

ARIZONA GENERAL EDUCATION CURRICULUM (AGEC)

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GENERAL RULES:

An AGECE can be certified by an Arizona community college as long as 12 of the credits have been completed in residence at any Arizona community college. (Maricopa Common Pages)

AGECE courses must be numbered 100 and above and completed with a grade of "C" or better. Credit units transferred from outside of MCCCDC must be at a grade of "C" or better. (A grade of "C" equals 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale or equivalent.) (Maricopa Common Pages)

Only courses that transfer as equivalent courses, departmental elective credit (DEC) or general elective credit (Elective) at all Arizona public universities according to the Arizona CED (Course Equivalency Guide) can be applied to AGECE requirements. The course evaluation and/or general education designation as listed in AZCAS is valid for the term in which the student is awarded credit on the transcript. (Maricopa Common Pages)

Either a course or its modular equivalents can be used to satisfy AGECE requirements. (Maricopa Common Pages)

If a course is cross-referenced, any of its prefixed versions can be used to satisfy AGECE requirements. (Maricopa Common Pages)

The completed AGECE provides for exemption from Arizona university admission requirements for:

Students who complete the AGECE-A, AGECE-B, or AGECE-S with a minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 = A scale.

Students who complete an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited post-secondary institution with a minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 = A scale for Arizona residents, and a minimum 2.5 on a 4.0 = A scale for non-residents. (Maricopa Common Pages)

Courses can satisfy a Core area and one or more Awareness areas simultaneously. (Maricopa Common Pages)

A course cannot be used to satisfy more than one Core area requirement. (Maricopa Common Pages)

"The application of Advanced Placement (AP), College-level Proficiency Examination (CLEP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) program credits to the Arizona General Education Curriculum is determined by the Arizona public community college certifying the AGECE."

"A grade of "Passing (P)" is not applicable to the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGECE) except when awarded for Advanced Placement (AP), College- Level Proficiency Examination (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) credit."

There is a general policy, established by the Transfer Articulation Task Force (TATF) that "all credits [within an AGECE, Pathway or Transfer Associate's Degree] are accepted and applied toward the university degree or degrees for which the block articulates whether the credit was awarded for course completion, assessment of prior learning or via some other nontraditional learning mode." However, because universities have different policies about direct acceptance of non-traditional credits, there is concern that students may not get a full 35 units of transfer credit if they complete the AGECE using some forms of non-traditional credit. As a result, specific policy regarding non-traditional credits in the AGECE is under development.

There is no statewide policy that prohibits double-dipping between the AGEC and the major at the community college. Allow ability of double-dipping is therefore at the discretion of the community college.

Within the Arts and Humanities and Social and Behavioral Sciences AGEC requirements...”it is recommended that students choose from more than one discipline.”

An addendum to the AGEC document addressing an AGEC substitution in compliance with the ADA:

1. For those majors in which the completion of course work in mathematics has been determined through a deliberative process to be essential to the major, no substitutions will be granted.
2. For those majors in which the completion of course work in mathematics is not regarded as essential to the major, substitutions of course work will be permitted. Substituted courses will be regarded as equivalent to the original requirement and may be used in full completion of the AGEC.

ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CREDITS IN THE AGEC

“Arizona Community Colleges are obligated to accept other community colleges’ AGEC courses. The only exception might be embedding; then it is up to the discretion of the receiving institution.”

“NAU’s ENG 105 will transfer into community college AGECS. Students must then complete ENG 102 to complete the AGEC Composition Requirement.”

ACCEPTANCE OF OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER CREDITS IN THE AGEC

“It is recommended that, for use in the AGEC, courses from regionally accredited non-Arizona schools or the Arizona Universities should be evaluated using the individual community college’s institutional guidelines for including a course in the AGEC or Associate’s Degree.”

The following guidelines are for the purpose of applying course work transferred from institutions using quarter-hours to the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AEC) and all transfer degrees in the transfer model.

1. 1.00 quarter hours = 0.67 semester hours.
2. Quarter-hour courses applied to the AGEC must be equivalent to a course in the granting institution’s AGEC list as determined by the articulation process at the community college.
3. Quarter-hour courses may be applied in each AGEC category using the following formulae:
 - a. No fewer than four-quarter-hours of coursework are required to fulfill a 3 semester AGEC categorical requirement (2.68 quarter credits for 3.00 semester credits).
 - b. No fewer than five quarter-hours of coursework are required to fulfill a 4 semester-hour AGEC categorical requirement (3.35 quarter credits for 4.00 semester credits).
 - c. No fewer than eight quarter-hours of coursework are required to fulfill a 6 semester-hour AGEC categorical requirement (5.36 quarter credits for 7.00 semester credits).
 - d. No fewer than twelve quarter-hours of coursework are required to fulfill a 9 semester-hour AGEC categorical requirement (8.04 quarter credits for 9.0 semester credits).
 - e. The minimum credit hours for the AGEC (35 semester hours) must be met for the granting institution to certify an AGEC. A deficiency in an AGEC category due to quarter-hour application must be recovered by additional credits within the same or another AGEC categorical requirement.

TRANSCRIPT REQUIREMENTS

Students who complete or plan to complete the Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) will have the AGEC reported on their transcripts. Community Colleges will make provisions to ensure that there is a process for the evaluation and review of completed coursework for inclusion in the AGEC.

1. Indicate on the official transcript that a student has completed the requirements for the AGEC, and indicate whether it is the AGEC-A, AGEC-B or AGEC-s.
2. Indicate on the official transcript that a student has an AGEC-in-process. This indication will be affixed to the transcript when the student is registered for the final semester of coursework necessary to complete the requirements for the AGEC. The college will indicate whether it is an AGEC-A, AGEC-B or AGEC-S in progress.
3. Once a student transcript has been marked AGEC-in-Progress, a final transcript of that semester should be sent to the university/college to confirm that the student has completed the AGEC.
4. Courses that meet AGEC requirements will be maintained in a database. If possible, institutions will identify the courses used to satisfy the AGEC requirements on the transcript.

SPECIFIC AGEC COURSE INFORMATION

ASU: Removal of Mathematics (MA) designation from ASU's MAT 113 College Algebra Plus and MAT 117 College Algebra

1. After review by the East, Tempe and West campuses' General studies and Curriculum Councils the proposal to remove the MA general studies designation from MAT 113 and MAT 117 (and their transfer equivalents) has been approved effective Fall 2005.
2. Students who completed either course (or their transfer equivalent prior to Fall 2005 will continue to receive the MA credit.
3. Students who transfer to ASU with an AGEC completed and documented on their community college transcript will not be affected by this change.
4. For any students whom this change may pose an issue in degree completion planning, an appeal may be submitted during the 2005-2006 academic year to the ASU Mathematics Department at any campus.

MARICOPA'S RESPONSE: See Boots

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) TO BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (BAS)

The Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) curriculum is designed specifically for students who have completed the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree. Students who successfully complete Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees at Arizona public community colleges are eligible for admission to the Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) program at any Arizona public university offering the BAS degree. Students can then earn a BAS degree by completing the BAS degree requirements at the university, not to exceed 60 credit hours.

Students who have completed other Associate degrees will be admitted to the university and may be admitted to the BAS program at the discretion of the admitting institution, pending an evaluation of the compatibility of the degree curriculum with the BAS curriculum.

A student must complete an Associate's degree prior to earning a BAS degree.

