



November 17, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Board of Trustees
FROM: Jim Murdaugh, President 
SUBJECT: Associate in Arts Degree Requirements effective Fall 2015

Item Description

This item proposes a new general education package for the Associate in Arts degree, modifies requirements for the Associate in Science degrees, and modifies requirements for additional requirements for the Associate in Arts degree.

Overview and Background

The Florida legislature passed legislation requiring a common core of general education courses to be required at all state universities and state colleges effective Fall 2015. TCC's academic divisions and the Academic Planning Committee have voted to offer all of the proposed state core courses and have revised requirements for the remaining general education courses to align with the core offerings. In addition, to offer students maximum opportunities to select only those courses needed for their transfer major, additional graduation requirements have been reduced. Finally, to better facilitate transfer of the Associate in Sciences degrees, the minimum required 15 credit hours of general education courses will be selected from among the state core courses.

The new Associate in Arts requirements are attached.

Past Actions by the Board

The Board approves curriculum changes as needed throughout the year.

Funding/Financial Implications

There are no new funds requested for this proposal.

Staff Resource

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Recommended Action

To approve the new Associate in Arts requirements and the Associate in Sciences general education requirements.

Proposed General Education Package – effective Fall 2015

General Education Requirements for Associate in Arts Degree (36 Credit Hours)

1. Communications—6 semester hours

Select one course from AREA A and one course from AREA B

Area A. Communication State Core Courses

ENC1101 College Composition 3 credit hour(s)

Area B.

ENC1102 Argument and Persuasion 3 credit hour(s)

ENC1141 Writing about Literature 3 credit hour(s)

MMC1100 Writing for Mass Communication 3 credit hour(s)

2. Humanities—6 semester hours

Select one course from AREA A and one course from AREA B

Area A. Humanities State Core Courses – Completion of ENC 1101 is a prerequisite.

ARH2000 Art Appreciation 3 credit hour(s)

HUM2020 Introduction to Humanities 3 credit hour(s)

LIT2000 Introduction to Literature 3 credit hour(s)

MUL2010 Music Literature/ Music Appreciation 3 credit hour(s)

PHI2010 Philosophy 3 credit hour(s)

THE2000 Theatre Appreciation 3 credit hour(s)

Area B. Completion of the six-hour General Education Communications requirement is a prerequisite.

HUM2210 Humanities of the World I 3 credit hour(s)

HUM2230 Humanities of the World II 3 credit hour(s)

HUM2741 Humanities Abroad II 3 credit hour(s)
ARH2050 Introduction to Art History and Art Criticism I 3 credit hour(s)
ARH2051 Introduction to Art History and Art Criticism II 3 credit hour(s)
ARH2500 Non-Western Art History 3 credit hour(s)
AML2600 African American Literature 3 credit hour(s)
AML2301 Major American Writers 3 credit hour(s)
ENL2000 British Literature 3 credit hour(s)
LIT2100 Masterpieces of World Literature 3 credit hour(s)
THE2100 Introduction to Theatre History 3 credit hour(s)
HUM2525 The American Music Tradition: Jazz 3 credit hour(s)
HUM2529 The American Music Tradition: Popular Music 3 credit hour(s)
MUH2011 Introduction to Music History 3 credit hour(s)
MUH2120 World Music Cultures 3 credit hour(s)
PHI2010 Philosophy 3 credit hour(s)
PHI2100 Introductory Logic 3 credit hour(s)
PHI2600 Ethics 3 credit hour(s)
REL2200 Introduction to Biblical Studies 3 credit hour(s)
REL2300 World Religions 3 credit hour(s)

3. Mathematics—6 semester hours

Select one course from AREA A and one course from AREA B

Area A Mathematics State Core Courses:

MAC1105 College Algebra 3 credit hour(s)
MAC2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I 5 credit hour(s)
STA2023 Introductory Statistics 3 credit hour(s)

MGF1106 Mathematics I for Liberal Arts 3 credit hour(s)

MGF1107 Mathematics II for Liberal Arts 3 credit hour(s)

Note: Any student who successfully completes a mathematics course for which one of the general education core course options in mathematics is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the mathematics core.

Area B.

MAC1114 Precalculus Trigonometry 3 credit hour(s)

MAC1140 Precalculus Algebra 3 credit hour(s)

MAC2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I 5 credit hour(s)

MAC2312 Calculus with Analytic Geometry II 5 credit hour(s)

MAC2313 Calculus with Analytic Geometry III 4 credit hour(s)

MAP2302 Differential Equations I 3 credit hour(s)

STA2122 Introduction to Applied Statistics 4 credit hour(s)

MAC1105 College Algebra 3 credit hour(s)

MAC2233 Calculus for Management 3 credit hour(s)

MAC1147 Precalculus Algebra and Trigonometry 5 credit hour(s)

STA2023 Introductory Statistics 3 credit hour(s)

MGF1106 Mathematics I for Liberal Arts 3 credit hour(s)

MGF1107 Mathematics II for Liberal Arts 3 credit hour(s)

4. Sciences—6 semester hours

Select one course from AREA A and one course from AREA B. The courses must fall in two different categories.

Area A. Science State Core Courses

Category 1 Biological Sciences

BSC1005 Introduction to Biological Sciences 3 credit hour(s)

BSC2010 Biology for Science Majors I 3 credit hour(s)

BSC2085 Anatomy and Physiology I 3 credit hour(s)

Category 2 Physical Sciences

AST1002 Introduction to Astronomy 3 credit hour(s)

CHM1020 Chemistry for General Education 3 credit hour(s)

CHM1045 General Chemistry I 3 credit hour(s)

PHY1020 Energy and Its Environmental Effects 3 credit hour(s)

PHY2048 General Physics I 4 credit hour(s)

PHY1053 Elementary College Physics 3 credit hour(s)

Category 3 Earth Science

ESC1000 Earth and Its Environment 3 credit hour(s)

EVR1001 Introduction to Environmental Science 3 credit hour(s)

Note: Any student who successfully completes a natural science course for which one of the general education core course options in natural science is an immediate prerequisite shall be considered to have completed the natural science core.

Area B.

Category 1 Biological Sciences

BOT1000 Plant Science 3 credit hour(s)

BSC1020 Introduction to Human Biological Sciences 3 credit hour(s)

BSC1050 Environmental Systems 3 credit hour(s)

MCB2004 General Microbiology 3 credit hour(s)

BSC1005 Introduction to Biological Sciences 3 credit hour(s)

BSC2010 Biology for Science Majors I 3 credit hour(s)

BSC2085 Anatomy and Physiology I 3 credit hour(s)

Category 2 Physical Sciences

CHM1030 General Chemistry for Allied Health 3 credit hour(s)

PSC1121 Introduction to Physical Sciences 3 credit hour(s)

AST1002 Introduction to Astronomy 3 credit hour(s)

CHM1020 Chemistry for General Education 3 credit hour(s)

CHM1045 General Chemistry I 3 credit hour(s)

PHY1020 Energy and Its Environmental Effects 3 credit hour(s)

PHY2048 General Physics I 4 credit hour(s)

PHY1053 Elementary College Physics 3 credit hour(s)

Category 3 Earth Science 3 credit hour(s)

GLY1030 Environmental Geology 3 credit hour(s)

GLY2010 Physical Geology 3 credit hour(s)

GLY2160 Geology of the National Parks 3 credit hour(s)

MET1010 Meteorology 3 credit hour(s)

OCE1001 Introductory Oceanography 3 credit hour(s)

ESC1000 Earth and Its Environment 3 credit hour(s)

EVR1001 Introduction to Environmental Science 3 credit hour(s)

General Education Science Course Substitution Waiver Policy

Students may be considered for a waiver of the TCC general education science distribution requirement if the pre-requisite science requirements for their intended major at their transfer institution only include natural science courses in the same discipline (e.g. CHM1045 and PHY2048). Students should contact an academic advisor to verify eligibility for this waiver and then contact the Division of Natural Sciences.

5. Social Science—9 semester hours

Select at least one course from Area A.

Select at least one course from Area B.

Select at least one course from Category 1.

Area A. Social Science State Core Courses

PSY2012 General Psychology 3 credit hour(s)

SYG1000 Principles of Sociology 3 credit hour(s)

ANT2000 Introduction to Anthropology 3 credit hour(s)

POS1041 National Government 3 credit hour(s)

AMH2020 History of the United States II 3 credit hour(s)

ECO2013 Principles of Economics: Macro 3 credit hour(s)

Area B

AMH1041 American Experience I 3 credit hour(s)

AMH1050 American Experience II 3 credit hour(s)

EUH1000 Western Civilization I 3 credit hour(s)

EUH1001 Western Civilization II 3 credit hour(s)

WOH2012 History of Civilization I 3 credit hour(s)

WOH2022 History of Civilization II 3 credit hour(s)

ANT2140 Introduction to Archaeology 3 credit hour(s)

ANT2211 Peoples of the World 3 credit hour(s)

ANT2410 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology 3 credit hour(s)

ANT2511 Introduction to Physical Anthropology 3 credit hour(s)

SOP2002 Social Psychology 3 credit hour(s)

SOP2740 Psychology of Women 3 credit hour(s)

SYG2010 Contemporary Social Problems 3 credit hour(s)

SYG2230 Race and Minority Group Relations 3 credit hour(s)

SYG2340 Human Sexuality 3 credit hour(s)
SYG2361 Thanatology: Dying and Death 3 credit hour(s)
SYG2430 Marriage and the Family 3 credit hour(s)
CHD2220 Child Development 3 credit hour(s)
CHD2240 Adolescent Development 3 credit hour(s)
DEP2004 Human Development: Birth to Senescence 3 credit hour(s)
ECO2023 Principles of Economics: Micro 3 credit hour(s)
GEA2000 World Regional Geography 3 credit hour(s)
GEO1400 Introduction to Human Geography 3 credit hour(s)
HSC1100 Concepts of Positive Living
HSC2200 Principles of Contemporary Health
CLP1001 Psychology of Personal and Social Adjustment

CATEGORY 1

*POS1041 National Government 3 credit hour(s) *also a Social Science Core Course*

*AMH2020 History of the United States II 3 credit hour(s) *also a Social Science Core Course*

AMH2010 History of the United States I 3 credit hour(s)

CPO2001 Introduction to Comparative Politics 3 credit hour(s)

POS1112 State and Local Government 3 credit hour(s)

POS2001 Introduction to Political Science 3 credit hour(s)

INR2002 International Relations 3 credit hour(s)

3 credit hours to be selected from communications, humanities, mathematics, or natural sciences.

Additional Requirements for the Associate in Arts Degree

A. Electives

In addition to the general education requirements listed above (36 semester hours), students must complete 24 semester hours of elective coursework appropriate to the A.A. degree. A total of 60 credit hours is required for the A.A. degree. A maximum of two semester hours of credit in physical education activity courses, including dance courses, may be allowed toward the 60 semester hours required for graduation. This limitation does not include non-activity courses. A total of four semester hours of credit in music organization and music activity courses may be allowed.

Other courses not acceptable toward the A.A. degree are designated in the Course Information section of the catalog.

B. Foreign Language Requirement

Two credits in one foreign language at the secondary level or the equivalent at the postsecondary or college level.

C. Grade Point Average

Minimum 2.0 grade point average in TCC coursework and minimum 2.0 cumulative (all college work) grade point average.

D. TCC Credit

At least 25% of credit hours earned toward degree from TCC