General Education Requirement Options

Transfer students who have completed 24 or more hours of approved college curricula at an accredited U.S. post-secondary institution since their high school graduation date, before starting classes at WSU as a degree bound student, will have the option of following either the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) Transfer and Articulation General Education policy (A), OR the WSU General Education Program requirements (B).

A. The Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) Transfer and Articulation Policy (2007) indicates that to satisfy "the general education requirements for the bachelor degree of all Kansas public universities, a minimum of 45 credit hours of general education with distribution in the following fields will be required."

12 hours of Basic Skills courses, including:
- 6 hours of English Composition
- 3 hours of Public Speaking or Speech Communication
- 3 hours of college level Mathematics (Algebra)

12 hours of Humanities courses from at least 3 of the following disciplines:
- Art History
- Communication
- History
- Philosophy
- Women's Studies
- Music (not performance courses)
- Dance, Theatre (not performance courses)
- English or Literature
- Modern Languages (3rd semester or above)
- Religion

12 hours of Social and Behavioral Science courses from at least 3 of the following disciplines:
- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Ethnic Studies
- Geography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social Work

9 hours of Mathematics, Natural/Physical Science courses from at least two disciplines:
- Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics
- Mathematics (1 science course must include a lab)

B. The WSU General Education program requires 42 credit Hours:
   - The same Basic Skills courses as above
   - One Fine Arts Introductory course (not performance courses)
   - Humanities: two Introductory courses in two different disciplines
   - Social and Behavioral Sciences: two Introductory courses in two different disciplines and one Further Study course
   - Mathematics & Natural Sciences: Same as KBOR, except some programs do not require a lab science

The details:
1. While completion of an AA or AS degree does not guarantee that either WSU or KBOR General Education requirements have been met, planning and active participation in our dual-advising program during those two years can assure that.
2. General Education courses are: WSU courses that are on the approved list – see the WSU Catalog; and those transfer courses identified in WSU’s data base as meeting WSU General Education guidelines. Gen Ed transfer courses by Kansas institution can be accessed online at www.wichita.edu:
   - Click on “Browse A-Z”, then on “G”, then on “General Education Transfer Courses.”
3. No course in the student’s primary major department may be used to satisfy a General Education requirement.
4. How a course transfers – the WSU equivalency - determines its division (Humanities, Social & Behavioral Sciences, etc.), not the subject area or division at the sending institution.
5. Completion of the University General Education requirements does not mean that specific College course requirements have been met, even though those courses at WSU might also be Gen Ed courses.