

## II. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (GER)

The University of Louisiana System mandates that all students pursuing an associate or baccalaureate degree at a university under their jurisdiction must successfully complete a block of courses called the General Education Requirements (GER) in order to graduate. Louisiana Tech, as a member of this System, adheres to this policy in order to provide our graduates with a well-rounded education.

### II-1. MINIMUM GER CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Students currently enrolled in an Associate Degree program must successfully complete 12 semester hours of GER credit while those enrolled in a baccalaureate program must complete 45 hours. Transfer students must also satisfy these requirements in order to graduate from Tech.

### II-2. ARTICULATION OF TRANSFER GER'S

Transfer credit for GER courses is determined by using the Statewide Articulation Matrix (available on the web at <http://www.regents.state.la.us/Planning/art2000-2001.htm> or from the Admissions Office) for in-state transfer student transcripts. For out-of-state transfer student transcripts, the Director of Transfer Student Enrollment in the Admissions Office, will make the determination of GER transferability. Note: The Director of Transfer Student Enrollment will consult with specific academic areas if she is unable to easily determine whether specific courses articulate for GER credit.

The Director of Transfer Student Enrollment will provide students with a written analysis of their GER credits providing the student meets the deadline for submission of transfer credit transcripts. The deadline is 30 days prior to the first class day of each quarter. Faculty can access the transfer credit analysis on screen 141 of the Student Information System.

Examples of the GER Transfer Course Evaluation Forms (Form 1 and Form 2) are available in the Resources section at the end of this handbook. Additional detailed information about advising transfer students can be found under "Advising the Transfer Student," in section III-5 of this handbook.

**Important:** The following disclaimer applies to transfer credits and appears at the bottom of the Transfer Evaluation Forms:

Some programs of study (majors) require you to earn a specific grade to have a course count toward your degree requirements. Some majors may require different General Education Courses (ex., English, Math, Science) than you have taken. **Therefore, the credits evaluated above MAY**

or **MAY NOT** be accepted as fulfilling the degree requirements in your specific major. Your Academic Advisor will make this determination.

### **II-3. COURSES THAT FULFILL GER REQUIREMENTS AT LOUISIANA TECH**

#### **ASSOCIATE DEGREE (12 hours required)**

**English - 6 hours** (English 100/101 and 102)

**Mathematics - 6 hours**

#### **BACCALAUREATE DEGREE (45 hours required)**

**English - 6 hours** (English 100/101 and 102)

**Mathematics - 6 hours** (Math 100 or above plus one 3 hour course in math or statistics)

**Computer Literacy -** (curriculum must provide basic instruction in computer technology)

**Natural Sciences - 9 hours** with 3 hours at the 200-level or above and including both physical and biological science with at least 6 hours from a 2 quarter sequence in either physical sciences - (chemistry, physics or geology), or biological sciences - (biology, zoology, botany, etc.)

**Arts - 3 hours** (must be taken from such courses as Art 290, HES 280, Music 290, Speech 290)

**Humanities - 12 hours** (must be taken from the following subject areas):

history (minimum of 3 hours), speech (minimum of 3 hours), literature (minimum of 3 hours), English ( must include 3 hours at 200-level or above), foreign languages (above the introductory level), philosophy

**Social Sciences - 9 hours** (must be taken from the following subject areas and include at least 2 disciplines):

economics, geography, anthropology, political science, psychology, sociology

### **II-4. INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (IER)**

Each student is required to complete a minimum of one 3-hour course which exposes the student to the history, culture, and political institutions of other nations. The course approved by the Board of Regents and the International Education Requirements may be found in the current University catalog. This course may also be taken to satisfy one of the other GER requirements listed above.