

SECTION: 5.0 STUDENTS

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF GENERAL EDUCATION CORE

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**Title:** Transfer of General Education Core for Students with an Associate or Baccalaureate Degree.

**Background:** This policy defines how transfer students with a Baccalaureate or associate degree will receive equated credit for general education core (including GEM curricula) as part of a transparent and seamless transfer experience.

**Point of Contact:** Registrar & Records

**Other LC State offices directly involved with implementation of this policy, or significantly affected by the policy:** Registrar & Records Office, Division Offices, Dean of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Dean of Professional Studies, Dean of Career & Technical Education, Provost

**Date of approval by LC State authority:** June 12, 2017

**Date of State Board Approval:** N/A

**Date of Most Recent Review:** March 2025

**Policy includes:** The Statewide General Education Policy, Board Policy III.N, Statewide General Education, outlines Idaho's General Education Framework and establishes guidelines for General Education Matriculated (GEM – See figure 1) curricula across all public postsecondary institutions.

Summary of Major Changes incorporated in this revision to the policy: Articulation Agreements and wording to 2B.

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**1. Academic Undergraduate Degrees**

- A. Students who complete requirements for the Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Baccalaureate degrees at a regionally accredited postsecondary institution in Idaho will be considered as satisfying the general education requirement, as defined in Board Policy III.N., upon transfer to LC State and will not be required to complete any additional general education requirements; unless a specific general education class is required to meet a specific program requirement.
- B. Students who have completed thirty-one (31) credits or more of the general education curricula must fit within the General Education Matriculation (GEM) competency areas, as defined in Board Policy III.N, without an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree and transfer from a regionally accredited postsecondary institution in Idaho, may be required to complete six (6) additional “institutionally defined” general education requirements at LC State.
- C. If a student has completed a GEM course(s) but has not completed the entire General Education Matriculation or an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree, those GEM courses will be applied towards the associated GEM competency requirements at LC State.  
  
Students transferring with an earned Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Applied Science, Associate of Arts, or Associate of Science degree from a regionally or nationally faith-based accredited institution in Idaho have met the LC State general education core requirements.
- D. Students transferring from any regionally accredited institution within the United States who have completed the equivalent of the Idaho State Board of Education's general education core either with an AA or AS, or have their transcript noted “Core Certified” will be assessed on an individual basis. If core requirements have been met, they will be identified as “core complete.” If three or more core components are absent, the student will be required to complete the

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necessary core coursework in order to meet LC State's General Education Core requirements, unless a specific articulation agreement approved by both institutions states otherwise.

- E. Completion of General Education with courses transferred from other institutions does not necessarily mean that program specific core requirements have been satisfied. Students must work closely with advisors to ensure that all core specific program requirements are met.
- F. International students who transfer in four-year BA or BS degrees from their home country will be reviewed on an individual basis. Generally, Core completion is NOT granted due to English language requirements.

**2. Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degrees**

- A. If a student satisfactorily completes a GEM course(s) as part of the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree and then subsequently transfers to LC State, those GEM courses will be applied towards the associated GEM competency at LC State.
- B. A student who completes an AAS degree may pursue an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Applied Science degree focused on completing any additional general education coursework required and upper-level academic coursework.
- C. An Associate of Applied Science degree typically does not meet the requirements for the General Education and will be reviewed on an individual basis.
- D. Completion of General Education with courses transferred from other institutions does not necessarily mean that program specific core requirements have been satisfied. Students must work closely with advisors to ensure that all core specific program requirements are met.
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Figure 1. GEM Categories:

Written Communication	Scientific Ways of Knowing
Oral Communication	Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing
Mathematical Ways of Knowing	Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing

**3. Articulation Agreements**

- A. LC State has a number of program specific articulation agreements with community colleges and universities in the Pacific Northwest, including co-admission/co-enrollment agreements with Idaho institutions. Articulation agreements may be found at [www.lcsc.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-student/articulation-agreements](http://www.lcsc.edu/admissions/apply/transfer-student/articulation-agreements).