

General Education Transfer Motion (Proposal)

Beginning in the Fall 2021 semester, students who transfer to IU South Bend, and so will complete their degrees under the new General Education program that takes effect that term, shall be subject to the following General Education requirements:

1. Those students who have met all requirements of the 30-credit Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC) will be required to take at least one course in the Common Core at the 300-level.
2. Those students who have not met the requirements of the STGEC but who transfer in with at least 45 credit hours or an Associate's Degree will be required to:
 - a) complete all four requirements in the Fundamental Literacies, or transfer in courses equivalent to those here that meet these requirements;
 - b) take at least one course in the Common Core at the 300-level;
 - c) take at least one course that meets a requirement in Contemporary Social Values;
 - d) fulfill the Extended Literacies requirement by taking a course or course combination that fulfills it, and
 - e) take at least one course that meets the information literacy requirement.
3. Students transferring in without having met the STGEC requirements or with less than 45 credit hours or without having earned an Associate's degree will be subject to the same General Education requirements as new students. Approved transfer courses can fulfill these.

These proposed transfer requirements are summarized in the table below.

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# Credits	General Education Requirements	STGEC Milestone	45+ or Associate's Degree*
12 credits	Fundamental Literacies		
3	Writing	X	✓
3	Oral Communication	X	✓
3	Critical Thinking	X	✓
3	Quantitative Reasoning	X	✓
12 credits	Common Core		
3	Art, Aesthetics, and Creativity	One @ 300 level ✓	One @ 300 level ✓
3	Human Behavior and Social Institutions		
3	Literary and Intellectual Traditions		
3	Natural World		
6 credits	Contemporary Social Values		
3	Diversity in U.S. Society	X	Choose One Option ✓
3	Global Cultures	X	
3 credits	Extended Literacies		
2 1	Health and Wellness (2 credits) + Financial Literacy (1 credit)	X	Choose One Option ✓
3	Health and Wellness (3 credits)	X	
3	Visual Literacy	X	
3	Computer Literacy	X	
Tags	Tagging Requirements		
0	Information Literacy	X	✓
0	First Year Seminar	X	X

*Note: Many students will transfer in with at least some Fundamental Literacies courses.

Key:

✓ = must take or have transfer equivalent (orange cells)

X = do not have to take (grey cells)

Background to the General Education Transfer Motion

This sheet provides information about our current transfer policy for General Education and a rationale for the proposed new policy.

A. The Current Transfer Policy

Currently, there is a three-tier transfer policy; students transferring in to IU South Bend are required to meet the following General Education requirements, dependent on their credits/degrees earned, as summarized in the table below:

Current Transfer Policy for General Education

# Credits	General Education Requirements	STGEC Milestone and <56	STGEC Milestone and 56+	56+ or Associate's Degree
19 credits	Fundamental Literacies			
3	Writing	X	X	✓
3	Oral Communication	X	X	✓
1	Information Literacy	✓	X	X
3	Computer Literacy	X	X	✓
3	Critical Thinking	X	X	X
3	Visual Literacy	✓	X	X
3	Quantitative Reasoning	X	X	✓
12 credits	Common Core			
3	Art, Aesthetics, and Creativity	One @ 300 level ✓	One @ 300 level ✓	One @ 300 level ✓
3	Human Behavior and Social Institutions			
3	Literary and Intellectual Traditions			
3	Natural World			
8 credits	Contemporary Social Values			
3	Diversity in U.S. Society	X	X	Choose One Option ✓
3	Non-Western Cultures	X	X	
2	Health and Wellness	✓	X	X

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B. Rationale for the Proposed Changes

1. The transfer policy proposal detailed in the motion reorganizes the requirements to fit those in the new General Education program that takes effect in the Fall 2021 term.
2. The proposed transfer requirements reflect our commitment to regarding students who have met the 30-credit STGEC milestone as fulfilling their basic General Education requirements; the addition of one 300-level Common Core class is consistent with this, since these classes integrate the fundamental literacies in a higher-level setting, and are unique to IU South Bend.
3. This allows us to simplify by eliminating the leftmost column in the current transfer policy (above), reducing the number of tiers from three to two.
4. The change from 56+ to 45+ is made to ease the transfer process and ensure timely graduation rates.
5. The rightmost column in the new proposal improves consistency by ensuring that students who transfer in without having met the STGEC milestone but who have 45+ credit hours or an Associate's degree have met all the basic requirements of our program; in particular, all four fundamental literacies are now treated on a par.
6. The reduced Common Core and Contemporary Social Values requirements in the current policy are retained in the new one, consistent with the current rationales for doing so.
7. Requirements in the new category of Extended Literacies are also treated consistently with what will be required of students generally when the new program takes effect (choose one 3-credit course or course combination).
8. Overall, there is increased simplicity and consistency in the new proposal.