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1972
Tennessee State Board of Education transfers responsibilities of General Education to TBR and UT

May 1981 TBR Policy Change
• Establishes 41 SCH as lower division common to all state colleges and universities

March 1987 TBR Policy Change
• Splits 32 SCH transfer Associate and 16 SCH non-transfer (AAS) Career Program General Education
  - AAS: 1 course each in Oral Communications, Written Communications, Mathematics, Humanities or Fine Arts, Social or Behavioral Science, Natural Science (or an additional Mathematics course)

December 1997 TBR Policy Change
• Amends History to American History (at universities OR History sequence (Western Civilization or World History) for transfer

September 2009 TBR Policy Change
• Deletes TCA 49-7-110 History exemption, if taken in high school
• Provides option to all institutions to continue history requirement or Western Civilization
• Adds 2 SCH Physical Education including ROTC marching band or armed forces

December 2010 TBR Policy Change
• Establishes AA, AS, AST and BA/BS at 41 SCH; AAS 15-17 SCH

March 2016 TBR Policy Change
• Specifies Gen Ed Requirement 41 SCH for AA, AS, AST and all baccalaureate degrees as same as in 2004 & 2010
• Clarifies 6 SCH History (specifies whether American, Tennessee or choice of any history course if student didn’t take American History in high school)
• Restates same requirements as those established in Fall 2004 policy

June 1982 TBR Policy Change
Effective 1981-1985 Academic year, establishes prerequisites for General Education math

June 1976 TBR Policy Established
TBR votes to develop new General Education requirements:
For all Bachelor’s students and Associate transfer students entering in Fall 1977.

32 SCH General Education Requirements:
- 6 SCH English Composition
- 9 SCH Humanities (3 in Literature)
- 6 SCH American History (unless exemption through Public Act 1974 in which case they must take 6 SCH of Social Science)
- 9 SCH Natural Science/Physical Science/Mathematics (must include 1 year science or mathematics)

Fall 2004 TBR Policy Change
For all Bachelor’s students and Associate transfer students changing to 41 SCH:
- 9 SCH Communication (6 in English Comp & 3 in Communication)
- 9 SCH Humanities and/or Fine Arts (3 in Literature)
- 6 Social/Behavioral Sciences: ADOE
- 6 SCH History (American History OR in American & 3 in TN History) (omits exemption through Public Act 1974)
- 8 SCH Natural Sciences
- 3 Mathematics

Non-transfer Career Associate (AAS) amended to 15-17 SCH
- 3 SCH English
- 3 SCH Humanities/Fine Arts
- 3 Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 3 SCH Natural Science/Mathematics
- Plus one course 3-4 SCH in Communications, Humanities, Fine Arts, or Natural Science/Mathematics

December 2010 TBR Policy Change
Establishes transfer pathway to consist of sixty (60) hours of instruction that a student can transfer and apply toward the requirements for a bachelor’s degree at a public institution that offers the transfer pathway. The sixty (60) hours of instruction in a transfer pathway shall consist of forty-one (41) hours of general education courses instruction and nineteen (19) hours of pre-major courses instruction, or elective courses instruction that count toward a major, as prescribed by the commission, which shall consider the views of chief academic officers and faculty senates of the respective campuses. Establishes the 41 SCH lower division general education core common to all state colleges and universities fully transferable as a block to satisfy subject category of general education. The nineteen-hour lower division AA/AS area of emphasis articulated to a baccalaureate major shall be universally transferable as a block satisfying lower division major requirements to any public university offering that degree program major.

Public Chapter 689 House Bill 2578
Reiterates the 41 hour general education as states in 2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 7, Part 1, 49-7-202(1) (A-D)

APSU
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communications: 6 SCH English and 3 SCH Oral Communications
- 9 SCH Humanities/Fine Arts: To include 3 SCH World Literature (For AFA in Music 3 SCH with Humanities completed at University)
- 6 SCH Social/Behavioral Science
- 6 SCH History: Students who lack one year of American History from High School must complete 6 SCH American History OR 3 American History and 3 Tennessee History. Otherwise, students choose 6 SCH approved History courses.
- 8 SCH Natural Science
- 3 SCH Mathematics

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ETSU
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communications: 6 SCH Written Composition, 3 SCH Oral Communications
- 9 SCH Humanities and/or Fine Arts: 3 SCH each in Literature, Fine Arts and Humanities electives
- 6 SCH Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 6 SCH History
- 8 SCH Natural Sciences
- 3-4 SCH Mathematics

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MTSU
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communication: 6 SCH Written Communication, 3 SCH Oral Communication
- 9 SCH Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 SCH in Literature, 3 SCH from two additional Humanities areas (all must have different course prefixes)
- 6 SCH Social/Behavioral Sciences from 2 different course prefixes
- 6 SCH History: Lists 6 SCH of US and 3 SCH Tennessee History in (A-D)
- 8 SCH Natural Sciences
- 3 SCH Mathematics

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TSU
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communications: 6 SCH English Composition, 3 SCH Oral Presentation
- 9 SCH Humanities and/or Fine Arts including 3 SCH Literature, 3 SCH Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 6 SCH History
- 8 SCH Natural Sciences
- 3 SCH Mathematics

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TTU
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communications: 6 SCH English Composition, 3 SCH Oral Presentation
- 9 SCH Humanities and/or Fine Arts including 3 SCH Literature

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UM
- 41 SCH
- 9 SCH Communication: 6 SCH English Composition, 3 SCH Oral Presentation
- 9 SCH Humanities and/or Fine Arts including 3 SCH Literature
- 3 SCH Social/Behavioral Sciences
- 3 SCH History: Students who lack one year of American History from High School must complete 6 SCH American History OR 3 American History and 3 Tennessee History.
- 8 SCH Natural Sciences
- 3 SCH Mathematics

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15 SCH minimum for Associates 30 SCH minimum for Bachelors
At least 2 course each: Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Science, and Natural Science/Mathematics (Not skills, technique or procedures specific to occupations/professions)

Acts 1974, Chapter 767, § 1, 2
- Allows institutions to substitute 3 SCH of TN History for existing 6 SCH American History Requirement
- If degree program is exempt from History requirement, the student must substitute 6 SCH in Social Sciences
- Exemptions may be requested by President to Board

Acts 1975, Chapter 170 § 1

T.C.A. §49-3253

Acts 2009, Ch. 204 § 1

2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 7, Part 1, 49-7-110
Requires 6 SCH in American History for all baccalaureates unless exempted by regulation or Board. If didn’t complete a course in American History in High School
Gives student option to substitute 3 SCH of Tennessee History for 3 SCH of American History

2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 7, Part 1, 49-7-202(1) (A-D)
Establishes transfer pathway to consist of sixty (60) hours of instruction that a student can transfer and apply toward the requirements for a bachelor’s degree at a public institution that offers the transfer pathway. The sixty (60) hours of instruction in a transfer pathway shall consist of forty-one (41) hours of general education courses instruction and nineteen (19) hours of pre-major courses instruction, or elective courses instruction that count toward a major, as prescribed by the commission, which shall consider the views of chief academic officers and faculty senates of the respective campuses. Establishes the 41 SCH lower division general education core common to all state colleges and universities fully transferable as a block to satisfy subject category of general education. The nineteen-hour lower division AA/AS area of emphasis articulated to a baccalaureate major shall be universally transferable as a block satisfying lower division major requirements to any public university offering that degree program major.
At least 1 course each: Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Science, and Natural Science/Mathematics (Not skills, technique or procedures specific to occupations/professions)

15 SCH minimum for Associates
30 SCH minimum for Bachelors

12 SCH Fine Arts & Humanities
6 SCH Rhetoric & Writing
3 SCH Non-Eastern Culture
plus
6 SCH Behavioral and Social Science
7-8 SCH Natural Sciences
3 SCH Statistics

2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 7, Part 1, 49-7-110
Require 6 SCH in American history for all baccalaureates unless exempted by regulation or Board if didn’t complete a course in American history in High School
Gives student option to substitute 3 SCH of Tennessee History for 3 SCH of American History
(a) No person shall be granted a baccalaureate degree of any kind from any institution of higher learning supported or maintained by the state, or from any community college supported or maintained by the state, unless the person has earned credit in American history, consisting of six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours.
Persons who pursue baccalaureate degrees in those areas of study exempted either by regulation of the board of regents or by regulations or delegated authority of the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee, are not required to meet the requirements of this section if they have successfully completed a course in American history in high school.

Public Chapter 869 House Bill 2578
Reiterates the 41 hour general education as states in 2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 7, Part 1, 49-7-202 (2) (A-D)

UT System institutions operate under 2010 T.C.A. 49, Ch., 9 which does not specify any requirement for General Education as proposed in previous TCA 49 chapters

UT System institutions comply with SACS/COC requirements
15 SCH minimum for Associates
30 SCH minimum for Bachelors
At least 1 course each: Humanities/Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Science, and Natural Science/Mathematics (Not skills, technique or procedures specific to occupations/professions)