EASTERN WEST VIRGINIA COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE
REGULATION NO. – AR 3.10

TITLE: **GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE DESIGNATION REGULATION**

Section I: General

1.1 Scope: The General Education Course Designation Regulation establishes the criteria and guidelines for the review and approval of courses designated as general education courses. The regulation provides the framework for course designation per general education goals set forth in AR 3.17 General Education Regulation assuring academic consistency and attainment of general education learning outcomes.

1.2 Authority: AR 3.17 General Education Regulation, WV Council for Community and Technical College Education and Higher Education Policy Commission, Series 24, "Preparation of Students for College"; The Higher Education Policy Commission Core Coursework Transfer Agreement; American Associate of Community and Technical Colleges, *Position Statement on the Associate Degree*, adopted August 1998; Higher Learning Commission, A Commission of The North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, *Commission Statement on General Education*.

1.3 Effective Date: August 6, 2008; REVISED August 2019

Section 2: Rationale

The general education curriculum provides the general core for all associate degrees and certificate programs. The general education curriculum demonstrates the College's commitment to provide appropriate and relevant education to enhance the development of learners as they face societal challenges. General education courses provide a breadth of knowledge useful to all students. The criteria and process described below establish the guidelines for designating general education courses assuring that the general education curriculum supports the college mission and the approved general education goals. (AR 3.17)

Section 3: General Education Courses: Selection Criteria

For designation as a general education course, a course must meet the following criteria:
- Support one or more of the general education goals as defined in AR 3.17General Education Regulation.
- Match one of the defined domains (communications, humanities and arts, information science, mathematics, natural science, social science)
- Be listed in college catalog at 100 level or higher

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- Provide an overview of subject area and be broad in scope
- Include theoretical foundations of the discipline (often introductory level or survey courses)
- Provide opportunity to develop critical thinking and problem solving skills
- Open to all students regardless of major

Section 4: General Education Course Designations

General education courses can be designated as: communications, humanities and arts, mathematics, natural science, social sciences, or information sciences (BP 3.6). General education courses will be designated in the College Catalog. Courses offered in the following areas can be considered for designation as general education courses:
- Communication: Courses in composition, speech, or listening; and courses designed to enhance competency in the English language.
- Humanities and Arts:
  - English: literature, creative writing, history of the language
  - Drama: dramatic literature, dramatic interpretation of the drama, playwriting
  - Foreign Languages: grammar, reading, composition, history of the language, conversation, literature of the language
  - Music: music history, appreciation
  - Art: art history, appreciation
  - Philosophy: history of philosophy, logic, schools of philosophy, comparative philosophy
  - Religion: history of religion, comparative religion
- Information Sciences:
  - Computer and information science
- Mathematics:
  - Algebra, mathematics, pre-calculus, calculus, statistics
- Natural Sciences, Physical Sciences:
  - Biology, zoology, anatomy and physiology, physics, chemistry, geology, geography
- Social Sciences:
  - Psychology, social science, sociology, cultural studies, history, anthropology, political science, economics

Section 5: Submission and Approval Process

The current curriculum approval process will be used to review and award general education designations (AR 3.7)
- Curriculum proposals will include the standard curriculum forms (Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet, Master Course Record Form and sample syllabus)

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- The completed General education Criteria Checklist must be appended to the curriculum proposal (Attachment A)
- Course currently listed as general education courses will be grandfathered and subject to review to retain status upon next curriculum submission (Attachment B, sample of listing)
- Approved courses will be published in the College Catalog and schedule

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Attachment A
General Education Criteria Checklist

Course Number and Title:	
Credit Hours:	
Proposed General Education Designation:	

Criteria	Yes	No	Specific Details
Does the course support one or more of the general education goals defined in AR 3.17 (Specify which goals in comment section)			
Does the course match one of the defined general education designations (Specify which designation in comment sections)			
Is the course currently listed in the College Catalog			
Is the course listed at the 100 level or higher			
Is the course broad in scope providing an overview of the subject			
Do the course outcomes address theoretical foundations of the discipline			

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Does the course provide students with the opportunity to develop and apply critical thinking an problem solving skills as identified through MCRF or syllabus		
Are course outcomes applicable to multiple professions		
Does the course have prerequisites (If, yes please note specifics in comment section)		

(Attach Master Course Record Form)

Attachment B
General Education Courses and Designations Approved Listing – 2019-2020 Catalog

Domain	AA/AS	AAS/CAS	Domain	AA/AS	AAS/CAS
Communication		BUS 203	Natural Science	BIO 101*	BIO 101*
	ENL 101*	ENL 101*		BIO 102*	BIO 102*
	ENL 102*	ENL 102*		BIO 124*	BIO 124*
		ENL 115		BIO 125*	BIO 125*
	ORT 100	ORT 100		CHM 213*	CHM 213*
	SPH 101*	SPH 101*		CHM 214*	CHM 214*
				GSC 109*	GSC 109*
				GSC 110*	GSC 110*
					GSC 120
					PHS 115
Humanities & Art	ART 100*	ART 100*	Social Science	ECN 201*	ECN 201*
	ASL 101, 102, 103, 104, 205	ASL 101, 102, 103, 104, 205		ECN 202*	ECN 202*
	EDF 203	EDF 203		EDF 217	EDF 217
	ENL 140	ENL 140		GEO 220	GEO 220
	ENL 161	ENL 161		HIT 104*	HIT 104*
	ENL 200*	ENL 200*		HIT 105*	HIT 105*
	ENL 201	ENL 201		HIT 240*	HIT 240*
	ENL 202*	ENL 202*		HIT 241*	HIT 241*
	ENL 204*	ENL 204*		HIT 250	HIT 250
	ENL 220	ENL 220		HIT 260	HIT 260
	ENL 295	ENL 295		HIT 265	HIT 265
	HUM 100	HUM 100		POL 201*	POL 201*
	HUM 210	HUM 210		POL 202*	POL 202*
	MUS 170*	MUS 170*		PSY 200*	PSY 200*
	PHL 200	PHL 200		PSY 209	PSY 209
	PHL 260	PHL 260		PSY 212	PSY 212
	PHL 290	PHL 290		PSY 214*	PSY 214*
	REL 105	REL 105		PSY 219	PSY 219
	REL 130	REL 130		PSY 224	PSY 224
	REL 140	REL 140		PSY 226	PSY 226
Information Science	CIS 114	CIS 114		PSY 228	PSY 228
Mathematics		MTH 115#		PSY 230	PSY 230
		MTH 117		SOC 203*	SOC 203*

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	MTH 121*	MTH 121*		SOC 207*	SOC 207*
	MTH 135*	MTH 135*		SOC 220*	SOC 220*
	MTH 136*	MTH 136*		SSC 147	SSC 147
	MTH 137*	MTH 137*			
	MTH 200	MTH 200			
	MTH 225*	MTH 225*			
	MTH 230	MTH 230			
	MTH 231	MTH 231			

*Courses listed on the WVCCTCE and HEPC Core Coursework Transfer Agreement (refer to page 39 in Eastern's 2019-2020 Catalog for details)

#Only accepted in Administrative Support, AAS, and CAS; Automotive Technology, AAS, and CAS; Board of Governors, AAS; Business Management, CAS; Computer Applications Specialist, CAS; and Technical Studies, AAS and CAS