

Policy Revision

Policy Title	Undergraduate Transfer Credit		
Policy URL	https://catalog.arizona.edu/policy/courses-credit/credit/undergraduate-transfer		
Suggested updates	<p>-Include the Civic Institutions requirement in both individual and completed General Education curriculum.</p> <p>-Remove detailed language about criteria for specific General Education requirements.</p> <p>-Add option for satisfying a complete General Education curriculum using a complete Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree.</p> <p>-Update Office of Transfer Credit & Articulation to the Office of the Registrar to reflect current practice.</p> <p>-Update applicability section to allow coursework over 8 years old to apply to General Education and electives, in line with the existing Time Limits policy.</p>		
Rationale for updates	<p>-Policy already addresses Exploring Perspectives and Building Connections requirements, but not the new Civic Institutions requirement.</p> <p>-Specific language describing Exploring Perspectives and Building Connections course criteria are duplicative of content that already exists in the General Education Curriculum policy and on the Gen Ed website.</p> <p>-Allowing a completed Associate's degree to satisfy a complete General Education curriculum simplifies transfer from community colleges to the University.</p>		
Contact Person for Questions	Alex Underwood, University Registrar		
Responsible Unit	Office of the Registrar	URL	registrar.arizona.edu
Career Applicability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate <input type="checkbox"/> Law <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine		
Approvals Granted <i>(for council use only)</i>	University-Wide GE Committee	Scheduled: 4/8/26	Status: Approved 4/8/26
	UGC Policies Subcommittee	Scheduled: 4/14/26	Status: Approved 4/14/26
	Undergraduate Council	Scheduled: 4/28/26	Status: Approved 4/28/26
	Undergraduate CAAC	Scheduled: 4/28/26	Status: Approved 4/28/26
	Faculty Senate Executive Committee	Scheduled: 4/20/26	Status: N/A; action taken at full senate
	Faculty Senate	Scheduled: 5/4/26	Status:
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Additions in Green – Deletions in Yellow

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