

## 3357:13-13-03 Policy on General Education

- (A) The following definition of general education and credit hour requirements for general education (as set forth by the Ohio Department of Higher Education) has been adopted as the official policy of North Central State College for all degree programs.

Definition: "General education is 'general' in several clearly identifiable ways: it is not directly related to a student's formal, technical, vocational, or professional preparations; it is a part of every student's course of study, regardless of his or her area of emphasis; it is intended to impart common knowledge, intellectual concepts, and attitudes that every educated person should possess."

### (B) General Education Guidelines for all Ohio Public Institutions

- (1) Applied Associate Degrees Applied associate degrees (Associate of Applied Business, Associate of Applied Science, Associate of Technical Studies, and Associate of Individualized Studies), must include at least 30 semester hours of non-technical coursework, which includes both general education and applied general education (i.e., "basic") courses. The general education portion of the non-technical coursework must include at least 15 semester credit hours.
- (2) A minimum of six semester hours must be found in the following two categories:
  - (a) At least one course (three semester credit hours) in the English Composition and Oral Communication area (e.g., First Writing, Second Writing, Public Speaking)
  - (b) At least one course (three semester credit hours) in the Mathematics, Statistics and Logic area (e.g., Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus, Statistics, Formal/Symbolic Logic)
- (3) A minimum of six semester hours must come from the following three categories, and at least two of the three categories must be represented.
  - (a) At least one course (three semester credit hours) in the Arts and Humanities area (e.g., Art History, Ethics, History, Literature, Philosophy, Religion, Ethnic or Gender Studies)
  - (b) At least one course (three semester credit hours) in the Social and Behavioral Sciences area (e.g., , Communication, History, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology)
  - (c) At least one course (three semester credit hours) in the Natural Sciences area (e.g., Anatomy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Physiology)
- (4) In order to assure maximum transferability, institutions are strongly encouraged to implement general education programs that include coursework in all five general

education categories and to use a three semester hour First Writing course to fulfill the minimum requirement in the English composition and oral communication area.

- (5) Institutions are expected to use approved Ohio Transfer Module (OTM) courses and follow applicable Transfer Assurance Guides (TAGs) when developing general education requirements for their applied associate degrees. However, recognizing that the skills needed for some OTM courses in the mathematics and science areas exceed the skills needed for the successful completion of some applied degrees, OTM-approved courses are not required to fulfill the mathematics and science requirements.
- (C) Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Associate of Science (A.S.) degrees consistent with the belief that the A.A. and A.S. degrees serve as the first two years of a bachelor's degree and to provide maximum transferability of courses from the associate level to the bachelor's level, the general education component of the A.A. and the A.S. degrees at Ohio's public institutions must fulfill the institution's Ohio Transfer Module (OTM).
- (D) Baccalaureate Degrees: For bachelor's degrees (e.g., Bachelor of Arts—BA, Bachelor of Fine Arts—BFA, Bachelor of Music—BM, Bachelor of Science—BS, or Bachelor of Applied Studies—BAS), the minimum general education requirements are the same as for the academic associate degrees. However, many baccalaureate programs require general education coursework beyond those minimum expectations, and students may be required to complete additional general education requirements beyond the minimum upon transfer.

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