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## General Education Transfer Policy

### Q: What is the General Education Transfer Policy?

**A:** The General Education Transfer Policy lets colleges and universities accept each other's general education requirements for transfer students. Courses that meet General Education Transfer Policy requirements are identified by each institution.

This policy was designed to help students:

Transfer more easily from one public institution to another, and  
To complete approved Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) transfer programs.

### Q: How does the Transfer Policy work?

**A:** Students who complete lower division general education requirements at one public institution will have those courses accepted by other public institutions.

Remember, this policy:

Covers only transfer students, not visiting students.

Is limited to lower division requirements.

Does not cover general education requirements for particular majors.

### Q: How do I get my transfer courses accepted?

**A:** You have to be certified. There are three types of certification:

1. Fully Certified - Students must: complete a general education program of 48 semester hours, including the 33-hour Core Transfer Component; receive an approved AA or AS transfer degree or earn 60 hours of undergraduate credit; and hold a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher. You will need to earn additional general education credits if the receiving institution's general education program requires more than 48 hours.

2. Core Component Certified - Students must: be in good academic standing, and complete the Core Transfer Component. You will need to fulfill the remaining general education requirements of the receiving institution if not satisfied through the Core Transfer Component.

3. Category Certified - Students must: Complete one or more of the five categories in the 33-hour

**GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSFER AGREEMENT  
- Recommended Levels of Certification -**

**I. Category Certification**

A student completing one or more of the following categories is considered “category certified”.

*Communications - 9*

*Humanities - 6*

*Mathematics - 3*

*Natural Sciences - 6*

*Behavioral/Social Sciences – 9*

*Institutional-Specific General Education Course Work – 15*

**II. General Education Certification**

A student completing all of the categories identified above, for a total of 48 hours, is considered “general education certified”.

**III. Full Certification**

A student completing the General Education Certification and the 12-hour specialty component, for a total of 60 hours, is considered “fully certified”. Students completing baccalaureate transfer frameworks have met the requirements for full certification.

Core Transfer Component. You must fulfill all the remaining general education requirements of the receiving institution.

**Q: What is the Core Transfer Component?**

**A:** A total of 33 credit hours in five academic categories:  
Communications -- 9 hours, 6 in written communication and 3 in oral  
Humanities -- 6 hours (e.g., fine arts, philosophy, history, foreign language)  
Behavioral/Social Sciences -- 9 hours (e.g., psychology, sociology, economics)  
Natural Sciences -- 6 hours (e.g., biology, physics, geology)  
Mathematics -- 3 hours, which must include, at a minimum, college algebra

For more information, click on the report below. It's sort of confusing, however, so make sure you talk with your college advisor about meeting all the requirements.

**Q: How Do I Find Out Which Courses Meet General Education Requirements?**

**A:** Be sure to check the catalog of the college or university you're attending.  
Check with your academic advisor.  
Check the [General Education Course List](#).

**Q: How do I get more information?**

**A:** Please read the [General Education Transfer Report](#) or send an e-mail request to [deborah.jackson@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:deborah.jackson@mail.state.ky.us)

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