



Office of the University Registrar

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MEMORANDUM

Date: 06/27/2018

To: College Registrars & Admissions Directors

From: Vivek Upadhyay, University Executive Registrar 

Subject: **Granting Transfer Credit for SUNY GER towards CUNY General Education**

Since Fall 2013, The City University of New York's (CUNY) Pathways Initiative has been in effect across our undergraduate colleges. A key component of Pathways is the 30-credit Common Core requirement for general education. Similarly, The State University of New York (SUNY) also has a standardized 30-credit General Education Requirement (GER). At the core of both the CUNY and SUNY general education frameworks is the guarantee that if a student completes a general education area at one campus, that area will be deemed complete upon transfer to any other campus.

Effective Fall 2018 transfer students, following are the guidelines for transfer credit evaluation for the application of SUNY general education courses toward CUNY general education requirements.

- SUNY transfer students who have completed a bachelor's, Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree from SUNY will be deemed to have completed Pathways Common Core requirements.
- SUNY transfer students who completed the entire 30-credit GER requirement will be deemed to have completed Pathways Common Core requirements.
- In cases where a SUNY GER course has been deemed equivalent to a CUNY Pathways course, the Pathways requirement would be marked as fulfilled.
- In cases where a SUNY GER course is not equivalent to a CUNY Pathways course the transfer credit evaluator will utilize pseudo course codes or update the Pathways area manually to apply the course toward the Pathways Common Core.
- SUNY GER transcripts that indicate the SUNY areas that have been fulfilled are available and could be used by the evaluator to make these decisions.
 - See **Appendix B** for an example of the SUNY GER transcript.
- SUNY transfer students who completed any GER requirements will be granted Pathways Common Core areas based on course equivalencies.
- Non-equivalent SUNY GER courses will be applied to the Pathways Common Core using the crosswalk below, as a guide.

- In cases where a SUNY GER course may apply to more than one CUNY Pathways area, courses will be applied to maximize the number of Pathways areas that are fulfilled.
- Coursework completed as part of local general education requirements, for a student's major, or for elective credit may also be applied to Pathways requirements based on whether the course meets the area requirements.
- CUNY's Pathways College Option requirements will be maintained for students who transfer from SUNY in accordance with the Board Resolution. A transfer student's CUNY College will decide whether courses taken at the original college fulfill any of the College Option requirements. Students who already hold a bachelor's degree will not be required to complete College Option requirements.

Transfer credit evaluators will apply non-equivalent SUNY GER courses to the Pathways areas using the following crosswalk as a guide. SUNY courses may apply to other Pathways areas based on an evaluation of whether the course meets the Pathways learning outcomes for the area. Note that it is not feasible to offer a Pathways match for the SUNY area, "Humanities" because these areas include a wide array of courses.

SUNY GER	CUNY Pathways
Basic Communication	English Composition
Mathematics	Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning
American History	US Experience in its Diversity
Other World Civilizations	World Cultures and Global Issues
Foreign Language	World Cultures and Global Issues
Social Sciences	Individual and Society
Humanities	US Experience in its Diversity World Cultures and Global Issues Creative Expression Individual and Society Scientific World English Composition
The Arts	Creative Expression
Natural Sciences	Life and Physical Sciences
Western Civilization	World Cultures and Global Issues

If there are any questions about the implementation guidelines and procedures, please do not hesitate to contact me at our@cuny.edu.

Cc: Jane Bowers, Interim Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost
 Laura Bruno, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Strategy & Management
 David Crook, University Associate Provost for Academic Affairs
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 College Provosts/Chief Academic Officers

Appendix B: Example SUNY General Education Transcript Addendum



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Garden City, NY 11530

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SUNY GENERAL EDUCATION TRANSCRIPT ADDENDUM

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Student No: N00

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This Transcript Addendum reflects SUNY General Education Requirements that have been met. This addendum is official only if accompanied by an official transcript in a sealed envelope or if it contains the signature of the Registrar and/or College Seal and is in a sealed envelope. Thirty General Education credits or their equivalent are required for completion of a SUNY baccalaureate degree. Categories one and ten are required, and a minimum of five of the eight remaining categories numbered two through nine.

MET	CATEGORY	TERM	GRADE	CREDITS
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YES	1. Mathematics (Required)			
	*MAT 100 Topical Approach to Math	Fall 2017	A	4.00
	MAT 102 Intro Statistics	Spring 2017	A	3.00
YES	10. Basic Communication (Required)			
	*COM 101 Interpersonal Communications	Spring 2017	A	3.00
	COM 125 Effective Listening	Fall 2017	B+	3.00
	ENG 101 Composition I	Fall 2008	TR	3.00
YES	2. Natural Sciences			
	*AHS 131 Anatomy & Physiology I	Spring	B	4.00
YES	3. Social Sciences			
	*PSY 203 General Psychology I	Fall 2008	IR	3.00
	SOC 209 Race Class Ethnicity	Fall 2016	A	3.00
YES	4. American History			
	*HIS 125 Role of Women in Amer Hist	Spring 2017	B	3.00
NO	5. Western Civilization			
NO	6. Other World Civilizations			
YES	7. Humanities			
	*ENG 232 Studies in Children Literature	Fall 2017	A	3.00
	ASL 152 American Sign Language I	Fall 2017	A	3.00
	ENG 102 Composition II	Fall 2016	B	3.00
YES	8. The Arts			
	*ART 111 Drawing I	Fall 2016	A	3.00
YES	9. Foreign Language			
	*SPA 102 Beginning Spanish 2	Fall 2015	TR	3.00