

## 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 and Associate of Science Degrees\***

Communication . . . . .	.9 hours**
Humanities and/or Fine Arts (At least one course must be in literature.)	9 hours
Social/Behavioral Sciences . . . . .	.6 hours
History . . . . .	.6 hours***
Natural Sciences . . . . .	.8 hours
Mathematics . . . . .	.3 hours
Total . . . . .	.41 hours

- \* 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 presentational 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.) When a subject category is incomplete, course-by-course evaluation will be conducted. The provision of block fulfillment pertains also to students who transfer within TBR universities.

Institutional/departmental requirements of the grade of “C” 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 also 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 published on pages 120–121 of 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](http://www.tbr.edu)) under Transfer and Articulation Information.

## General Education Competencies

These competencies prepare students for success in employment and in pursuit of additional education. The curriculum of all majors will integrate and reinforce the competencies, although specific applications will vary among majors.

Graduates of Nashville State degree programs will be able to:

1. Write clear, well-organized documents;
2. Locate, evaluate, and use multiple sources of information;
3. Prepare and deliver well-organized oral presentations;
4. Participate as team members and team leaders;
5. Apply mathematical concepts to problems and situations;
6. Use critical thinking skills;
7. Use and adapt current technologies;
8. Appreciate cultural diversity and the influence of history and culture; and
9. 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.S. or A.A.

degree can transfer the entire core to a TBR university. However, only these courses apply to the TBR Common General Education core.

<b>Communication Requirements:</b>	<b>A.A./A.S. = 9 hours</b>	<b>A.A.S. = ENGL 1010</b>
	<b>Writing Communication (6 hours required)</b>	
	ENGL 1010	English Composition I
	ENGL 1020	English Composition II
	<b>Oral Communication (3 hours required)</b>	
SPCH 1010	Speech	
SPCH 1112	Fundamentals of Speech Communication (Effective Fall Semester 2010)	
<b>History Requirements:</b>	<b>A.A./A.S. = 6 hours</b>	<b>A.A.S. = none</b>
HIST 1110	World Civilization I	
HIST 1120	World Civilization II	
HIST 2010	American People To 1877*	
HIST 2020	American People Since 1877*	
HIST 2030	Tennessee History	
<b>Science Requirements:</b>	<b>A.A./A.S. = 8 hours</b>	<b>A.A.S. = 3-4 hours</b> Science or Math
BIOL 1010	Intro to Biology I	
BIOL 1020	Intro to Biology II	
BIOL 1110	General Biology I	
BIOL 1120	General Biology II	
BIOL 2010	Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 2020	Anatomy and Physiology II	
BIOL 2115	Environmental Science	
BIOL 2211	General Botany	
CHEM 1110	General Chemistry I	
CHEM 1120	General Chemistry II	
CHEM 1030	Fundamentals of Chemistry	
ASTR 1010	Solar System Astronomy	
ASTR 1020	Stellar & Galactic Astronomy	
GEOLOG 1040	Physical Geology	
GEOLOG 1110	Earth Science	
PSCI 1030	Survey of Physical Science	
PHYS 2010	Non-Calculus Physics I	
PHYS 2020	Non-Calculus Physics II	
PHYS 2110	Calculus Physics I	
PHYS 2120	Calculus Physics II	
<b>Math Requirements:</b>	<b>A.A./A.S. = 3 hours</b>	<b>A.A.S. = 3 hours</b> Science or Math
MATH 1010	Math for Liberal Arts	
MATH 1130	College Algebra	
MATH 1130	Expanded College Algebra	
MATH 1530	Probability/Statistics	
MATH 1630	Finite Mathematics	
MATH 1710	Precalculus I	
MATH 1720	Precalculus II	
MATH 1730	Precalculus	
MATH 1830	Concepts of Calculus	
MATH 1910	Calculus & Analytic Geom I	

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**Humanities/Fine Arts Requirements: A.A./A.S. = 9 hours (3 hours must be in literature) A.A.S. = 3 hours**

- ART 1030 Art Appreciation
- ART 2131 Art History Survey I
- ART 2132 Art History Survey II
- ENGL 2010 Literature: Fiction
- ENGL 2020 Literature: Poetry and Drama
- ENGL 2030 Themes in Literature & Culture
- ENGL 2110 Survey of American Lit I
- ENGL 2120 Survey of American Lit II
- ENGL 2133 Multicultural Literature
- ENGL 2140 Introduction to Cinema
- ENGL 2210 Survey of British Lit I
- ENGL 2220 Survey of British Lit II
- ENGL 2310 Survey of World Lit I
- ENGL 2320 Survey of World Lit II
- MUS 1030 Music Appreciation
- PHIL 1030 Introduction to Philosophy
- PHIL 1111 Introduction to Ethics
- PHIL 2200 World Religions
- THEA 1030 Introduction to Theater

**Social Sciences Requirements:**

**A.A./A.S. = 6 hours**

**A.A.S. = 3 hours**

- POLI 1111 Introduction to Political Science
- POLI 2010 American National Government
- PSYC 1111 Intro. to Psychology
- PSYC 2111 Psy of Human Growth & Dev
- SOCI 1111 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCI 1112 Social Problems
- SOCI 1120 Intro to Cultural Anthropology
- SOCI 2112 Marriage and Family
- GEOG 1010 World Regional Geography I
- GEOG 1020 World Regional Geography II
- ECON 1111 Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECON 1121 Principles of Microeconomics

**A.A. Additional Requirement =  
Two semesters of same  
college-level foreign language**

**A.A.S. Additional  
Requirement = 1  
additional course  
from categories of  
Communications,  
Humanities/Fine Arts,  
Social/Behavioral  
Science, or Natural  
Science/Mathematics**