How Students Can Satisfy LCC General Education Requirements

For more information, see General Education Core Requirements webpage or Michigan Transfer Agreement webpage.

All students must fulfill LCC General Education requirements in order to be awarded an associate degree. The ways in which students can satisfy these requirements are presented below. Because these requirements may be revised each academic year, students should consult an academic advisor to stay informed of current options for satisfying General Education Core or Michigan Transfer Agreement requirements. Students should also be aware that not all courses that satisfy the General Education Core transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course.

For degrees requiring the General Education Core, students can satisfy the requirements in any of the following ways:

1. Achieve grades of 2.0 or higher in approved General Education Core courses.
2. Achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher on a Comprehensive Examination, where appropriate and available, for an approved course in a Core area. Upon successfully completing the exam, the student receives LCC credit for the course. (A comprehensive exam is an exam for which the student completes an application, pays the tuition for the course, and receives the grade earned on the exam on his or her transcript. See Credit by Examination procedure.)
3. Achieve a grade of 2.0 level or higher on a Core Area Proficiency Examination, where appropriate and available. Each exam is specific to a single Core area or, for Mathematics, to a particular course, and is administered for a $50 fee in the Course Testing Center (TLC 104). Core Area Proficiency Examinations may only be taken once to satisfy the Core area. See General Education Core Requirements webpage for more information.
4. In mathematics, achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher in any non-Core mathematics course (STAT 170, STAT 215, MATH 120 or above).
5. Present evidence of completed Michigan Transfer Agreement from an accredited college or university.
6. Present evidence of an earned associate degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university.
7. If no degree has been earned, transfer in comparable course credit for an approved course from an accredited institution. General credit does not apply unless documentation for the Core area learning outcomes is provided and approved by the Provost.
8. Establish appropriate course credit through the Advanced Placement Examination (AP), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), and/or others as recognized by LCC.

9. Establish credit for an approved course through the Experiential Learning Process. See Credit for Previously Acquired Knowledge and Learning Experience procedure.

For degrees requiring the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA), students can satisfy the requirements in any of the following ways:

1. Achieve grades of 2.0 or higher in approved MTA courses. (See Michigan Transfer Agreement webpage for a full list of courses.)

2. Achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher on a Comprehensive Examination, where appropriate and available, for an approved course in an MTA area. Upon successfully completing the exam, the student receives LCC credit for the course. (A comprehensive exam is an exam for which the student completes an application, pays the tuition for the course, and receives the grade earned on the exam on his or her transcript. See Credit by Examination procedure.)

3. Present evidence of completed MTA from an accredited college or university.

4. Present evidence of an earned bachelor degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university.

5. If no degree has been earned, transfer in comparable course credit for an approved course from an accredited institution. General credit does not apply unless approved by the Provost.

6. Establish appropriate course credit through the Advanced Placement Examination (AP). Other areas of prior learning - for example, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) - are not applicable to the MTA at this time.

The following do NOT satisfy General Education requirements:

- LCC placement test scores
- A waiver of any course that is also a Core or MTA course
- Completion of higher-level courses that are not approved Core or MTA courses.

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