



General Education Guidelines for Transfer Students – Fall 2015 & Beyond

The Master's University (TMU) faculty has authorized a revision of the institution's undergraduate General Education (GE) requirements. The new GE classes (taken by all students) are designed to provide the foundation for a liberal arts education. While the number of units has been substantially reduced, TMU's GE will feature a biblically based curriculum that is **rich** in content, **efficient** in units, and **consistent** in student experience.

The incoming class of Fall 2015 was the first class required to take the new GE curriculum. All prospective transfer students are ***strongly encouraged to contact the TMU Admissions Office*** (1-800-568-6248) as early as possible for personalized assistance in planning an ideal degree program.

In combination with TMU's current GE requirements (2017-2018 Academic Catalog, pp. 42-44) and published articulation agreements (www.masters.edu/articulation), the following guidelines will help future transfer students make informed course and credit-by-examination decisions in preparation to attend TMU.

Biblical Studies – Transfer students should consider getting a head start on the TMU Biblical Studies requirements (21 units total) via TMU Online. All students, regardless of major or transfer status, must complete all 21 units of GE Biblical Studies courses prior to graduation (either online or in residence).

Economics and Society – There are no substantial changes (3 units).

Spoken Communication – Incoming **Business majors** should not take a Spoken Communication equivalent course prior to enrolling at TMU. These students will take Business Communication at TMU in fulfillment of this requirement (3 units).

Cross Cultural Studies – Beginning in Fall 2015, the TMU Cross Cultural Studies GE requirement (6 units) was removed. Nevertheless, courses listed on articulation agreements for Cross Cultural Studies credit will typically still transfer to TMU as elective units.

English Composition – There are no substantial changes (3 units).

American/English Literature – There are no substantial changes (3 units). Transferrable courses include most English, American, or World Literature surveys.

English Elective – There are no substantial changes (3 units). Transferrable courses generally include Intro to Literature or other English electives.

Intro to Music and Art – There are no substantial changes (3 units). Note: **Music** and **Biblical Studies majors** may select alternate courses at TMU to fulfill this GE requirement.

Mathematics – There are no substantial changes (3 units). Note: **Liberal Studies (Teacher Education)**, **Business**, **Computer & Information Sciences**, and **Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy majors** are either exempt from this GE requirement or are required to take a substitute course at TMU. Incoming **Mathematics majors** should consult the Math Department about possible transfer credit for major-specific math requirements.

World History and U.S. History – There are no substantial changes (6 units World History & 3 units U.S. History).

U.S. Government – This requirement will now be eliminated for international students (usually on an F-1 visa).

Sciences – Transfer students should not take a science lecture course (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, etc.) prior to enrollment. Our Essentials of Biology & Essentials of Geology courses (3 units – students choose one) are unique & nontransferable. The 1 unit lab requirement is transferable. Incoming **Biology** and **Kinesiology/Pre-Physical Therapy majors** should consult their respective academic departments about possible transfer credit for major-specific science requirements.

Philosophy – There are no substantial changes (3 units).