Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies, with majors in **General Studies, Information Systems, Leadership Studies and Media and Technology**, has been approved by Villanova's Board of Trustees. This degree was developed in conjunction with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and has the support of the Dean and faculty of that college. It is a Villanova degree in every respect and is grounded in the humanities as are all Villanova degrees.

**Q: When should I apply?**

**A:** Students may apply for the BIS degree (choose a major in General Studies, Information Systems, Leadership Studies or Media and Technology) by their last semester at DCCC. Admission is on a rolling basis, so your application will be reviewed and processed for the next semester (fall, spring or summer).

**Q: Are there accelerated options?**

**A:** Yes! Take advantage of our FastForward Track which makes it possible for you to complete your Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies degree in three years when entering with 60 credits.

**Q: I would like to speak with an advisor to get more detailed information about my interest in General Studies, Information Systems, Leadership Studies or Media and Technology. Is this possible before I even apply?**

**A:** Absolutely! We welcome the opportunity to work with you as soon as possible. Please call Mary Bustamante or Brandon Alan Dorfman at 610.519.4300 to arrange for an advising appointment. Telephone appointments are also available for your convenience.

**Q: Are there scholarship opportunities?**

**A:** You may qualify for our Community College Scholars merit tuition rate program. Eligible students will receive a 20% tuition reduction for each course taken at Villanova (for a total of six semesters). We also offer a part-time Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship.

**Q: In addition to scholarship opportunities, what other kinds of financial assistance is available?**

**A:** You will be accepted into Villanova as a matriculated part-time student and therefore will be eligible for consideration for federal based financial aid as long as you are enrolled for six credits per semester. Other helpful options include the Villanova Employer Tuition Billing Plan, and an alternate payment plan which makes it possible to pay for a semester's tuition in three equal payments. Credit card payment is also accepted for part-time students. Both Financial Assistance counselors and representatives from the Bursar's Office will be available to help you decide on the right approach for you.