

Policy Title: General Education

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Purpose: This policy describes East Tennessee State University's undergraduate general education requirements.

Policy

- I. General Education Requirements
 - A. ETSU's general education requirements are as follows:
 1. Communication (9 credits, consisting of 6 credits of written composition and 3 credits of oral communication)
 2. Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits, consisting of 3 credits of literature, 3 credits of fine arts, and 3 credits of humanities electives)
 3. Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
 4. History (6 credits)
 5. Natural Sciences (8 credits)
 6. Mathematics (3-4 credits)
 - B. ETSU's undergraduate catalog publishes a list of courses satisfying these requirements.
 - C. Students who have completed an associate degree designed for transfer at a regionally accredited college or university have satisfied ETSU's general education requirements.
 - D. ETSU's general education requirements do not apply to students who have completed a baccalaureate degree at ETSU or another regionally accredited college or university and are pursuing a second bachelor's degree.
- II. Transfer Credits and General Education
 - A. Transfer students from Tennessee Board of Regents community colleges without associate degrees who completed blocks of general education requirements at those schools have satisfied the corresponding blocks in ETSU's general education core.
 - B. ETSU will conduct a course-by-course evaluation and apply transfer courses toward its general education requirements as appropriate for transfer students from TBR community colleges who did not complete general education blocks and transfer students from other institutions.
 - C. When ETSU requires students to complete a particular general education course with a minimum grade (e.g., C), this requirement also applies to that course in transfer.
 - D. Some majors at ETSU require students to complete courses that also satisfy general education requirements. Transfer students who took other courses at previous institutions to meet those general education requirements must still take the courses required for the major at ETSU.

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