

Direct Transfer Agreement Between Lees-McRae College and Wilkes Community College for Business Administration (Online)

Rationale

As a four-year liberal arts college, accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Lees-McRae College enters into this articulation agreement with Wilkes Community College. This agreement furthers the efforts of both institutions to meet the educational needs of the citizens of North Carolina and to work cooperatively to improve access to higher education in their respective service districts. This agreement will pertain to Wilkes Community College students who earn an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Business Administration and who seek to complete a Bachelor of Arts and Applied Science (B.A.A.S.) degree through Lees-McRae College's Business Administration program.

Transferring Student Requirements and Provisions

- A student entering with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration from Wilkes Community College as designated in this agreement will be registered with Junior class status at Lees-McRae College, with all the privileges and benefits available to students already enrolled at Lees-McRae College, including eligibility for financial assistance, academic honors, student activities, development services, and social opportunities.
- Under this agreement, Wilkes Community College students receive a \$30 per credit hour discount on tuition for their B.A.A.S. degree in Business Administration at Lees-McRae College.
- A student transferring to Lees-McRae College under this agreement shall have academic credits earned at Wilkes Community College of C and above accepted at face value, with the condition that all requirements for graduation from Wilkes Community College meet the program of study for Lees-McRae College as detailed in this articulation agreement. Lees-McRae College will only accept a total of **12 credit hours** with a grade of D from students transferring in with an A.A.S. degree. Only grades of D+ and above will be accepted from transfer students without an A.A.S. degree.
- Wilkes Community College students will enter Lees-McRae College with 60+ credit hours.
- Intro to Business Administration is required for program entry.
- Lees-McRae College reserves the right to request a recommendation from Wilkes Community College should there be any questions regarding the student's admission.

Admission to Lees-McRae College and the Business Administration Program

1. Students wishing to engage in this articulation agreement must have been awarded an A.A.S. degree as specified in this agreement from Wilkes Community College.
2. Students entering from Wilkes Community College under this agreement shall be considered a “transfer student” (as described in the Lees-McRae College catalog at the time of application) and, as such, must meet all requirements for admission to Lees-McRae College under that status.
3. Students must meet a minimum grade point average of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
4. When the college’s Office of Admissions has received all the appropriate documents for admission (as listed in the Lees-McRae College catalog at the time of application), including an official transcript from Wilkes Community College, the student will be notified of acceptance to Lees-McRae College.

Agreement

Lees-McRae College and Wilkes Community College will enter this agreement beginning with the Fall Semester of the 2026-27 academic year, and this document will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised as needed. It is understood by both parties that this agreement is subject to review and revision as appropriate. It is recommended that this agreement be reviewed, and revised, if necessary, on a yearly basis to ensure compliance with all local, state, and national accrediting bodies’ policies and expectations.

Both Lees-McRae College and Wilkes Community College give mutual assurance that in performing their duties under this agreement, they will not discriminate on the basis of age, ancestry, citizenship status, color, disability, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status, or other protected group. Reasonable accommodations for participation by disabled persons will be made in compliance with Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

As soon as the proper college officials of the two aforementioned academic institutions have signed this agreement, each is free to publicize and utilize this arrangement as deemed appropriate.

Coursework

The following is an overview of the General Education and Business Administration courses required to earn a B.A.A.S. degree in Business Administration at Lees-McRae College. Students entering the Lees-McRae College B.A.A.S. in Business Administration program from Wilkes Community College’s Business Administration program *may* need to complete additional coursework to fulfill their General Education Core curriculum requirements for the B.A.A.S. degree in Business Administration at Lees-McRae College. (Students must complete a minimum of 120 total hours).

Course Equivalencies

This document represents an agreement between Lees-McRae College and Wilkes Community College, and, as such, provides for the direct transfer of the General Education and pre-professional courses specified below from Wilkes Community College to Lees-McRae College. This will enable a student transferring from Wilkes Community College with the A.A.S. in Business Administration degree module described to transfer directly into the B.A.A.S. degree in Business Administration at Lees-McRae College with junior class status.

Course of Study

The following is the four-year course of study plan for students beginning at Wilkes Community College in the Business Administration program and completing their B.A.A.S. degree in Business Administration at Lees-McRae College. Since this program has been designed to meet specific educational goals based upon the two participating institutions in this agreement, students should be made aware that this course of study is guaranteed only to meet the transfer requirements into the Business Administration Program. Course substitutions will not be considered unless pre-approved by the Dean of the division.

