How Students Can Satisfy LCC General Education Requirements

For more information, see the Transfer Degrees (MTA) tab or Applied Degrees tab of LCC General Education.

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 requirements. Students should also be aware that not all courses that satisfy General Education – Applied Degrees requirements transfer to all colleges. Students planning to transfer should see an academic advisor before enrolling in any course.

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

1. Achieve grades of 2.0 or higher in approved General Education – Applied Degrees courses.

2. Achieve a grade of 2.0 or higher on a Comprehensive Examination, where appropriate and available, for an approved course in a General Education area. Upon successfully completing the exam, the student receives transfer credit for the course. (A comprehensive exam is an exam for which the student completes an application, pays the $150 processing fee, and may receive transfer credit on their LCC transcript. See Credit by Examination procedure under the Incoming Transfer Credits header.)

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 General Education 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 General Education area. (See General Education Requirements webpage for more information.

4. Present evidence of completed Michigan Transfer Agreement from an accredited college or university.

5. Present evidence of an earned associate degree (or higher) from an accredited college or university.

6. 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 the learning outcomes are aligned to the appropriate General Education outcomes and use of the general credit is approved by the Provost or designee.

7. 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.
8. Establish credit for an approved course through the Experiential Learning Process. (See Credit for Experiential Learning procedure under the Incoming Transfer Credits header.)

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 the General Education webpage and the MTA tab 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 transfer credit for the course. (A comprehensive exam is an exam for which the student completes an application, pays the $150 processing fee, and may receive transfer credit on their LCC transcript. See Credit by Examination procedure under the Incoming Transfer Credits header.)
3. Present evidence of completed MTA from an accredited college or university.
4. Present evidence of an earned bachelor’s 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), College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST). Non-AP areas of prior learning - for example, College Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) – may satisfy LCC General Education requirements but 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 General Education course
- Completion of higher-level courses that are not approved General Education courses.

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