

Policy Title: Undergraduate Degree Requirements

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

Policy:

- I. The undergraduate catalog lists all undergraduate degree requirements. These requirements include the following:

- A. Earn a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in each of the following:

1. All courses taken at ETSU
 2. Major
 3. Minor (if applicable)
 4. Overall

See the policy on Undergraduate Academic Retention Standards for information on how ETSU calculates these GPA. Students must meet all other published GPA requirements for their degree programs.

- B. Minimum of 120 semester credits, with the exception of degree programs approved to exceed the minimum.

1. At least 50 of the credits required for the degree must be earned at four-year colleges or universities.
 2. At least 25% of the total credits required for the degree must be earned at ETSU.
 3. At least six credits in the major must be earned at ETSU.

- C. Fulfillment of general education requirements

1. General education requirements are as follows:
 - a. Communication (9 credits, consisting of 6 credits of written composition and 3 credits of oral communication)
 - b. Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits, consisting of 3 credits of literature, 3 credits of fine arts, and 3 credits of humanities electives)
 - c. Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
 - d. History (6 credits)
 - e. Natural Sciences (8 credits)
 - f. Mathematics (3-4 credits)
 2. ETSU's undergraduate catalog lists courses satisfying general education requirements.
 3. Students who have completed an Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, or Associate of Science in Teaching degree at a regionally accredited college or university have satisfied ETSU's general education requirements.

4. 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.
 5. See ETSU's general education policy for other provisions governing fulfillment of general education requirements, including application of transferred courses.
- D. Credits earned in remedial or developmental courses are not applicable to ETSU's baccalaureate degree requirements.

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