

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS



General Education - Philosophy of General Education

The purpose of the general education core is to ensure that college students have the broad knowledge and skills to become life-long learners in a global community that will continue to change.

General education provides critical thinking skills for people to continue to seek truths, to discover answers to questions, and to solve problems. Specifically, educated people are literate in and practice the various methods of communication. They recognize their place in the history, culture, diverse heritages of Tennessee, the United States and the world. They appreciate the web of commonality of all humans in a multicultural world and are prepared for the responsibilities of an engaged citizenship. They recognize the ethical demands of our common lives. They demonstrate the skills and knowledge of the social and behavioral sciences to analyze their contemporary world. They are familiar with the history and aesthetics of the fine arts. They understand the scientific and mathematical views of the world, and they put those disciplines into practice.

Finally, the general education core provides for its citizens the means to make a better living. Above all, perhaps, it enables its citizens to make a better life.

Common Catalog Statement Regarding General Education

Effective fall semester 2004, each institution in the State University and Community College System of Tennessee (the Tennessee Board of Regents System) will share a common lower-division general education core curriculum of forty-one (41) semester hours for baccalaureate degrees and the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees. Lower-division means freshman and sophomore courses. The courses comprising the general education curriculum are contained within the following subject categories:

Baccalaureate Degrees and Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees*

Communication	9 hours**
Humanities and/or Fine Arts (At least one course must be in literature)	9 hours
Social/Behavioral Sciences	6 hours
History	6 hours***
Natural Sciences	8 hours
Mathematics	3 hours
Total	41 hours

*Foreign language courses are an additional requirement for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees. Six hours of foreign language are required for the A.A. degree and twelve hours are required for the B.A. degree.

**Six hours of English Composition and three hours in English oral presentational communication are required.

***Students who plan to transfer to Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) universities should take six hours of United States History (Tennessee History may substitute for three of the hours). Students who plan to transfer to University of Tennessee System universities, out-of-state, or private universities should check requirements and take the appropriate courses.

Although the courses designated by TBR institutions to fulfill the requirements of the general education subject categories vary, transfer of the courses is assured through the following means:

- Upon completion of an A.A or A.S. degree, the requirements of the lower-division general education core will be complete and accepted by a TBR university in the transfer process.
- If an A.A. or A.S. is not obtained, transfer of general education courses will be based upon fulfillment of complete subject categories. (Example: If all eight hours in the category of Natural Sciences are complete, then this "block" of the general education core is complete.) When a subject category is incomplete, course-by-course evaluation will be conducted. The provision of block fulfillment pertains also to students who transfer among TBR universities.

- Institutional/departmental requirements of the grade of "C" will be honored. Even if credit is granted for a course, any specific requirements for the grade of "C" by the receiving institution will be enforced.
- In certain majors, specific courses must be taken also in general education. It is important that students and advisors be aware of any major requirements that must be fulfilled under lower-division general education.

Associate of Applied Science (A. A. S.) Degrees

English Composition	3 hours
Humanities/Fine Arts	3 hours*
Social/Behavioral Sciences	3 hours*
Natural Science/Mathematics	3 to 4 hours*
One additional course from the categories of Communication, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Natural Science/Mathematics	3 to 4 hours*
Total	15 to 17hours

* Specific courses satisfying these requirements must be the same courses that satisfy the general education requirement for the Associate (A.A./A.S.) and Baccalaureate degrees.

Courses designated to fulfill general education by Southwest are published on "Courses That Fulfill Requirements In The Six Subject Categories" of this Web site. A complete listing of the courses fulfilling general education requirements for all system institutions is available on the TBR Web site (www.tbr.state.tn.us) under Transfer and Articulation Information.

Subject Categories and Required Hours

The following description identifies the number of hours needed in each of the six general education subject categories for the A.A.S., A.A., and A.S. degrees. Before making any decisions about which general education courses to take, be sure to check your program requirements first. Courses satisfying general education requirements are listed on the pages that follow this description.

1. For the A.A.S. Degree, students should see their program requirements before making decisions about general education courses. To satisfy the 15-hour minimum, all students take:
 - English Composition I, ENGL 1010, from the category of Communication (3 hours)
 - one course from the category of Humanities and/or Fine Arts (3 hours)
 - one course from the category of Social/Behavioral Sciences (3 hours)
 - one course from either Natural Sciences or Mathematics (3-4 hours)
 - one additional course from Communication, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, Natural Sciences, or Mathematics (3-4 hours).
2. For A.A.¹ and A.S. degrees, students should check their program requirements before making decisions about general education courses. To satisfy the 41-hour minimum, all students take:
 - three courses (9 hours) in Communication: English Composition I, English Composition II, and one SPCH course, either Public Speaking (SPCH 1110) or Oral Communication (SPCH 2010)
 - three courses (9 hours) in Humanities or Fine Arts, of which one course must be in literature, designated with an ENGL 2000 or higher course identification
 - two courses (6 hours) in Social/Behavioral Sciences
 - two courses (6 hours) in History²
 - two courses (8 hours) in Natural Sciences
 - one course (3 hours) in Mathematics

¹ Foreign Language courses are an additional 6-hour requirement for the A.A. Degree.

² Students who plan to transfer to TBR universities should take six hours of United States History. Students who plan to transfer to University of Tennessee System universities or to out-of-state or private universities should check requirements and take the appropriate courses.

The General Education Program

Courses that Fulfill Requirements in the Six Subject Categories

The following courses fulfill general education requirements in six subject categories at Southwest. They also transfer to fulfill system-wide requirements at other TBR colleges and universities.

Communication

ENGL	1010	English Composition I	3
ENGL	1020	English Composition II	3
SPCH	1110	Public Speaking	3
SPCH	2010	Oral Communication	3

Humanities/Fine Arts*

ENGL	2110	American Literature I	3
ENGL	2120	American Literature II	3
ENGL	2130	Contemporary American Literature	3
ENGL	2210	British Literature I	3
ENGL	2220	British Literature II	3
ENGL	2310	World Literature I	3
ENGL	2320	World Literature II	3
ENGL	2650	African-American Literature	3
ENGL	2340	World Fiction	3
ART	1030	Art Appreciation	3
MUS	1030	Music Appreciation	3
THEA	1030	Theater Appreciation	3
ENGL	1065	Introduction to Film	3
PHIL	1030	Introduction to Philosophy	3
ETHC	2030	Ethics	3
PHIL	2030	Values in the Modern World	3

*For the A.A. and A.S degrees, one course in Humanities and/or Fine Arts must be in literature, designated with an ENGL 2000 or higher course identification.

Group 3: Social/Behavioral Sciences

ANTH	2010	Cultural Anthropology	3
ECON	2010	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
ECON	2020	Principles of Microeconomics	3
GEOG	1030	World Geographic Regions	3
HPER	1570	Wellness Perspectives	3
POLI	2010	American National Government	3
SOCI	1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI	1020	Social Problems	3
SOCI	2040	The Family in Global Perspective	3
PSYC	1010	General Psychology I	3
PSYC	1020	General Psychology II	3
HIST	2030	African-American History	3

History*

HIST	1110	Survey of World Civilizations I	3
HIST	1120	Survey of World Civilizations II	3
HIST	2010	Survey of the United States to 1877	3
HIST	2020	Survey of the United States since 1877	3

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Natural Sciences*

BIOL	1010	Introduction to Biology I	4
BIOL	1020	Introduction to Biology II	4
BIOL	1110	General Biology I	4
BIOL	1120	General Biology II	4
CHEM	1010	Introduction to Chemistry I	4
CHEM	1020	Introduction to Chemistry II	4
CHEM	1110	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM	1120	General Chemistry II	4
GEOG	1010	Physical Geography I	4
GEOG	1020	Physical Geography II	4
PHYS	1010	Introduction to Physics	4
PHYS	1030	Introduction to Astronomy (Lecture)	3
PHYS	1031	Introduction to Astronomy (Laboratory)	1
PHYS	2010	General Physics I	4
PHYS	2020	General Physics II	4
PHYS	2110	Physics for Science and Engineering I	4
PHYS	2120	Physics for Science and Engineering II	4
PSCI	1010	Physical Science I	4
PSCI	1020	Physical Science II	4

*Anatomy and Physiology I and II can serve as substitutes for the natural science requirement for nursing and allied health students.

Mathematics

MATH	1410	Foundation of Mathematics I*	3
MATH	1530	Statistics	3
MATH	1630	Finite Mathematics	3
MATH	1830	Elementary Calculus	4
MATH	1910	Calculus and Analytic Geometry I	4

*Foundations of Mathematics I fulfills the general education requirement only for students in programs that also require Foundations of Mathematics II.

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Political Science	104
Pre-Law	105
Psychology	106
Public Administration	107
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