General Education

All institutions in the State University and Community College System of Tennessee (The Tennessee Board of Regents System) share a common lower-division general education core curriculum of forty-one (41) semester hours for baccalaureate degrees and the Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science degrees. Lower-division means freshman and sophomore courses. The courses comprising the general education curriculum are contained within the following subject categories:

**Baccalaureate Degrees and Associate of Arts & Associate of Science Degrees***

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*Foreign language courses are an additional requirement for the Associate of Arts (A.A.) and Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degrees. Six hours of foreign language are required for the A.A. degree and twelve hours are required for the B.A.*

**Six hours of English Composition and three hours in English oral presentation communication are required.***

**Students who lack the required one unit (one year) of American history from high school as an admissions requirement must complete six (6) semester hours of American History or three (3) semester hours of American History and three (3) semester hours of Tennessee History to fulfill the history requirement in general education. Otherwise, students may choose from among the history courses approved at a particular institution to fulfill the six-semester hour requirement in history.**

Although the courses designated by Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) institutions to fulfill the requirements of the general education subject categories vary, transfer of the courses is assured through the following means:

- Upon completion of an A.A or A.S. degree, the requirements of the lower-division general education core will be complete and accepted by a TBR university in the transfer process.
- If an A.A. or A.S. is not obtained, transfer of general education courses will be based upon fulfillment of complete subject categories. (Example: If all eight hours in the category of Natural Sciences are complete, then this “block” of the general education core is complete and will transfer.) When a subject category is incomplete, course-by-course evaluation will be necessary. The provision of block fulfillment pertains also to students who transfer within TBR universities.
- Institutional/departmental requirements that a grade of "C“ must be earned will be honored. Even if credit is granted for a course, any specific requirements for the grade of “C” by the receiving institution will be enforced. In certain majors, specific courses must be taken in general education. It is important that students and advisors be aware of any major requirements that must be fulfilled under lower-division general education.

Courses designated to fulfill general education by Nashville State Community College are included in this catalog. A complete listing of the courses fulfilling general education requirements for all system institutions is available on the TBR Web site (www.tbr.edu) under Transfer and Articulation Information.

**General Education Competencies**

Graduates of all Nashville State degree programs are expected to demonstrate competence in six areas needed for success in employment and in pursuit of additional education.

1. Write clear, well-organized documents.
2. Know how to locate, evaluate, and use information sources.
3. Prepare and deliver well-organized oral presentations.
4. Apply mathematical concepts to problems and situations.
5. Use critical thinking skills.
6. Apply scientific thought processes to a range of situations.
Nashville State Community College offers the courses listed below as part of the TBR Common General Education Core for A.A. and A.S. degrees. Students who complete the A.A. or A.S. degree can transfer the entire core to a TBR university; however, only these courses can be used to fulfill the TBR Common General Education core.

**Communication Requirements:**

A.A./A.S. = 9 Credits

**Written Communication (6 Credits required)**

- ENGL 1010 - English Composition I* 3 Credits
- ENGL 1020 - English Composition II* 3 Credits

**Oral Communication (3 Credits required)**

- SPCH 1010 - Fundamentals of Speech Comm* 3 Credits
- SPCH 1112 - Speech* 3 Credits

A.A.S.

- ENGL 1010 - English Composition I* 3 Credits

**History Requirements:**

A.A./A.S. = 6 Credits

- HIST 1110 - World Civilization I 3 Credits
- HIST 1120 - World Civilization II 3 Credits
- HIST 2010 - United States History I 3 Credits *
- HIST 2020 - United States History II 3 Credits *
- HIST 2030 - Tennessee History 3 Credits

A.A.S. = none

**Note:**

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**Science Requirements:**

A.A./A.S. = 8 Credits

- BIOL 1010 - Intro to Biology I* 4 Credits
- BIOL 1020 - Intro to Biology II* 4 Credits
- BIOL 1110 - General Biology I* 4 Credits
- BIOL 1120 - General Biology II* 4 Credits
- BIOL 2010 - Anatomy and Physiology I* 4 Credits
- BIOL 2020 - Anatomy and Physiology II* 4 Credits
- BIOL 2115 - Environmental Science* 4 Credits
- BIOL 2211 - General Botany* 4 Credits
- CHEM 1110 - General Chemistry I* 4 Credits
- CHEM 1120 - General Chemistry II* 4 Credits
- CHEM 1030 - Fundamentals of Chemistry* 4 Credits
- ASTR 1010 - Solar System Astronomy* 4 Credits
- ASTR 1020 - Stellar and Galactic Astronomy* 4 Credits
- GEOL 1040 - Physical Geology* 4 Credits
- GEOL 1110 - Earth Science* 4 Credits
• PSCI 1030 - Survey of Physical Science* 4 Credits
• PHYS 2010 - Non-Calculus Based Physics I* 4 Credits
• PHYS 2020 - Non-Calculus Based Physics II* 4 Credits
• PHYS 2110 - Calculus Based Physics I* 4 Credits
• PHYS 2120 - Calculus Based Physics II* 4 Credits

A.A.S. = 3-4 Credits

• Science or Math 3-4 Credits

Math Requirements:

A.A./A.S = 3 Credits

• MATH 1010 - Math for Liberal Arts* 3 Credits
• MATH 1130 - College Algebra* 3 Credits
• MATH 1530 - Probability/Statistics* 3 Credits
• MATH 1630 - Finite Mathematics* 3 Credits
• MATH 1710 - Precalculus I* 3 Credits
• MATH 1720 - Precalculus II* 3 Credits
• MATH 1730 - Precalculus* 5 Credits
• MATH 1830 - Concepts of Calculus* 3 Credits
• MATH 1910 - Calculus & Analytic Geom I* 4 Credits

A.A.S. = 3 Credits

• Science or Math 3 Credits

Humanities/Fine Arts Requirements:

A.A./A.S. = 9 Credits (3 Credits must be in literature)

• ART 1030 - Art Appreciation* 3 Credits
• ARTH 2010 - Art History I* 3 Credits
• ARTH 2020 - Art History II* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2010 - Literature: Fiction* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2020 - Literature: Poetry and Drama* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2030 - Themes in Literature & Culture* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2110 - Survey of American Lit I* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2120 - Survey of American Lit II* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2133 - Multicultural Literature* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2140 - Introduction to Cinema* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2210 - Survey of British Lit I* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2220 - Survey of British Lit II* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2310 - Survey of World Lit I* 3 Credits
• ENGL 2320 - Survey of World Lit II* 3 Credits
• MUS 1030 - Music Appreciation* 3 Credits
• PHIL 1030 - Introduction to Philosophy* 3 Credits
• PHIL 1111 - Introduction to Ethics* 3 Credits
• PHIL 2022 - Philosophy of Religion* 3 Credits
• PHIL 2200 - World Religions* 3 Credits
• THEA 1030 - Introduction to Theater* 3 Credits

A.A.S. = 3 Credits

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Social Sciences Requirements:

A.A./A.S. = 6 Credits

• ECON 2010 - Macroeconomics* 3 Credits
• ECON 2020 - Microeconomics* 3 Credits
• GEOG 1010 - World Regional Geography I* 3 Credits
• GEOG 1020 - World Regional Geography II* 3 Credits
• POLS 1030 - American Government* 3 Credits
• POLS 2010 - State and Local Government* 3 Credits
• PSYC 1030 - General Psychology* 3 Credits
• PSYC 2120 - Social Psychology* 3 Credits
• PSYC 2130 - Life Span Psychology* 3 Credits
• SOCI 1010 - Introduction To Sociology* 3 Credits
• SOCI 1020 - Social Problems* 3 Credits
• SOCI 2010 - Marriage And Family* 3 Credits

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A.A. Additional Requirement:

• Two semesters of same college-level foreign language

A.A.S. Additional Requirement:

• One (1) additional course from categories of Communications, Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Science, or Natural Science/Mathematics