

Proposal to Accept General Education from TBR and UT System Universities

Rationale: In 2008 the Tennessee Legislature passed legislation mandating a fully articulated general education curriculum between TBR and UT institutions. THEC officials believe that instead of creating a cumbersome, standardized curriculum (which apparently is what the bill's sponsors had in mind) the spirit of the legislation can be met by accepting as complete general education from students transferring to UTK **if** they have completed the **entire** gen ed curriculum on the TBR or UT System campus. Last year we felt that extending this only to graduates of TBR community colleges would a) increase access and diversity at UTK, and b) would hopefully appease state legislators looking for a common curriculum. We now know that these legislators do not accept our changes of last year as fulfilling the law's requirements. It is the belief of THEC officials that extending last year's changes to students at **all** TBR and UT campuses **will** satisfy the state legislature.

Background: get transfer numbers

Students Applying for Transfer from Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) Universities and University of Tennessee System (UTS) Campuses

Transfer applicants from TBR and UTS universities with a 2.0 college GPA (on a 4 point scale) in college level, transferable courses who have completed their campus's general education curriculum will have fulfilled the general education requirement established by the faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Transfer of general education courses from the TBR and UTS universities is guaranteed through the following guidelines:

- *upon completion of the general education curriculum at the TBR or UTS university the requirements will be complete and accepted by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in the transfer process without loss of credit;
- *upon completion of the general education curriculum at the TBR or UTS university, transfer credit for D's or higher will be granted as part of the transfer process.

If the general education curriculum at the originating campus is not completed, transfer of general education courses will be based on a course-by-course evaluation. Students should be aware that many UTK majors require completion of an intermediate level sequence of a foreign language, and some majors require more advanced math and science requirements than required by TBR and UTS majors. Following one of the published University of Tennessee, Knoxville articulation agreements is the best path to enter the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with junior standing in a transfer student's chosen UTK major.

Transfer students should review the detailed transfer information on major/degree requirements for their prospective UTK major. The following link contains information to

assist transfer students in determining these requirements:
<http://registrar.tennessee.edu/transfer/agreements.shtml>

Grades earned at other colleges and universities are used only for admission, course placement, and other academic decisions. Prior to graduating from UT Knoxville, transfer students must have completed their last 30 semester hours of credit at UT Knoxville and their last 60 semester hours of credit at a four-year college or university.