

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter clarifies the award and transfer of credit for students participating in Williams-Mystic, the interdisciplinary program in maritime studies offered by Williams College since 1977 in conjunction with Mystic Seaport, the Museum of America and the Sea, in Mystic, Connecticut.

Williams College uses the 4-1-4 calendar which requires students on campus to take 4 courses in the fall semester, 1 project during Winter Study, and 4 courses in the spring semester. *The program of courses taught at Williams-Mystic is considered to be the equivalent of a full semester plus a Winter Study at Williams College.*

Converting credits from one calendar system to another is likely to be more of an approximation than an absolutely accurate replication. If you wish to convert credits from the Williams-Mystic program to semester credits, I suggest that you consider each of our courses to be the equivalent of 4.5 semester hours or *a total of 18 semester-hour credits for the Williams-Mystic program*; if you wish to convert to quarter credits, I suggest that you consider each of our courses to the equivalent of *6.75 quarter hours or a total of 27 quarter-hour credits* for the program.

Should you have any questions about these matters, please do not hesitate to contact me at (413) 597-4286 or via fax at (413) 597-4010.

Thank you!

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