Guidelines for Implementation of WSU’s General Education Transfer Policy

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COURSES COMPLETED PRIOR TO MATRICULATION AT WSU

Areas I Through V

A transfer course completed prior to matriculation at WSU that meets any one of the following three criteria may be applied toward WSU’s general education requirements.

I. The course is equivalent to a WSU General Education course.

II. The course was completed at an institution with an approved Ohio Transfer Module and both of the following conditions are satisfied:
   a) The course is included in the institution’s Transfer Module.
   b) The course significantly addresses the learning objectives of an Area of WSU’s General Education Program.

III. The course was completed at an institution without an approved Ohio Transfer Module and both of the following conditions are satisfied:
   a) The course is included in the institution’s General Education program.
   b) The course significantly addresses the learning objectives of an Area of WSU’s General Education Program.

A transfer course that meets one of the above criteria may be applied to any of General Education Areas I through V for which the learning objectives are significantly addressed.

Area VI

To be applicable to an Area VI General Education requirement a transfer course must be equivalent to the WSU General Education course being replaced unless otherwise approved by the unit whose requirement is to be met.

COURSES COMPLETED SUBSEQUENT TO MATRICULATION AT WSU

Areas I Through V

To be applicable to an Area I through Area V General Education requirement, a transfer course completed subsequent to matriculation at WSU must be equivalent to the WSU General Education course being replaced.

Area VI

To be applicable to an Area VI General Education requirement a transfer course must be equivalent to the WSU General Education course being replaced unless otherwise approved by the unit whose requirement is to be met.
APPROVED TRANSFER MODULE COURSES

The following list of Transfer Module/General Education courses are applicable to the WSU GE Areas indicated if completed prior to matriculation at WSU in accordance with the preceding general Guidelines. This inventory will be updated and expanded, as circumstances require.

The course titles reflect common titles from Transfer Module/General Education courses across the state, and therefore have been approved by a Faculty Subcommittee through OBOR. All courses should be broad, introductory courses at the 100- or 200-level.

Area 1 – Composition and Mathematics

Composition:
- Introduction to Writing
- Writing 1 & 2
- Freshmen Composition

Mathematics:
(Note: Course must have Intermediate Algebra or H.S. Algebra II as a prerequisite.)
- Math for Liberal Arts
- Math Concepts
- Finite Math
- Statistics
- Any Transfer Module approved Statistics or Calculus course

Area II – Cultural-Social Foundation

History:
- Western Civilization
- American History
- American Civilization
- European History
- Any Transfer Module approved History or Civilization course that focuses primarily on the western world

Non-Western World:
- Any introductory 100- or 200-level course dealing primarily with Africa, Asia, Latin America or the Middle East

Area III – Human Behavior

Economics:
(Note: Course must include both macro and microeconomics.)
- General Economics
- Principles of Economics

Political Science:
- Introduction to Politics
- American Politics
- American Government
- International Politics
- Comparative Governments
Psychology:
   Introduction to Psychology
   Psychology 1 & 2

Sociology:
   Introduction to Sociology
   Sociology 1 & 2
   Modern Society
   Introduction to Women’s Studies

Area IV – Human Expression

Great Books:
   Introduction to Literature
   World Literature (counted here when the focus is primarily Western literature)
   American Literature
   British Literature
   Old Testament
   New Testament
   Introduction to the Bible
   Poetry Appreciation
   Fiction
   Drama
   Short Stories
   Women’s Literature
   French Literature, German Literature, Spanish Literature, etc. not used in the
   nonwestern category
   Any Transfer Module approved Literature course

Fine and Performing Arts:
(Non: Course must be primarily an appreciation course, not performance-based.)
   Introduction to Art
   Introduction to Music
   Introduction to Theatre
   Art History
   Music History
   Music Literature
   Theatre History
   Dance Appreciation
   History of Dance
   Film Appreciation
   Any Transfer Module approved Fine Arts course

Area V – Natural and Physical Sciences

(Note: Any introductory course in Biology, Chemistry, Geology or Physics with a laboratory component that is included in another institution’s general education program may be counted in Area V.)
   Anatomy and Physiology
   Astronomy
   Ecology
   Oceanography
   Environmental Science
   Any Transfer Module approved Natural or Physical Science course that includes a laboratory component
Note: Any additional Transfer Module courses not applied to the categories above may count toward the required 54 hours in general education provided the area distribution requirements have been satisfied (using courses listed above) and the courses were completed prior to matriculation to WSU. Furthermore, additional general education courses completed at an institution without an Ohio Transfer Module may be counted in the same manner.