

# General Education Courses



**Requirements  
for WSSU Transfer Students**



- Second-Degree Transfer Students and
- Students with an A.A. or A.S. degree from a N.C. Community College

*You are NOT required to complete the General Education Course Requirements. You do not have to complete viewing this presentation.*

- If you do NOT have a bachelors degree from an accredited college or university or you have an A.A.S. degree from an accredited college you DO have to meet the General Education Course Requirements for Transfer Students.

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General Education at Winston Salem State University provides the intellectual foundation for both the completion of a major program of study and learning beyond college by affording students a broad based education rooted in the Arts, Humanities and Sciences.



Note under Program Overview that Areas of Knowledge, Learning Outcomes, Curriculum Themes, and Liberal Learning Seminars are all listed. The only concern for transfer students is ***Areas of Knowledge***.

The screenshot shows a university website with a red navigation bar at the top containing the following links: ABOUT, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, CAMPUS LIFE, ADMINISTRATION, CENTERS, and ATHLETICS. Below this is a sidebar menu under the heading "GENERAL EDUCATION". The sidebar items are: Program Overview (highlighted with a black hand-drawn box), Areas of Knowledge, Learning Outcomes, Curriculum Themes, Liberal Learning Seminars, Requirements, Advising, Courses, Publications, and FAQs. The main content area features a photograph of a stone archway with trees in the background. Below the photo is a red header for "Areas of Knowledge". The breadcrumb trail reads: Home » General Education » Program Overview » Areas of Knowledge. The main heading "Areas of Knowledge" is followed by a paragraph of text that is highlighted in blue: "One goal of the General Education curriculum is to expose students to the broad array of subject matter that make up the academy. Sampling among course offerings in the arts, humanities, sciences and mathematics provides students with the opportunity to explore discipline based approaches to understanding the world around them, thus cultivating new lenses from which to view themselves and the human condition. At Winston-Salem State University, students are required to complete at least one course from each of the following areas of knowledge:"

Carefully read this page discussing ***Areas of Knowledge*** from the webpage if the print below is too small. The page should look like the following.

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- **Literature:** Courses designed to engage students in the careful reading and critical analysis of imaginative literature. Through the close reading of selected texts, these courses seek to deepen students' understanding of the ways writers use language to provide both meaning and pleasure for their readers.
- **Historical Studies:** Courses that provide insight into the development of human institutions, their similarities and differences, and the means by which knowledge about the past is acquired.
- **Social/Behavioral Sciences:** Courses that increase students' knowledge of how social and behavioral scientists discover, describe, and explain the behaviors and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, events and ideas.
- **Natural Sciences:** Courses that deal with matter, energy, and their interrelations and transformations or with objectively measurable phenomena.
- **Mathematics and Quantitative Logic:** Courses that focus on patterns and relationships using carefully defined terms and symbols with an emphasis on clarity and argument.
- **Fine Arts:** Courses that highlight the ways in which art is a major defining aspect of culture, as well as on how art reflects the lands and times in which we live.
- **Foreign Language and Culture:** Courses that emphasize development of proficiency in speaking, listening, reading, writing, and culture, as well as content-specific courses in which students continue to expand and refine their linguistic and cultural competence.

# General Education Requirements for Transfer Students

- Reminder: WSSU Transfer Students only have to meet the ***Areas of Knowledge*** (“A of K”) category of General Education requirements. To meet this requirement the student must take at least one course in each of the 7 “A of K”.
- However, a WSSU transfer student must also take a total of 60 credit hours of general education courses. The credit hours from the courses meeting the “A of K” count towards the required 60 credit hours in general education.





*What about my courses that transferred to WSSU but are not a course in 1 of the 7 Areas of Knowledge?*

- There is actually a category “Other” in the Areas of Knowledge. You do not have to take a course in “Other” but if your course transferred as a general education course then as “Other” you are getting credit for the credit hours requirement of 60 credit hours in General Education.

- Special Note: You are allowed to use 30 credit hrs of GENERAL ELECTIVE courses towards the 60 credit hr requirement. In *MOST* cases some your MLT courses can transfer to WSSU as a General Elective.
- Therefore for most of the MLT to CLS DL students taking a course in each A of K plus other gen ed courses to make up 30 hrs of gen ed courses is all that is needed.

***Typically, for the MLT to CLS transfer student:***

***60 hrs of Gen Ed courses =***

21 hrs (7 req Areas of Knowledge courses)

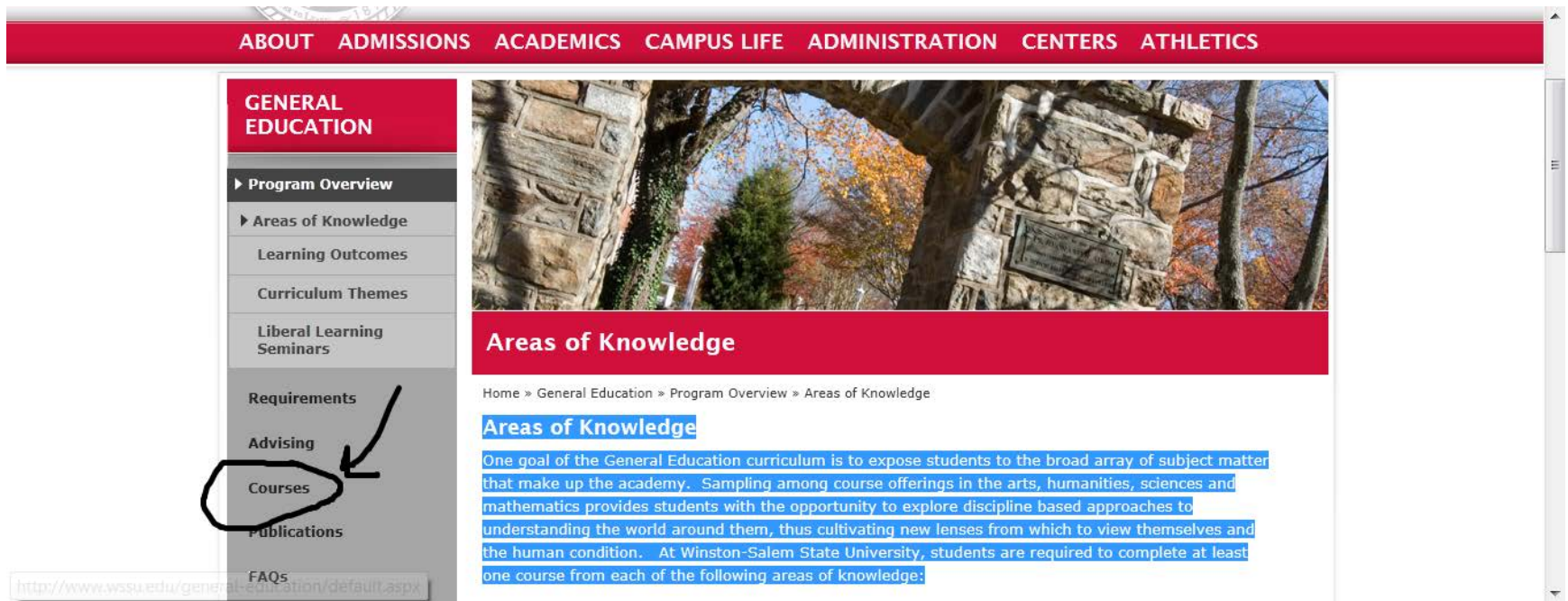
+ 30 hrs of Gen Electives (MLT courses,  
other transferrable courses)

+ 9 hrs gen ed courses of your choice

- In many cases you will have taken general education courses from the same Area of Knowledge. For example most of you transfer in at least 3 courses in the A. of K. “Natural Science.” You are given credit for all 3 of these courses. If each of these courses is a 3 credit hr course then you have met 9 of the required 60 hrs of gen ed courses.

- ***BOTTOM LINE: Transfer hours are usually not the reason you have to take additional courses. Usually it is that you haven't taken a course in each of the A. of K.***

# To find a course you need for an Area of Knowledge category click on *“Courses”*



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# Click on “*Curriculum Guide*”

This page is slow downloading. It continues to be updated although at the time this presentation was written the Curriculum Guide was dated Spring 2012.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Winston-Salem State University website. The navigation bar includes links for prospective students, current students, parents & family, alumni & friends, visitors, and faculty & staff. Below the navigation bar is the university's logo and name, "WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY". To the right of the logo is a "DONATE NOW" button and a search bar. Below the logo and name is a red navigation bar with links for ABOUT, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, CAMPUS LIFE, ADMINISTRATION, CENTERS, and ATHLETICS. The "CAMPUS LIFE" link is highlighted. Below the navigation bar is a sidebar with a red header "GENERAL EDUCATION" and a grey header "Program Overview". The sidebar contains links for "Requirements" and "Advising". The main content area shows a breadcrumb trail "Home » General Education » Courses" and a "Course Information:" section. The "Course Information:" section contains two links: "Curriculum Guide - Spring 2012" and "LLS Courses, IDs, Faculty and Description". An arrow points to the "Curriculum Guide - Spring 2012" link.

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This is a sample of the Curriculum Guide. Remember that ONLY Area of Knowledge pertains to the WSSU Transfer Student. Ignore Learning Outcome & Curricular Theme columns to find courses that you need. Once you have determine that you are lacking a specific Area of Knowledge then find a course that meets the Area of Knowledge requirement.

Course ID	Course Title	SH	General Education Student Learning Outcome	Area of Knowledge	Curricular Theme
AAS 2301	Introduction to African, African-American Studies	3	Critical Reading	Culture & Foreign Language	
ART 1301	Introduction to Art	3	Critical Thinking	Fine Arts	
Art 1307	Visual Literacy	3	Critical Thinking	Fine Arts	

- Your advisor will let you know which Areas of Knowledge you are still lacking. You can check this yourself by comparing what courses transferred to WSSU to the Curriculum Guide.



- Now that you have found a course you would like to take note the course id number. In another presentation you will learn how to learn which courses are offered for an upcoming semester.