

Minimum General Education CORE Credit Requirements

WTCS General Education Categories	Credit Minimums
Communication	6
Humanities & Fine Arts	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
¹ Natural Sciences	4
Quantitative Reasoning	3
Civics & Perspectives	3
² Flexible Credits	5
Minimum CORE Credits	30

Remaining AA/AS Degree Credit Requirements	Credits
³ Additional Local Occupational or Gen Ed Credits	30
Total Degree Credit Requirements	60

¹Natural Science course must include a lab.

²Flexible Credits: These credits are locally determined by each college in a configuration best aligned with transfer, preferably at junior status, to a four-year university or college. A college may allocate these credits to additional requirements beyond the WTCS required minimum in any of the General Education categories.

³Colleges may allocate the additional local occupational or gen ed credits to:

- Additional requirements beyond the minimum WTCS GE CORE within any General Education category; and/or
- Occupational courses that have recognized transfer equivalency and are included in a student's designated transfer plan.

Additional Considerations

Local General Education Degree Requirements – *College may keep or establish additional local requirements for AA/AS degrees based on local decisions to support occupational area and transfer partner requirements. These may include but are not limited to:*

- *Global Studies & Languages*
- *Diversity / Ethnic Studies*

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Traditional Degree Structures - All allocations should align with established transfer agreements and intended bachelor's degree pathways to promote efficient credit applicability.

- AA degrees have a higher concentration of Humanities & Fine Arts and/or Social & Behavioral Sciences courses than Natural Sciences and/or Quantitative Reasoning courses.
- AS degrees have a higher concentration of Natural Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning and/or Social & Behavioral Sciences than Humanities & Fine Arts courses.

Draft Category Definitions

Communications – courses focus on the study of how people convey and interpret messages across various mediums within different contexts. These include reading, writing, listening, public speaking interpersonal communication, media studies, rhetoric, digital communication, and communication theory.

Humanities and Fine Arts – courses explore human culture, creativity, and expression. Humanities analyze human experience with creative and critical thinking and encompass a broad range of disciplines including literature, philosophy, history, and religion. Fine arts also focus on the creation and appreciation of visual and performing arts.

Social and Behavioral Sciences – courses study human behavior and societal interactions. These fields aim to understand how individuals and groups behave, make decisions, and interact within various social contexts. Social sciences focus on human behavior in social contexts. This category encompasses a broad range of disciplines that include sociology, anthropology, political science, economics, and human geography. Behavioral sciences concentrate on understanding human actions, psychology, and cognitive sciences, especially at the individual level.

Natural Sciences – courses encompass the study of the natural world through observation, experimentation, and critical thinking. This broad field includes diverse disciplines that explore the physical universe and the life forms within it, including biological, chemical and physical sciences.

Quantitative Reasoning – courses focus on developing the ability to apply mathematical concepts and skills to everyday scenarios. These courses aim to enhance logical and analytical thinking to interpret and analyze quantitative data effectively. Course studies may include such topics as mathematical skills, problem-solving, data interpretation, finance, statistical analysis and logical reasoning.

Civics and Perspectives - courses focus on exploring the variety of human experiences, identities, and cultures around the world. These courses examine the varying historical and

contemporary experiences of different groups across societies as well as the rights, duties, and responsibilities of citizenship within those societies.