



General Education Package

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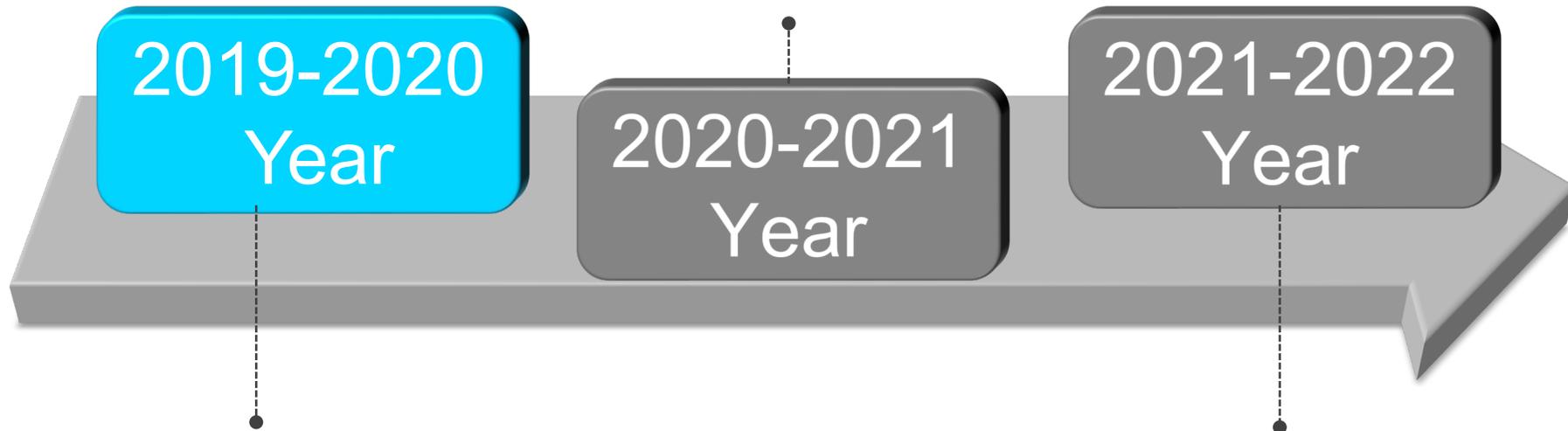
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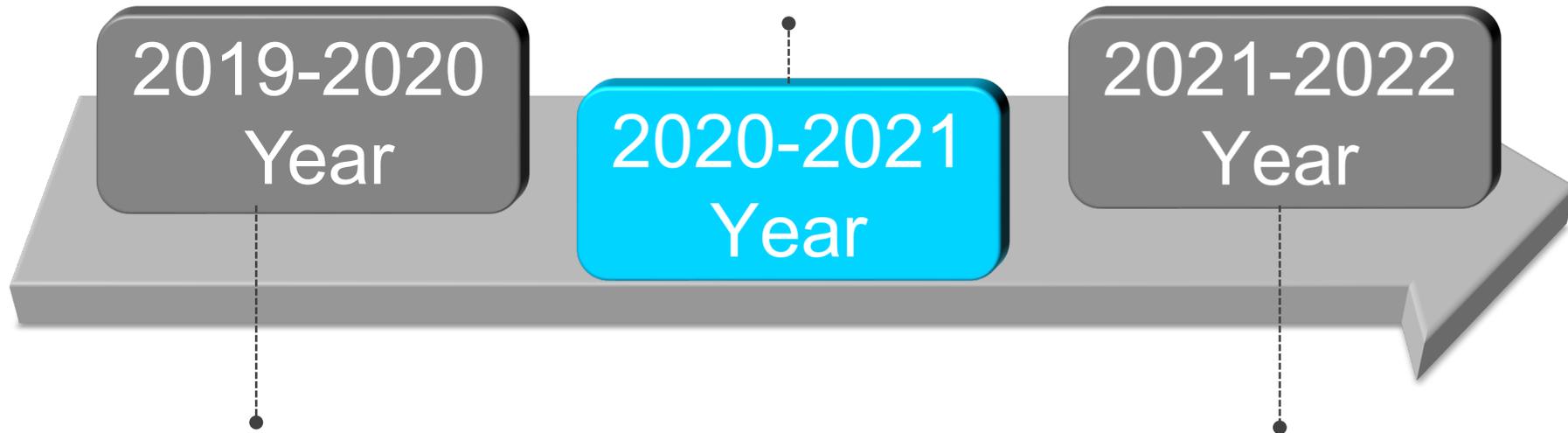
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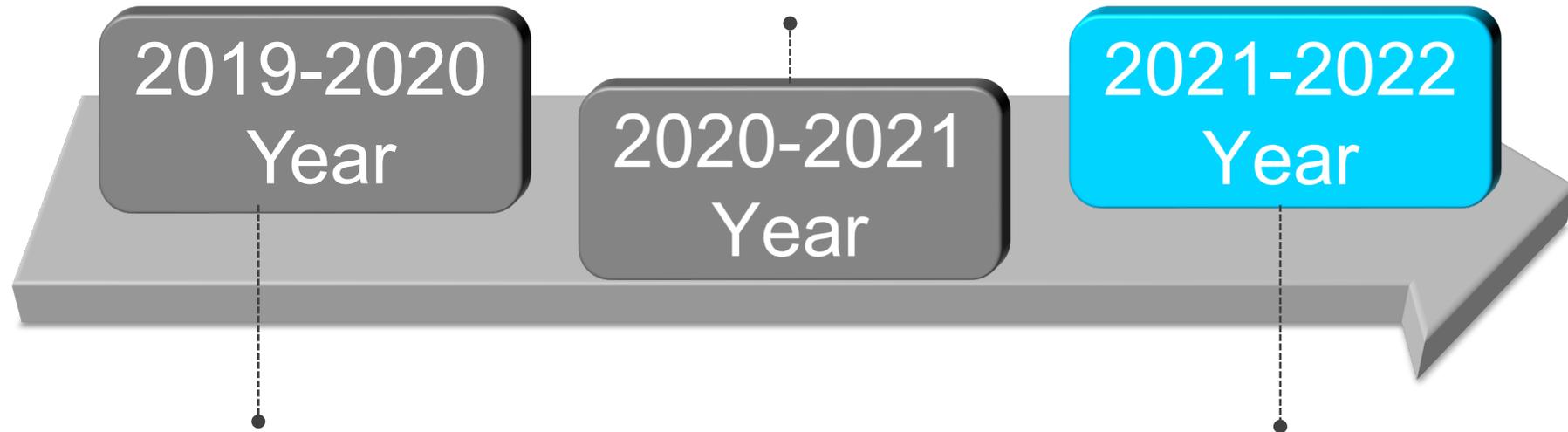
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Board Policy Amendments



New Systemwide
General Education
Program policy
(Chapter III.A.18)

Amendments to the
Transfer and
Articulation Policy
(Chapter III.A.2.g.)



General Education Web Content

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> **Systemwide General Education**

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SYSTEMWIDE GENERAL EDUCATION BACKGROUND



1. HOW DID THE SYSTEMWIDE GENERAL EDUCATION START?

At the end of FY 2020, the Board expressed a strong desire to develop a more robust system-based approach to facilitate student transfer. Building on this vision, in FY 2021 and 2022, the Board established a goal to develop a systemwide general education (GE) package under a common framework. When framing this goal, the Board instructed Board staff to develop a system-based GE package that would maximize the application of credit throughout the system, simplify processes for transfer students, and remove barriers for transfer students.

At the outset of this work in September 2020, 14 out of 15 states in the central United States had some variation of a systemwide GE, with Kansas being the outlier without a systemwide GE. From September 2020 to May 2022, a GE working group consisting of 19 faculty and administrators from community colleges, universities, and one technical college, a nine-member GE implementation working group consisting of registrars and transfer academic advisors, and detailed feedback from institutions helped shape the GE framework and its related policies.

The policy revisions and additions pertaining to GE and the application of transfer GE credit were approved by the Board on June 15, 2022.

2. WHAT POLICY ADDITIONS AND REVISIONS WERE APPROVED BY THE BOARD?

First, a new policy, the Systemwide General Education Program policy ([Chapter III.A.18](#)), creates a systemwide GE for the state universities, community colleges, and Washburn University. Most notably, this details the common system framework (disciplines, core subjects, and credit hours) that each institution will adopt, establishes institutional reporting requirements, and creates a GE Council, which will be responsible for reviewing institutional reporting, issuing recommendations regarding requests for certain majors to deviate from the GE requirements, and investigating student and institutional complaints relating to the systemwide GE program and its application to the Transfer and Articulation policy.



General Education in the Central United States

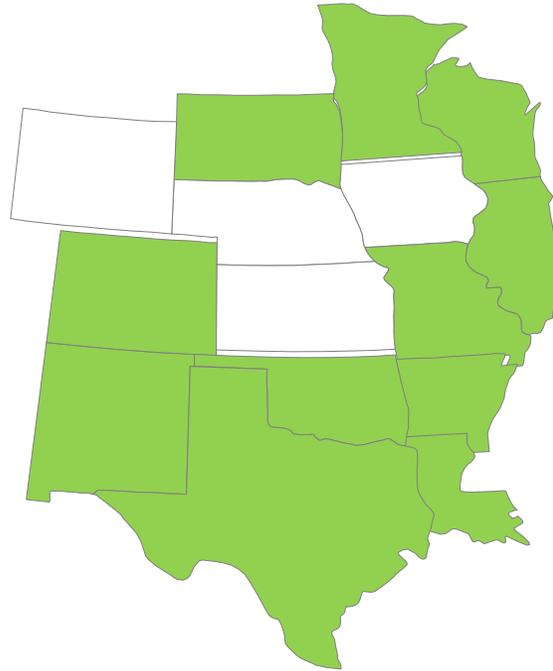


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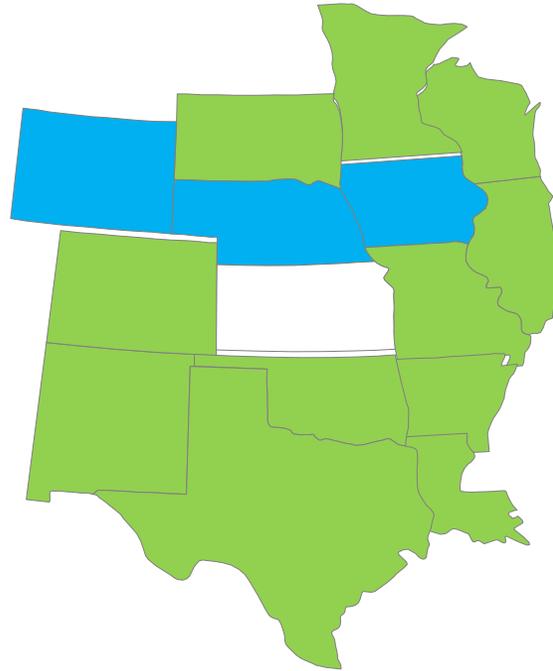
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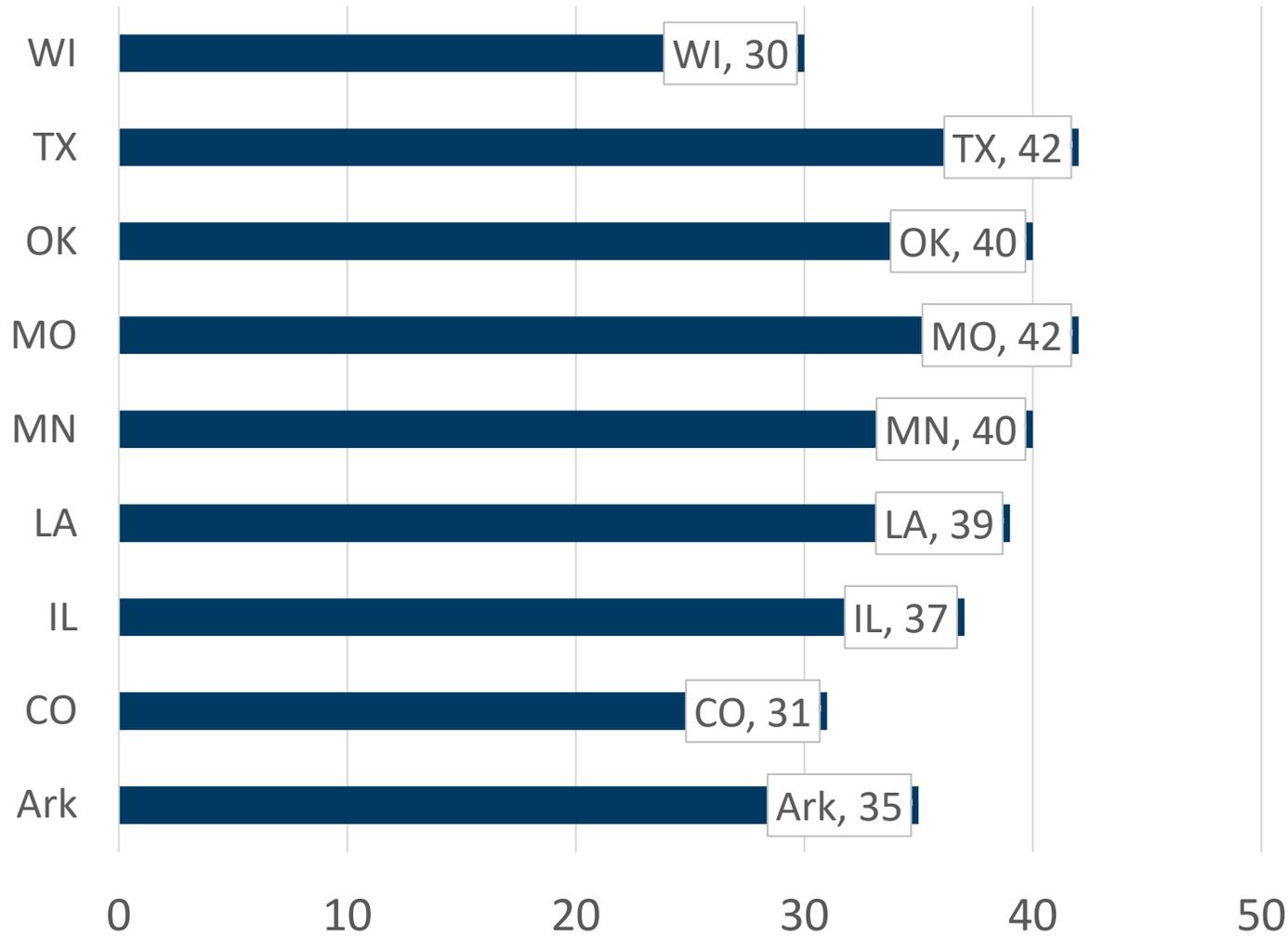
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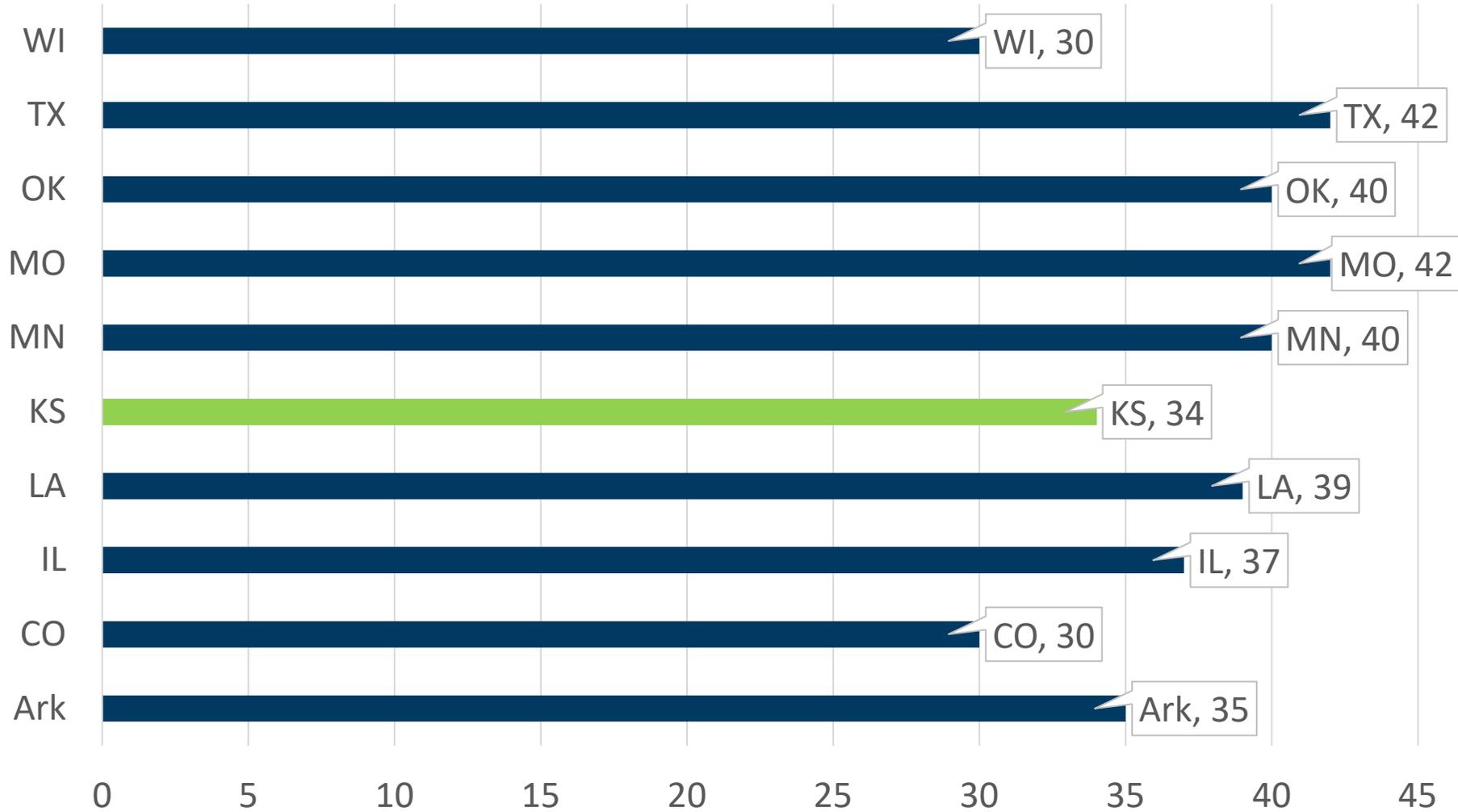
Systemwide GE Hours by State



Average
Minimum
37 Credit
Hours



Systemwide GE Hours by State





7-Bucket GE Framework

English Discipline Area



Communications Discipline Area



Math & Stats Discipline Area



Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area



Implementation
by Fall 2024

Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



Arts & Humanities Discipline Area



Institutionally Designated Area





7-Bucket GE Framework

Math & Statistics Area

3 Hours of Math or Statistics Courses

This will be defined by math pathways work.

English Discipline Area



Communications Discipline Area



Math & Stats Discipline Area



Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area



Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



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Institutionally Designated Area





A math pathways system may look something like the following....

<p>Elementary Statistics</p> 	<p>Majors</p> <p>Social Sciences Health Technologies Social Work</p> <p>Public & Protective Services Library & Info Science</p>
<p>Quantitative Reasoning</p> 	<p>Majors</p> <p>Arts & Humanities Applied Arts/Sciences Hospitality & Culinary English</p> <p>Ag & Natural Resources Journalism Communication</p>
<p>Algebra to Calculus</p> 	<p>Majors</p> <p>Biology Engineering & Architecture Math</p> <p>Physical Sciences Business</p>



7-Bucket GE Framework

English Discipline
Area



Communications
Discipline Area



Math
& Stats Discipline Area



Natural & Physical Sciences
Discipline Area



Social & Behavioral
Sciences Discipline Area



Arts & Humanities
Discipline Area



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7-Bucket GE Framework

Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area – 6 Credit Hours

At least two courses from two subject areas

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- Ethnic and/or Gender Studies
- Geography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social Work
- Sociology
- Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the social sciences area

English Discipline Area



Communications Discipline Area



Math & Stats Discipline Area



Natural & Physical Sciences Discipline Area



Social & Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area



Arts & Humanities Discipline Area



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7-Bucket GE Framework

Arts & Humanities Discipline Area - 6 Credit Hours

At least two courses from two subject areas

- Art *
- Communications
- Cultural Studies
- Dance*
- English
- General Humanities
- History
- Literature
- Modern and Classical Languages
- Music*
- Philosophy
- Religion
- Theater*
- Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the arts and humanities

*The application of performance courses in this subject area is at the discretion of the institution

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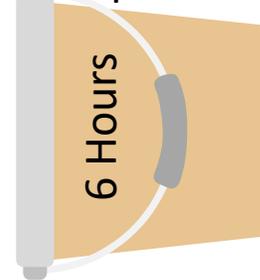
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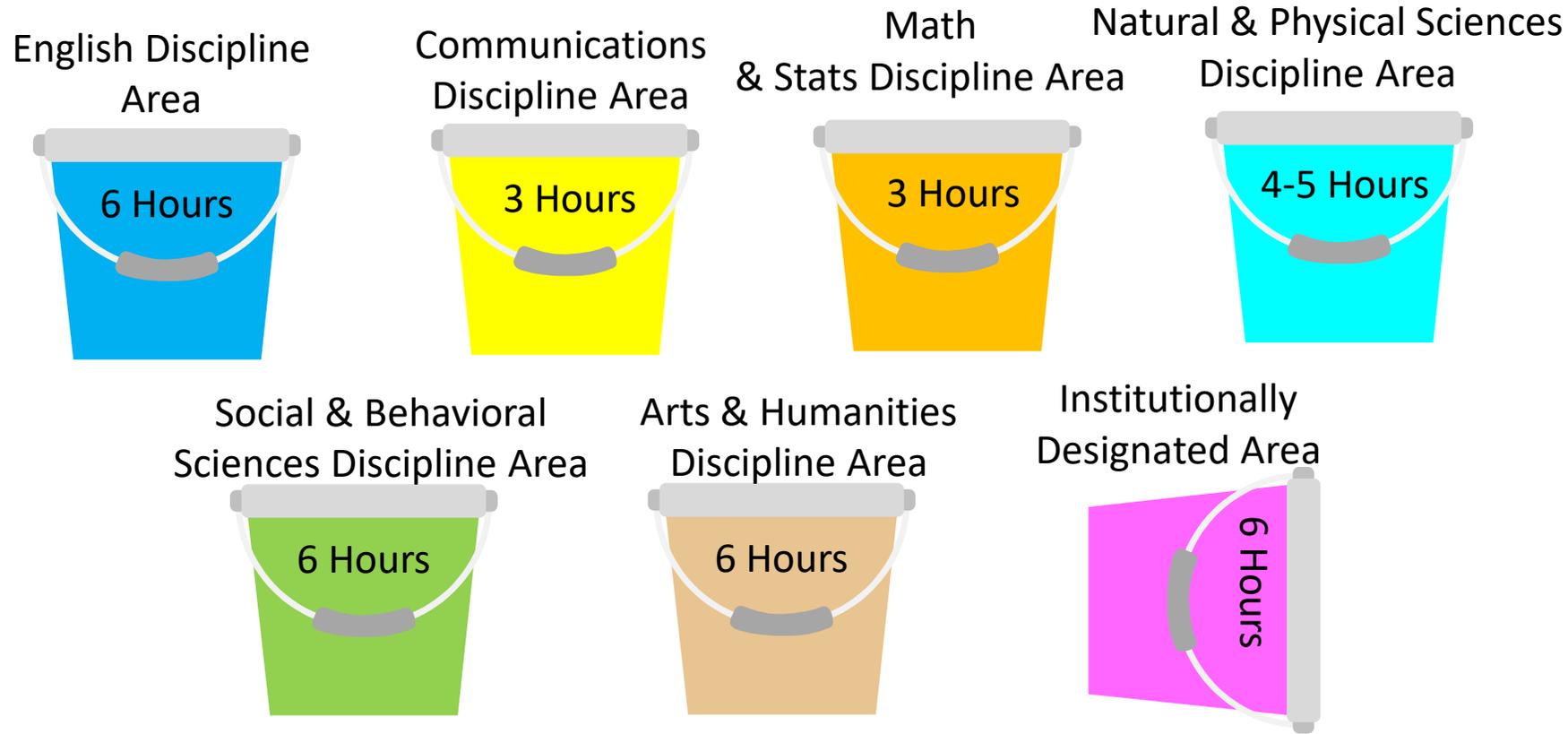


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7-Bucket GE Framework



6 Hours Determined by the Institution.
This area provides flexibility for each institution to define requirements to account for societal issues, local needs, and institutional priorities (Intermediate Algebra shall not be applied toward meeting this area).

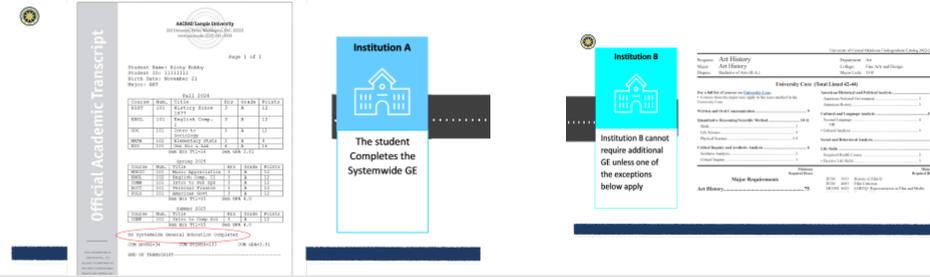


How does this Work for Transfer Students Who Completed the Systemwide GE?

Institution A



The student
Completes the
Systemwide GE



Student Transfers

Institution B



Institution B cannot
require additional
GE unless one of
the exceptions
below apply

All 7 GE Buckets Completed





Student Name: Ricky Bobby
Student ID: 11111111
Birth Date: November 21
Major: ART

Fall 2024

Course	Num.	Title	Hrs	Grade	Points
HIST	101	History Since 1877	3	A	12
ENGL	101	English Comp. I	3	A	12
SOC	101	Intro to Sociology	3	A	12
MATH	102	Elementary Stats	3	B	9
BIO	101	Gen Bio & Lab	4	A	16

Sem Hrs Ttl=16 Sem GPA 3.81

Spring 2025

Course	Num.	Title	Hrs	Grade	Points
MUSIC	101	Music Appreciation	3	A	12
ENGL	102	English Comp. II	3	A	12
COMM	101	Intro to Pub Spk	3	A	12
ACCT	101	Personal Finance	3	A	12
POLS	101	American Govt	3	A	12

Sem Hrs Ttl=15 Sem GPA 4.0

Summer 2025

Course	Num.	Title	Hrs	Grade	Points
COMP	101	Intro to Comp Sci	3	A	12

Sem Hrs Ttl=15 Sem GPA 4.0

KS Systemwide General Education Completed

CUM HOURS=34 CUM POINTS=133 CUM GPA=3.91

END OF TRANSCRIPT-----

Institution A



The student
Completes the
Systemwide GE



Institution B



Institution B cannot require additional GE unless one of the exceptions below apply

Program: Art History
Major: Art History
Degree: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Department: Art
College: Fine Arts and Design
Major Code: 1141

University Core (Total Listed 42-44)

For a full list of courses see [University Core](#).

• Courses from the major may apply to the areas marked in the University Core.

Written and Oral Communication	9
Quantitative Reasoning/Scientific Method	10-11
Math	3
Life Science	4
Physical Science.....	3-4
Critical Inquiry and Aesthetic Analysis	6
Aesthetic Analysis	3
Critical Inquiry	3

American Historical and Political Analysis	6
American National Government	3
American History	3
Cultural and Language Analysis	3-4
Second Language	4
OR	
• Cultural Analysis	3
Social and Behavioral Analysis	3
Life Skills	5
Required Health Course	2
• Elective Life Skills	3

Major Requirements

	Minimum Required Hours		Minimum Required Hours
Art History	75	HUM 3913	History of Film II
		HUM 4083	Film Criticism
		MCOM 4623	LGBTQ+ Representation in Film and Media

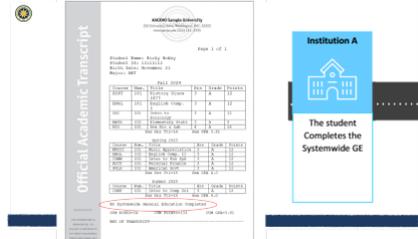


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Exceptions 

Grading
Performance Courses

Student Completed GE: Exception

An institution requires native students to complete a specific GE requirement.

An institution wishes to continue requiring - and not waive - such a GE course requirement when the transfer student completed the systemwide GE or the discipline bucket requirement through systemwide transfer coursework.

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A request to [continue requiring – and not waive – such a GE course requirement](#) for transfer students.

Natural & Physical Sciences
Discipline Area



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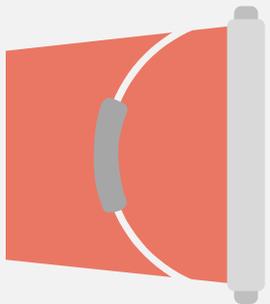
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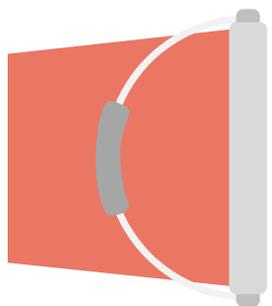
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An institution wishes for a major to deviate from the systemwide GE framework.

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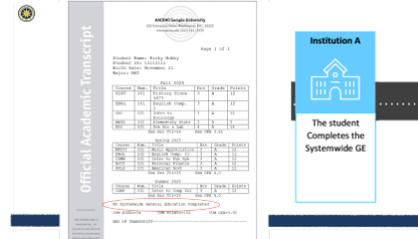




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- Exceptions
- Grading
- Performance Courses

Student Completed GE: Grading

Student Completed GE: Performance Courses

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If a receiving institution prohibits native students from using a performance course (e.g., piano I) to apply toward the six-credit-hour arts and humanities bucket, it cannot enforce the same standard when a transfer student completed the systemwide GE.

However, it should be noted that if the student is pursuing a program with a grade standard that is required to meet selective admission criteria or is necessary to meet programmatic accreditation or licensure standards, the student may be required to retake a GE course and ultimately earn a higher grade.

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Arts & Humanities Discipline Area – 6 Credit Hours

At least two courses from two subject areas

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Communications

Cultural Studies

Dance *

English

General Humanities

History

Literature

Modern and Classical Languages

Music *

Philosophy

Religion

Theater *

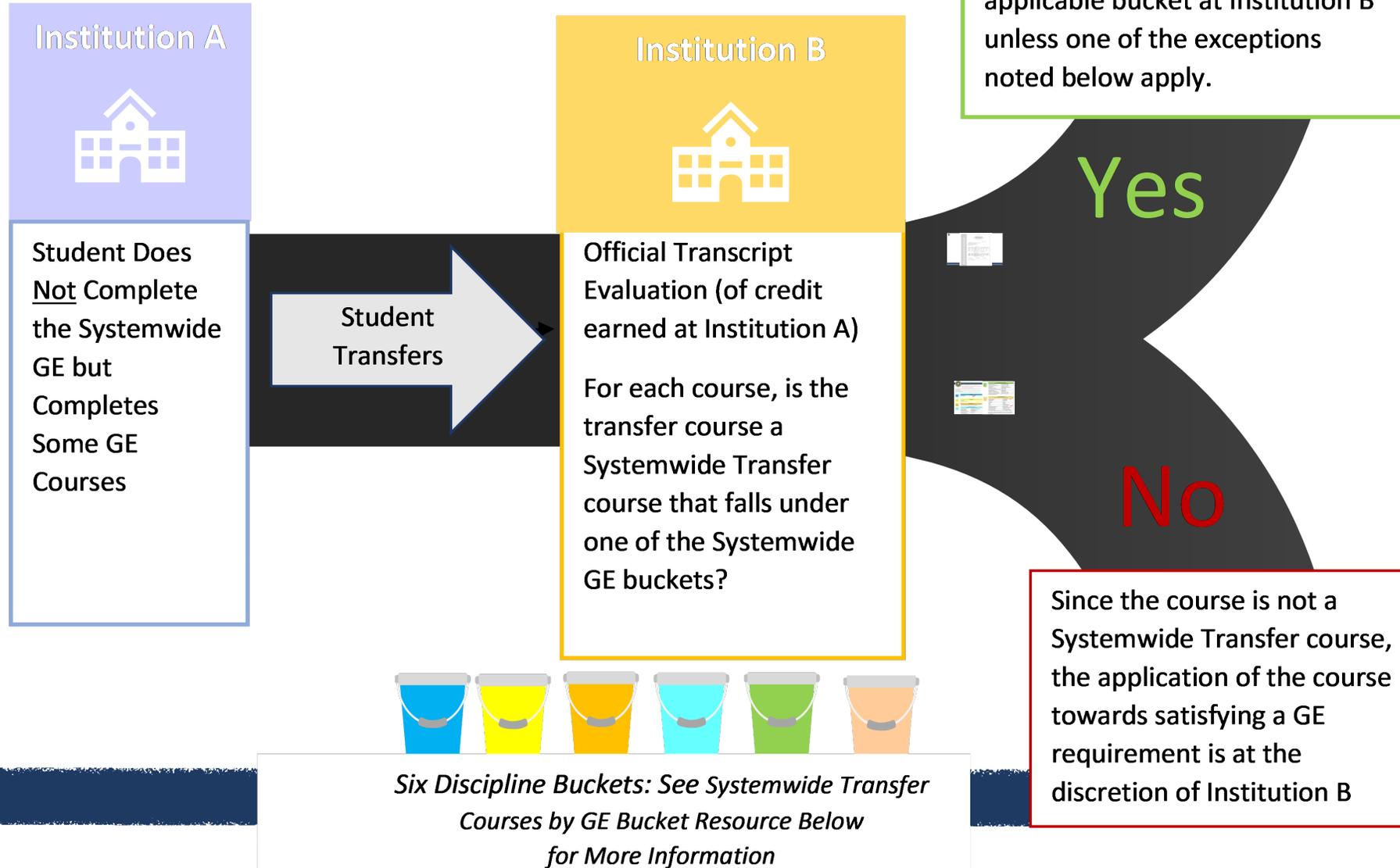
Other subjects that the offering institution determines fit within the arts and humanities

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How Does this Work for Transfer Students Who Did Not Complete the Systemwide GE?





Official Academic Transcript

AACRAO Sample University
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www.aacrao.edu (222) 111-3333



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Student Name: Ron Burgundy III
Student ID: 11111111
Birth Date: November 21
Major: Music

Fall 2024

Course	Num.	Title	Hrs	Grade	Points
HIST	101	History Since 1877	3	A	12
ENGL	101	English Comp. I	3	A	12

Sem Hrs Ttl=6 Sem GPA 4.0

Spring 2025

Course	Num.	Title	Hrs	Grade	Points
MUSIC	101	Music Appreciation	3	A	12
ENGL	102	English Comp. II	3	A	12

Sem Hrs Ttl=6 Sem GPA 4.0

CUM HOURS=12 CUM POINTS=48 CUM GPA=4.0

END OF TRANSCRIPT-----



Systemwide Transfer Courses by GE Bucket Resource

Ron took: English Comp I and II and Music Appreciation and US History since 1877

Systemwide Transfer Courses by GE Bucket Resource

This resource identifies the systemwide transfer courses that apply toward satisfying requirements in the six GE discipline bucket areas.

This resource will apply in cases in which a student has not completed the systemwide GE but has completed at least one systemwide GE course.

Students are encouraged to check with an advisor at the intended institution about specific degree requirements.



English Bucket 6 Credit Hours	
English Composition I	
English Composition II	



Communications Bucket 3 Credit Hours	
Public Speaking	
Interpersonal Communication	



Math and Statistics Bucket 3 Credit Hours	
Clear and concrete paths for each major will be defined in the Math Pathways Work . After the math pathways are identified, specific systemwide transfer courses will be listed herein.	



Natural & Physical Sciences Bucket 4-5 Credit Hours from One Subject (must include a lab)	
Anatomy & Physiology (5 cr hr or 8 cr hr)	General Biology & Lab for Non-majors
Biology I & Lab for Majors	General Chemistry & Lab for Non-Majors
Biology II & Lab for Majors	Meteorology Lecture & Lab
Chemistry I & Lab for Majors	Microbiology & Lab
Chemistry II & Lab for Majors	Physical Geology Lecture & Lab
Descriptive Astronomy Lecture & Lab	Physical Science & Lab
Engineering Physics I with Lab	Physics I & Lab
Engineering Physics II with Lab	Physics II & Lab
Environmental Science Lecture & Lab	



Social & Behavioral Sciences Bucket 6 Hours in at Least Two Courses from Two Subject Areas	
American Government	Introduction to Psychology
Childhood Growth & Development	Introduction to Social Work
Comparative Politics	Introduction to Sociology
Criminal Law	Introduction to Women's Studies
Cultural Diversity & Ethnicity	Macroeconomics
Human Lifespan/Developmental Psychology	Marriage & Family
International Relations	Microeconomics;
Introduction to Criminal Justice	Social Problems
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	State & Local Government
Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	World Regional Geography
Introduction to Political Science	

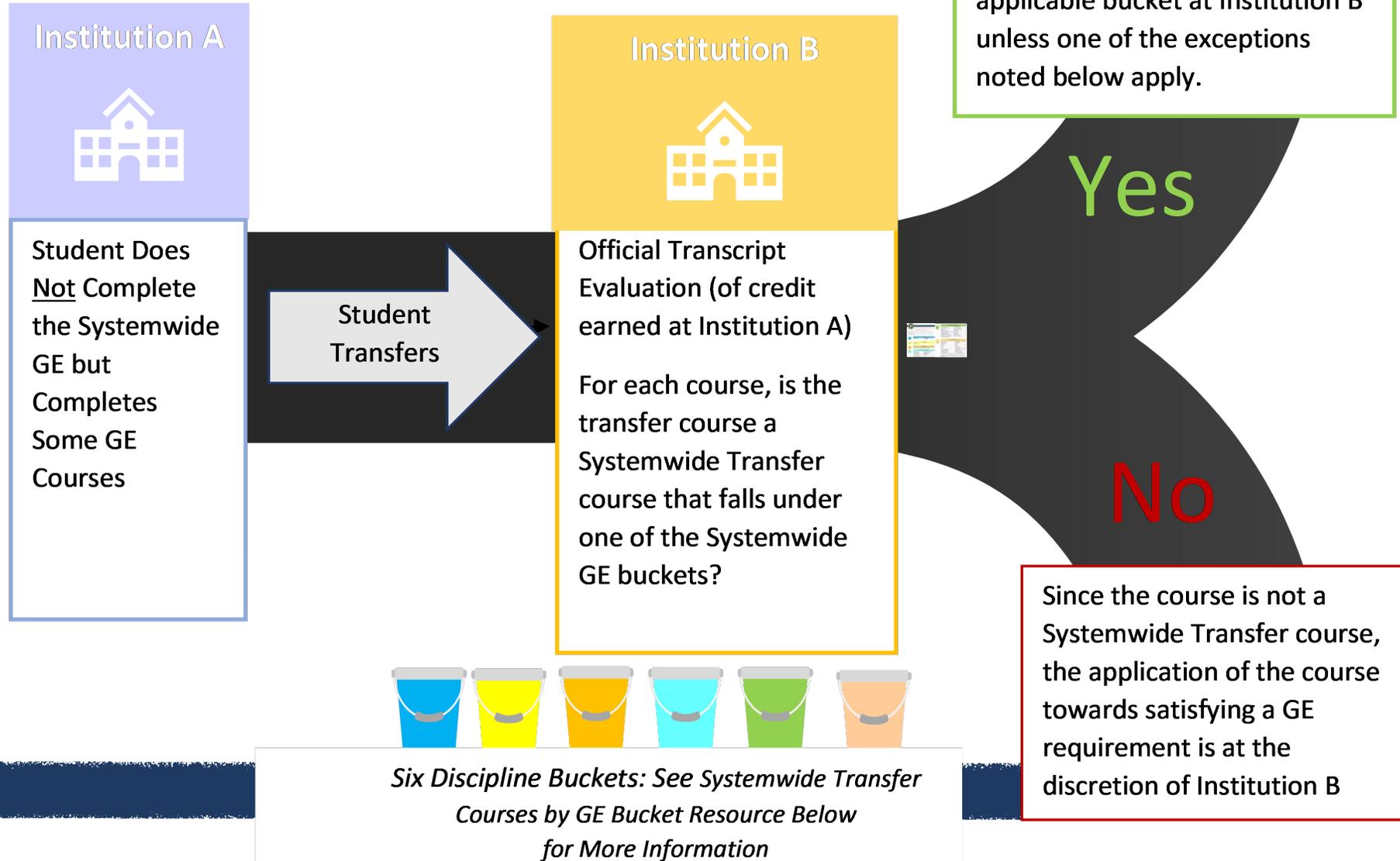


Arts and Humanities Bucket 6 Hours in at Least Two Courses from Two Subject Areas	
American Literature I	Music Appreciation 
American Literature II	New Testament
Art Appreciation	Old Testament
Art History I	Spanish I
Art History II	Spanish II
Ethics	Spanish III
French I	Theatre Appreciation
French II	US History since 1877 
Intro to Mass Communications	US History to 1877
Introduction to Literature	World History 1500 to Present
Introduction to Philosophy	World History to 1500
Logic & Critical Thinking	World/Comparative Religions

Note: Systemwide Transfer performance courses in art, music, and theater are not listed but may also apply in the arts and humanities bucket. When a student has not completed the systemwide GE, the application of such performance courses is at the discretion of the receiving institution.



How Does this Work for Transfer Students Who Did Not Complete the Systemwide GE?





Completing the Systemwide GE versus Not Completing the Systemwide GE

Issue	Transfer Student Completed the Systemwide GE	Transfer Student Did not Complete the Systemwide GE but completed a GE bucket
Can the receiving institution apply institutional GE grading standards (e.g., a student is required to earn a "C" in certain GE courses)?	No	
Can the receiving institution apply performance course standards (e.g., not allow a transfer piano course to count in the arts and humanities bucket)?	No	





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