

Guide to Waiving General Education for Students with a N.C. Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) Degree

Open Xtender to view the transfer student's NC community college transcript. Confirm that the transfer student meets the following criteria:

1. Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS) degree from a **NC community college**.
2. Minimum overall **2.0 GPA** for the AA or AS degree.
3. **"C" or better** for all CAA-designated courses.
4. Completed CAA-approved AA or AS **courses from each area of study** (see table on page 2).

If any of the criteria are not met, credits may only be transferred on a course-by-course basis and the transfer student will be required to complete ECU General Education requirements.

Advisors must make requests to waive General Education in Degree Works on a case-by-case basis for students with a N.C. AA or AS degree.

Once the student's transcript is reviewed and the advisor determines that the student meets the requirements of the CAA, the advisor can submit a petition to waive/complete the ECU General Education.

PLEASE NOTE: The ECU General Education courses below CANNOT be waived per the CAA:

- General Education/cognate courses required for major¹
- Health¹
- Exercise¹
- Foreign Language (if required for major)¹

¹These courses are not required for the AA or AS degree, therefore not every student will have completed them before transferring to ECU. However, the courses will be required for graduation from ECU. Students may complete these courses as part of their AA or AS degree with a "C-" or better and transfer credit to ECU to fulfill these course requirements.

CAA Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the AA or AS course requirements mentioned in Step 4 from page 1?

Areas of Study and CAA-Approved Courses	AA Requirements	AS Requirements
English Composition ENG 111 and ENG 112	6 s.h.	6 s.h.
Communications & Humanities/Fine Arts COM 231; ART 111, ART 114, ART 115; ENG 231, ENG 232, ENG 241, ENG 242; MUS 110, MUS 112; PHI 215, PHI 240	9 s.h.	6 s.h.
Social/Behavioral Sciences ECO 251, ECO 252; HIS 111, HIS 112, HIS 131, HIS 132; POL 120; PSY 150; SOC 210	9 s.h.	6 s.h.
Math AA: MAT 143, 152, 171 AS: MAT 171, 172, 263, 271, 272	3-4 s.h.	8 s.h.
Natural Science AA: AST 111/111A, AST 151/151A; BIO 110, BIO 111; CHM 151; GEL 111; PHY 110/110A AS: AST 151/151A; BIO 110, BIO 111/112; CHM 151/152; GEL 111; PHY 110/110A, PHY 151/152, PHY 251/252	4 s.h.	8 s.h.
General Education Hours Selected from courses classified as GEN ED within CAA Transfer Course List	13-14 s.h.	11 s.h.
Academic Transition ACA 122	1 s.h.	1 s.h.
Additional Pre-Major/Elective, or GEN ED Hours Selected from courses classified as Pre-Major/ Elective or GEN ED within CAA Transfer Course List	14 s.h.	14 s.h.
Total Semester Hours in Program:	60	60

*Students must meet ECU's foreign language, health and physical education requirements, if applicable, prior to or after transfer.

2. **Which students are not eligible to have ECU General Education waived?**

The following students are not eligible:

- Did not complete AA or AS degree
- Completed AA or AS degree through the Reverse Transfer program
- Completed a degree at an out-of-state community college
- Has an AAS (Associate in Applied Science) or other community college degree that is not an Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS) degree.

3. **Are HLTH 1000 and KINE 1000 waived with General Education?**

If the transfer student completed HLTH 1000 (HEA 110) and KINE 1000 (PED 110) at the community college, they do not have to take these courses again at ECU. If the transfer student did not complete HLTH 1000 and KINE 1000 before transferring, they are required to complete these courses while enrolled at ECU to graduate. Students who have successfully completed HEA 110 since the Fall 2016 term will earn ECU credit for both HLTH 1000 (2 hours) and KINE 1000 (1 hour). Students who completed HEA 110 prior to the Fall 2016 term and who have not also taken PED 110 will be responsible for meeting the Health-Related Physical Activity Competency component of the ECU General Education Program to meet degree requirements.

4. **Is the foreign language requirement waived with General Education?**

If the foreign language was not completed at the community college and is required for the ECU major, the transfer student must complete the foreign language requirement while enrolled at ECU to graduate.

5. **The transfer student is eligible to waive General Education based on the CAA criteria. However, the major I advise specifically requires certain General Education courses that the transfer student did not complete. What should I waive?**

If the transfer student meets CAA criteria, they are eligible to have General Education waived, except the courses specifically required. All General Education except the specifically required courses may be waived. The transfer student must complete these courses while enrolled at ECU to graduate.

For example, Biology, BS specifically requires CHEM 1150/1151, 1160/1161 and MATH 1065 in the General Education. If the transfer student meets the CAA criteria, but did not take CHM 151, 152 and MAT 171 at the community college, their English, Humanities/Fine Arts, and Social Sciences may be waived. However, the transfer student will be required to complete CHEM 1150/1151, 1160/1161 and MATH 1065 while enrolled at ECU to graduate, even if they took other Science and Math courses at the community college.

6. **ECU's General Education requires 7 s.h. Science, but the transfer student only took 4 s.h. Should I waive the General Education?**

The CAA requirements differ from ECU General Education. For example, the AA degree requires 4 s.h. Science, while ECU General Education requires 7 s.h. Science. If the student meets the CAA criteria for their AA or AS degree (see table in FAQ 1), they are eligible to have General Education waived, excluding HLTH 1000, KINE 1000, foreign language, and specifically required General Education courses (see FAQs 3-5).

7. **How do I waive General Education for a transfer student?**

Once you determine the transfer student is eligible to have General Education waived, submit one Petition in the student's Degree Works audit listing which General Education courses to waive.

8. **What is the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement? Where can I find more info?**

The North Carolina Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) is an agreement between NC community colleges and UNC system institutions. The CAA assures that eligible transfer students will be admitted to one of 16 UNC institutions and transfer with junior status. Eligible CAA transfer students will have General Education waived at the receiving UNC institution. For more information about the NC CAA, visit: <https://www.northcarolina.edu/college-transferarticulation-agreements/comprehensive-articulation-agreement-caa>

9. Which NC community colleges participate in the CAA?

There are 59 NC community colleges and all participate in the CAA.

Community College Name	City	Community College Name	City
Alamance Community College	Graham	Mayland Community College	Spruce Pine
Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College	Asheville	McDowell Technical Community College	Marion
Beaufort County Community College	Washington	Mitchell Community College	Statesville
Bladen Community College	Dublin	Montgomery Community College	Troy
Blue Ridge Community College	Flat Rock	Nash Community College	Rocky Mount
Brunswick Community College	Bolivia	Pamlico Community College	Grantsboro
Caldwell Community College and Tech Institute	Hudson	Piedmont Community College	Roxboro
Cape Fear Community College	Wilmington	Pitt Community College	Winterville
Carteret Community College	Morehead City	Randolph Community College	Asheboro
Catawba Valley Community College	Hickory	Richmond Community College	Hamlet
Central Carolina Community College	Sanford	Roanoke-Chowan Community College	Ahoskie
Central Piedmont Community College	Charlotte	Robeson Community College	Lumberton
Cleveland Community College	Shelby	Rockingham Community College	Wentworth
Coastal Carolina Community College	Jacksonville	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College	Salisbury
College of The Albemarle	Elizabeth City	Sampson Community College	Clinton
Craven Community College	New Bern	Sandhills Community College	Pinehurst
Davidson County Community College	Thomasville	South Piedmont Community College	Polkton
Durham Technical Community College	Durham	Southeastern Community College	Whiteville
Edgecombe Community College	Tarboro	Southwestern Community College	Sylva
Fayetteville Technical Community College	Fayetteville	Stanly Community College	Albemarle
Forsyth Technical Community College	Winston-Salem	Surry Community College	Dobson
Gaston College	Dallas	System Office	Raleigh
Guilford Technical Community College	Jamestown	Tri-County Community College	Murphy
Halifax Community College	Weldon	Vance-Granville Community College	Henderson
Haywood Community College	Clyde	Wake Technical Community College	Raleigh
Isothermal Community College	Spindale	Wayne Community College	Goldsboro
James Sprunt Community College	Kenansville	Western Piedmont Community College	Morganton
Johnston Community College	Smithfield	Wilkes Community College	Wilkesboro
Lenoir Community College	Kinston	Wilson Community College	Wilson
Martin Community College	Williamston		