

**COVER SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO ALL REPORTS SUBMITTED TO THE
ACADEMIC SENATE**

Date **September 27, 2022**

Report Number (For Senate Use Only) _____

Name of Committee Submitting Report
General Education Committee

Committee Status: (elected chartered, appointed chartered, ad hoc, etc.)
Elected/Appointed

Names of Committee Members

Adam Earnhardt, CHAIR; Kelly Colwell, BCHHS; Nina Stourman, CSTEM; Johnathan Farris, CCCA; Alina Marculetiu, WCBA; Matt O'Mansky, BCLASSE; Dave Morgan, Arts and Humanities; Jaietta Jackson, Soc. Pers. Awareness; John Feldmeier, Natural Science; Thomas Madsen, Math/Writing Skills/Comm; Brian Bonhomme, Social Sciences; Jennifer Soles, Advisor; Dominic Adams, Student; Kyle Zimmerman, Student; Michele Schaper, Provost's Office (ex officio); Alison Kaufman, Assessment

Please write a brief summary of the report the Committee is submitting to the Senate:

The General Education Committee proposes the extension of the current Ohio AA/AS general education model completion policy to all students transferring to Youngstown State regardless of school so long as the student meets the following conditions:

Associate of Arts and Associate of Science General Education Completion Policy

With the exception of the senior capstone course, transfer students who earn Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degrees from domestic, regionally accredited institutions outside of Ohio are considered to have completed Youngstown State University's general education requirements.

Rationale: Youngstown State University requires all students to complete a set of general education courses within associate and baccalaureate degrees.^[11] These courses are commonly known as the *general education requirements*.

As the philosophical basis for general education requirements may vary across programs and majors, the structuring of these requirements, through the total number and type of courses and/or credit hours required and the method of course delivery, may vary among programs within an institution. Nonetheless, most institutions require a common body of knowledge and academic skills within the general education requirements.^[12]

Transfer students with an earned Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree from a domestic, regionally accredited institution outside of the 61 Ohio state funded institutions

will have met the general education requirements, save the senior capstone at Youngstown State University. Completion of the entire set of general education requirements may not constitute completion of specific program requirements unless the specified requirements are successfully completed as part of the broader institutional general education requirements.

This policy only applies to Associate of Art (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) programs where the official transfer transcript shows confirmation of the degree. Applied associate degrees (which in Ohio are the Associate of Applied Business [AAB], Associate of Applied Science [AAS], Associate of Technical Study [ATS], and Associate of Individualized Study [AIS]) have a different curricular design than the Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees. Curricula for applied associate degrees are designed to proportionately contain more technical courses (i.e., applied courses in the major and fewer general education courses) compared to AA and AS degrees. Consequently, applied degree graduates who choose to transfer into an AA, AS, or baccalaureate degree program typically have to complete additional courses to meet the general education requirements for those degrees. Individual courses completed as part of or in addition to the applied associate degree will transfer and apply toward the general education requirements of Youngstown State University on a case-by-case basis.

Adam Earnhardt, Chair, General Education Committee (2022-2023)