

## FACULTY AGENDA ITEM 22-15

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SUBJECT: Proposed change in transfer policy regarding technical institutions of higher education

Description: From the section "Transfer Students" in the *Washburn University Undergraduate Academic Catalog, 2021-22*

For transfer students who have not completed a baccalaureate degree, courses completed at a college, university, or technical institution accredited by one of the seven regional accrediting organizations which have been designated by the sending institution as general education courses will transfer to Washburn University as courses within the appropriate general education distribution area without further review. In addition, courses listed by the Kansas Board of Regents as a Kansas System-Wide Transfer (KSWT) course at [www.kansasregents.org/transfer\\_articulation](http://www.kansasregents.org/transfer_articulation) will transfer as their listed Washburn University equivalent course without further review. **Note:** The policy is not intended to circumvent specific general education requirements for particular majors. This is a most important distinction and should be noted by students and their advisors.

### Exceptions to this transfer policy include the following.

1. The core requirements in English, Mathematics, and College Experience not addressed by KSWT must be approved as equivalent courses by the relevant departments unless the student has completed a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
2. KSWT courses that are lower-division at the sending institution and upper-division at Washburn University will be considered equivalent to the course at Washburn University for the purposes of program requirements, but will not count toward the minimum upper-division hours required for graduation.
3. Courses not included in the sending institution's general education program which a transfer student believes may meet the spirit and intent of Washburn University's general education program must be reviewed by the General Education Committee.
4. Courses that may satisfy a major requirement or a prerequisite to a major requirement must be reviewed by the major department chairperson.

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Deleted: <#>General education coursework from technical colleges and institutes accredited by one of the six regional accrediting organizations must be reviewed by the General Education Committee. (See next paragraph for more information regarding technical colleges.)¶

Deleted: Transfer students who have completed a technical certificate from 16 to 60 hours approved by the Kansas Board of Regents from a college accredited by the Higher Learning Commission may transfer up to 48 credit hours of earned technical certificate course credit to apply to degrees at Washburn University. Courses completed as a component of an earned Associate's degree beyond the technical program certificate requirements will be evaluated by the appropriate department at Washburn University and, based on that evaluation, may transfer to partially fulfill the core or general education requirements for Washburn programs. Academic units may develop specific policies limiting the number of technical-certificate credit hours which can be applied to a particular degree.

Rationale: The current policy is outdated. Community colleges are offering technical courses/programs and technical schools/colleges/institutes are offering traditional general education courses/programs. The distinction between them, if accredited by one of the seven regional organizations, is now in their names, and the name currently dictates whether we accept their general education courses without further review or subject the student to the petitioning process. It is unclear why the policy ever required the student to complete their technical certificate to transfer their technical credit hours.

Financial Implications: None directly—hopefully this will attract transfer students from technical schools/colleges/institutions

Proposed Effective Date: Immediate upon passage by the Faculty Senate

Request for Action: Approval by Faculty Senate

Approved by: AAC on date

Faculty Senate on date 4-4-22

Attachments Yes No X