



To: Faculty Senate
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 Re: Uniform General Education Policies at WOU

Recently, while advising a transfer student¹ I discovered that DegreeWorks lists different rules for Creative Arts and Social Sciences for transfer students than it lists for regular new-admit WOU students. I confirmed with our Registrar that this is the case; the rules are different for transfer students. I have been asking a variety of colleagues about this, and faculty in general are not aware of this difference.

These differences are not published in our catalog, and it is unclear how they were officially entered in DegreeWorks. I therefore bring this to Faculty Senate for discussion so help spread awareness for proper advising of transfer students.

The differences I found, currently for transfer students only, with Creative Arts and Social Sciences in DegreeWorks, as compared to the LACC requirements outlined in the WOU catalog are as follows.

Catalog	DegreeWorks for Transfer Students
<p><u>Creative Arts (9)</u> Take at least 1 credit <i>from three of the following program areas:</i> art, dance, music, theater.</p>	<p>Select 9 hours from Courses in Art (A), Dance (D), Music (MUS and MUEN), or Theatre (TA). A maximum of three hours in music performance (MUP) is allowed. A combination of three areas is preferred. If you have not completed the requirements it is recommended you take any remaining hours from areas other than the ones you transferred into WOU.</p>
<p><u>Social Science (11-12)</u> Take one 8 or 9 credit <i>sequence.</i> An additional 3-4 credit social science <i>course</i> can be ...</p>	<p>12 credits in at least 2 Social Science disciplines</p>

That is:

- New-admit WOU students are required to take Creative Arts coursework in at least three areas, but for transfer students, any Creative Arts courses of the appropriate credits satisfy the Creative Arts LACC requirement.
- New-admit WOU students are required to have a Social Science two-course sequence and one additional Social Science course, but for transfer students, any Social Science courses of the appropriate credits, in at least two areas, satisfy the Social Science LACC requirement.

¹ Defined as transferring in 36 or more credits, no AAOT (or similar AA degree) with certain GPA requirements