

Choosing Courses for a Transfer Credit Application – General Education and Liberal Studies Electives

How to choose which course(s) to use to apply for Transfer Credit for General Education or Liberal Studies electives:

There are several factors to consider when selecting a course to use in your application for Transfer Credit for a General Education or Liberal Studies elective:

- 1) **The course must fit into one of the three elective categories we use at GBC: Arts and Humanities (GHUM), Social Sciences (GSSC) and Science and Technology (GSCI).**

To see examples of the kinds of courses that fit into each of these categories, review the course descriptions on the [General Education and Liberal Studies electives web page](#). Please note that these lists include only electives that are offered at GBC. Many other courses are eligible for Credit Transfer as long as they fit one of the accepted categories and meet all of the other requirements.

- 2) **The focus and content of courses used to apply for Transfer Credit for electives must be completely unrelated to courses you are taking in your program.**

General Education and Liberal Studies electives introduce students to knowledge and perspectives in disciplines that are outside their field of study. Make sure you do not choose courses that overlap with your program courses. For example, students in Business programs cannot transfer Economics courses as General Education or Liberal Studies electives.

- 3) **Courses that develop skills and knowledge that are used in particular workplace or profession do not qualify for Credit Transfer as General Education or Liberal Studies electives.**

This includes most courses completed as part of a vocational program at another institution and a broad range of professionally related courses such as Marketing, Human Resources, Computer Programming, Graphic Design, Counseling, Pharmacology, and many others. General Education and Liberal Studies courses focus on broadening and deepening our understanding of the social, political and cultural contexts in which we live and work, not on developing specific workplace, professional or technical skills.

- 4) **Courses that focus on teaching learners “how to” develop or apply specific technical, mechanical, communication/interpersonal, personal health and fitness and/or creative knowledge and skills also do not qualify for Credit Transfer as General Education or Liberal Studies electives.**

This includes many science courses such as Chemistry, Molecular and Cell Biology, and Physics (the exceptions are courses for non-science majors that focus on the function and relevance of scientific principles in everyday life); math courses such as Algebra, Calculus, Finite Math, etc.; computer skills courses; interpersonal communications and management courses; writing skills courses, including creative and technical courses, research skills, public speaking and language courses; personal development courses like stress management, Yoga, Tai Chi, mindfulness training, career exploration/preparation, study skills; photography, art, dance, music, and theatre skills courses, and many other skill and personal development courses.

- 5) **The course must be equivalent to a 3 credit (42 contact hours) GBC elective and the final grade must be 60% (C- on the GBC grading scale) or higher.**

Courses that are evaluated on a pass/fail basis are not eligible for Credit Transfer as General Education electives.

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