

Tennessee Board of Regents

Lower Division Core Requirements for General Education

The new lower division general education core will replace the current TBR 32 hour minimum degree requirement. Each category is defined by a goal and learning outcomes. In order to satisfy a general education category requirement the institution must be able to document that the required minimum number of learning outcomes for a specific category are met by the selected course(s).

- **Associate Degrees (A.A.* and A.S.) and Baccalaureate Degrees**

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| Communication | 9 hours ** |
| Humanities and/or Fine Arts | 9 hours (One course must be in literature) |
| Social/Behavioral Sciences | 6 hours |
| History | 6 hours |
| Natural Sciences | 8 hours |
| Mathematics | <u>3 hours</u> |
| | 41 hours |

*Foreign language courses will be an additional requirement for the A. A. and B. A. degrees as presently prescribed in TBR policy 2:01:00:00, Undergraduate Degree Requirements.

**Six (6) hours of English Composition and three (3) hours in English oral presentational communication.

- **Associate of Applied Science (A. A. S.) Degrees**

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| English Composition | 3 hours |
| *Humanities and/or Fine Arts | 3 hours |
| *Social/Behavioral Sciences | 3 hours |
| *Natural Science/Mathematics | 3 hours |
| *One additional course from the Categories of Communication, Humanities and/or Fine Arts, Social/Behavioral Sciences, or Natural Science/Mathematics | <u>3 to 4 hours</u> |
| | 15 to 17 hours |

* Specific courses satisfying these requirements must be the same courses that satisfy the general education requirement for the Associate (A.A./A.S.) and Baccalaureate degrees.