

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL**

**AGENDA ITEM: 4 – C (3) (j)**

**DATE: May 24, 2017**

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**SUBJECT: GE Block Transfer: USD – Western Iowa Technical and Community College**

Board of Regents [Policy 2.5 Transfer of Credit](#) outlines the framework for coordinating the block transfer of General Education coursework for students entering the Regental system with an earned Associates of Art (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree. Institutional Registrars are asked to evaluate the General Education goals and learning outcomes from the sending institution to determine alignment with the AA and AS requirements outlined in BOR [Policy 2:26 Associate Degree General Education Requirements](#). During the August 2016 meeting, AAC approved the creation of the GE Block Transfer Form which shall be used by institution performing the assessment.

Personnel at the University of South Dakota have performed a review of the General Education requirements at Western Iowa Tech & Community College, and recommend the creation of a GE Block Transfer agreement with this institution for students entering the Regental system with an AA degree awarded. The AA degree program at the institution requires a total of 40 credit hours of General Education coursework, and the course equivalencies align with all existing Regental system General Education goals and outcomes except for MATH 117 Math for Elementary Teachers. An additional Mathematics course would be required for student's transferring in with this course.

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve the General Education Block Transfer for the Associate of Arts Degree for students transferring from Western Iowa Technical and Community College.



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**  
**Transfer of General Education Block Credit**

Use this form to evaluate the transferability of the General Education Goals and Curriculum from an Accredited Institution which results in a significant number of student transfer within the Regental system.

University of South Dakota  
**Institution Performing Review**

Western Iowa Technical and Community College  
**Transfer Institution**

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**Institutional Chief Academic Officer Approval Signature**

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**Date**

Which requirements are being applied?    BS/BA    AA

Transferring Institution Accrediting Agency:   North Central Association of College and Schools, The Higher Learning Commission

Number of Transfer Students in the Last 5 Years   47

Identify general education goals at the transferring institution that correspond with current Regental System general education goals. If there is no corresponding goal, leave the box blank. Additionally, identify courses at the transferring institution that would fulfil the transferring institution's general education goals.

System Goals	Transferring Institutional Goals <sup>1</sup>	Sample Courses	Number of Credit Hours Required for AA for Goal
1. Student will write effectively and responsibly and will understand and interpret the written expression of others.	Communicate effectively a. Utilize current information technology specific to the discipline/program b. Write and/or speak using organized, clear and grammatically correct language, appropriate to purpose and audience	<b>English and Speech (9 credits required)</b> Take each of these courses: ENG 105 English Composition I 3 ENG 106 English Composition II 3 SPC 112 Public Speaking 3	9

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.witcc.edu/pdf/catalog.pdf>

System Goals	Transferring Institutional Goals <sup>2</sup>	Sample Courses	Number of Credit Hours Required for AA for Goal
2. Students will communicate effectively and responsibly through listening and speaking.	(included above)	(included above)	(included above)
3. Student will understand organization, potential, and diversity of human community through study of the social sciences	<p>Demonstrate social responsibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Identify the relationships between current and historical events</li> <li>b. Collaborate with others in a team environment</li> <li>c. Examine the impact of diversity within local and global communities</li> <li>d. Examine, analyze and discuss ethical issues</li> </ul>	<p><b>Diversity (3 credit hours required)</b>            CLS 212 or SOC 2012 Diversity</p> <p><b>Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits required)</b>            Take one course from Social and Political Sciences:</p> <p><b>Social and Political Sciences</b>            ECN 120 Principles of Macroeconomics 3            ECN 130 Principles of Microeconomics 3            POL 111 American Government 3            POL 112 State and Local Government 3            PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology 3            PSY 121 Developmental Psychology 3            SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology 3            SOC 120 Marriage and Family 3            *Other accepted courses include: POL 121, 125, 201. See advisor for course selection.            Take one additional course from Social and Political Sciences above or from History and Diverse Cultures:</p> <p><b>History and Diverse Cultures</b>            ANT 105 Cultural Anthropology 3            GEO 121 World Regional Geography 3            HIS 110 Western Civ: Ancient to Early Modern 3-HIS 111 Western Civ: Early Modern to Present 3            HIS 151 US History to 1877 3            HIS 152 US History since 1877 3            *Other accepted courses include: HIS 211, LIT 150, SOC 200, 210.</p>	9

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System Goals	Transferring Institutional Goals <sup>3</sup>	Sample Courses	Number of Credit Hours Required for AA for Goal
4. Students will understand the diversity and complexity of the human experience through study of the arts and humanities.	Demonstrate social responsibility a. Identify the relationships between current and historical events b. Collaborate with others in a team environment c. Examine the impact of diversity within local and global communities d. Examine, analyze and discuss ethical issues	<b>Humanities (9 credits required)</b> Take three courses from at least two subject areas: ART 101 Art Appreciation 3 ART 203 Art History 3 DRA 101 Introduction to Theatre 3 DRA 112 American Film 3 ENG 221 Creative Writing 3 FLF 141 Foreign Language - French 4 FLG 141 Foreign Language - German 4 FLS 141 Foreign Language -Spanish 4 HUM 101 Introduction to Humanities 3 LIT 101 Introduction to Literature 3 MMS 101 Mass Media 3 MUS 100 Music Appreciation 3 PHI 101 Introduction to Philosophy 3 PHI 105 Introduction to Ethics 3 REL 101 Survey of World Religions 3 SPC 122 Interpersonal Communications 3 *Other accepted courses include: ART 204, FL(F,G,S) 142, 231, 232 HUM 220, 133, 185,189, 287, MUS 202, PHI 111, REL 150.	9
5. Students will understand and apply fundamental mathematical process and reasoning.	2. Reason quantitatively, and/or qualitatively a. Demonstrate mathematical concepts including data analysis and interpretation, use of formulas, etc. b. Summarize participant observations, focus groups, open-ended surveys, etc.	<b>Mathematics/Laboratory Science (8 credits required)</b> Must include one math course and one laboratory science course from the following: <b>Mathematics</b> MAT 111 Math for Liberal Arts 4 MAT 121 College Algebra 4 Or approved higher level course. See advisor for course selection.	3

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<b>System Goals</b>	<b>Transferring Institutional Goals<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>Sample Courses</b>	<b>Number of Credit Hours Required for AA for Goal</b>
6. Students will understand the fundamental principles of the natural sciences and apply scientific methods of inquiry to investigate the natural world.		<b>Laboratory Science</b> BIO 105 Introductory Biology 4 BIO 125 Plant Biology 4 BIO 163 Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology 4 CHM 122 Intro to General Chemistry 4 ENV 111 Environmental Science 4 PHS 120 Exploring Physical Science	4
	<b>Distributed Requirement (6 credits required)</b> Take 2 additional courses from any of these areas: Communication, Mathematics, Laboratory Science, Social and Behavioral Sciences, and Humanities	<b>Students must choose a second laboratory science.</b>	6
		SDV 108 The College Experience 1	1
Total General Education Credit Hours Required to Meet BOR Goals			<b>30</b>
Total General Education Credit Hours Required from Transferring Institution			<b>40 (AA)</b>

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