



GENERAL EDUCATION POLICY	
Responsible Official: Provost	Responsible Office: Office of the Provost

Policy Purpose

This policy specifies the process for establishing the General Education Curriculum requirements that undergraduate students at East Tennessee State University are required to complete.

Policy Statement

East Tennessee State University provides a General Education Curriculum that aligns with Tennessee law, Tennessee Transfer Pathways, and SACSCOC requirements. The General Education Curriculum, as approved, is published in the course catalog.

I. Review, Approval, and Revision of General Education Curriculum.

The Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs will convene a committee of faculty and staff at least once every ten years to review General Education Curriculum requirements. The committee will make recommendations as needed to revise ETSU's General Education requirements. Academic Council is charged with reviewing and approving the recommendations. Once approved, the curriculum will be updated and published in the course catalog.

II. Requirements.

ETSU undergraduate students must complete the General Education Curriculum requirements as published in the course catalog for the year in which the student first enrolled at ETSU.

A. Transfer Student.

A student who transfers to ETSU with an associate degree, earned from an institution accredited by an [Approved Agency](#), meets the ETSU General Education requirements. For all other transfer students, the student's transcript from the previous institution(s) will be

evaluated pursuant to the Policy on Acceptance and Award of Credit Not Originating from ETSU to determine which credit will be accepted and whether such credit satisfies a General Education Curriculum requirement.

B. Student Pursuing a Second Bachelor's Degree.

A student who previously earned a bachelor's degree from ETSU or an institution accredited by an [Approved Agency](#), does not have to meet the General Education requirements.

C. Major Requirements.

Some majors at ETSU require students to complete courses that also satisfy General Education requirements. Transfer students who took other courses at previous institutions to meet those General Education requirements must still take the courses required for the major at ETSU. Students may have additional major requirements.

Authority: Focus Act § 49-8-203, et. seq.; SACSCOC Principles of Accreditation

Previous Policy:

Defined Terms

A defined term has a specific meaning with regard to this policy.

Approved Agency

Please see the [Approved Agency Policy](#)

Policy History

Effective Date

- a. Initial: 3/24/2017
- b. Revised: 12/14/2023

Procedure

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Related Form(s)

None

Scope and Applicability

Primary: Academics

Secondary: Students