

# A-021 LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM DISTRIBUTION

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## Policy History

**Date of Adoption:** June 12, 1979

**Date of Last Review:** April 1, 2022

### Date and Subject of Amendments

4/1/2022 - Updated policy to include Honors Program and to clarify graduation requirement for transfer students.

A minimum of 42 semester credit hours is required to fulfill the Liberal Education Program and Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) for graduation.

## Requirements for First-Year Students

The Liberal Education Program and Minnesota Transfer Curriculum requirements for entering students seeking a Bachelor's degree are as follows:

- MnTC Goal 01 - Communication (3 courses, 10 credits)
- MnTC Goal 02 - Critical Thinking (fulfilled upon completion of the 9 other goals)
- MnTC Goal 03 - Natural Sciences (2 courses with labs, 8 credits)
- MnTC Goal 04 - Mathematical/Logical Reasoning (1 course, 3-5 credits)
- MnTC Goal 05\* - History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences (2 courses, 6 credits)
- MnTC Goal 06\* - The Humanities and Fine Arts (2 courses, 6 credits)
- MnTC Goal 07 - Human Diversity (1 course, 3 credits)
- MnTC Goal 08 - Global Perspective (1 course, 3-4 credits)
- MnTC Goal 09 - Ethical and Civic Responsibility (1 course, 3 credits)
- MnTC Goal 10 - People and the Environment (1 course, 3 credits) \*All students will be required to complete an additional

MnTC Goal 05 or 06 courses for a total of 15 credits and 5 different disciplines in the two goal areas.

See the Academic Catalog for approved courses for each MnTC Goal area.

NOTE: Where approved, one course can count for two Goal areas. Student must have a total of 42 semester credit hours and a 2.0 GPA for their MnTC to complete the MnTC.

## Requirements for Transfer Students

The following statement applies to transfer students or students in the Honors Program for the Liberal Education Program and Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

Students who have satisfied the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, who have an AA Degree, or who have a BA or BS degree when they transfer to SMSU, are recognized as having fulfilled the SMSU Liberal Education Program and Minnesota Transfer Curriculum.

## Graduation Requirements

- LEP 101 First Year Seminar (3 credits) or HONR 140 Introduction to Honors (3 credits)\*
- Major Designated Capstone (0 credits)
- Major Designated Communication/Critical Thinking (0 credits) \*

Students transferring into SMSU with at least 30 credits toward the MnTC, or transfer with a BA, BS, AA, or AS degree will not be required to complete the LEP 101 graduation requirement.

*Note: While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, SMSU reserves the right to correct any clerical errors herein. Also, you can submit feedback.*