

**Act 747 of 2011  
and  
Common Course  
Numbering System**

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# Transfer Act

- Enhances the opportunity for degree completion
- Expands the Roger Phillips Transfer Policy
- Establishes statewide common course numbering system

# Expansion of 2009 Law

- Establishes 60-credit hour state minimum general education core curriculum
- Requires statewide transfer agreement for designated associate degrees
- Requires that selected bachelor's degrees include the 60-hour state minimum core based on student demand and the economic development needs of the state

## Expansion of 2009 Law

- Requires comprehensive academic advising for transfer
- Encourages the development of transfer guidelines and articulation agreements for other degree programs

## Expansion of 2009 Law

- Requires identification of lower-division (transfer) courses offered by 4-year institutions as either general education courses or as required prerequisite courses for bachelor's degrees
- Requires identification of common prerequisite courses and course substitutions for degrees programs across all institutions
- Requires institutions to form faculty advisory panels that recommend major program prerequisites, course substitutions, and elective requirements for programs included in the state minimum core curriculum

## Expansion of 2009 Law

- Requires 35-credit hour general education courses be offered and accepted by all institutions
- Limits maximum semester credit hours required for associate degrees (60 credit hours) and bachelor's degrees (120 credit hours) unless ...

# 60-Credit Hour State Minimum Core

- 60 semester credit hours of lower-division coursework
  - Includes 35-hour general education core
  - Major program prerequisites, and
  - Elective requirements that satisfy requirements of designated associate transfer degrees and selected bachelor's degrees
- Full compliance by July 1, 2012

# Designated Transfer Degrees

- Associate of Arts
  - Includes 35-hour general education core
  - 15-25 credit hours from general education core categories
  - 0-10 credit hours of institutional requirements and/or approved elective courses (generally taken as part of a bachelor's degree)
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts in Teaching
  - AHECB approved curriculum



# Transcript Notation ?

**60-Hour State Minimum Core Completed**

# Purpose of CCNS in Act 747

- Provide improved program planning;
- Increase communication among all delivery systems;
- Facilitate the transfer of students and credits between state-supported institutions of higher education; and
- Promote the consistency in course designation and identification.

# Key Components of CCNS (Common Course Numbering System)

- CCNS relates to lower-division general education courses found within the ACTS (Arkansas Course Transfer System)
- Lower-division is Freshman or Sophomore level courses
- Upper-division courses are not required to be included
- A lower-division course may be offered by any state-supported institution

# Miscellaneous

- Penalty – A state-supported institution of higher education that is not in full compliance with this subchapter shall not be eligible to accept state aid from the Higher Education Grants Fund Account on behalf of a student.
- Core Curriculum – The CCNS shall include the thirty-five hour general education core and major program prerequisites that are included in the state minimum core curriculum.

# Use of CCNS

- Each state-supported institution shall include the common course numbers...in all:
  - Course Listings
  - Course Documents
  - Catalogs
  - Websites
  - Other published materials containing course listings

# Deadline

Each state-supported institution of higher education shall fully participate in the common course numbering system by **July 1, 2013.**

# Process

- ADHE will schedule meeting(s) for institutional administrators for planning purposes by the end of September.
- After collaborative discussions with institutions, ADHE will draft policy as required by the act.
- A review and comment period is anticipated after draft policy is completed.

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- Draft policy may include technical guide and/or recommendations.
- After adjustments, policy will be presented to the AHECB.
- Process will allow ample time for institutions to modify data systems and related documentation.



# Rough Timeline

September 2011	State-wide meeting to discuss Common Course Numbering System
October 2011 to November 2011	Draft Policy with Technical Guide Released for Review and Comment
January 2012	Comment Period Expires
February 2012	Adjustments based on comments received
April 2012 or July 20102	AHECB Consideration of Policy
Fall 2012	Implementation by Institutions
Spring 2013	Adjustments/Trials by Institutions
July 1, 2013	Deadline per Act 747 of 2011

# Current Applicable Courses

- 1 ANTH 1013 Introduction to Anthropology
- 2 ANTH 2013 Cultural Anthropology
- 3 ARTA 1003 Art Appreciation
- 4 ARTA 2003 Art History Survey I
- 5 ARTA 2103 Art History Survey II
- 6 BIOL 1004 Biology for Non-Majors
- 7 BIOL 1014 Biology for Majors
- 8 BIOL 1024 Botany for Non-Majors
- 9 BIOL 1034 Botany for Majors
- 10 BIOL 1054 Zoology
- 11 BIOL 2004 Introductory Microbiology
- 12 BIOL 2404 Human Anatomy and Physiology I \*
- 13 BIOL 2414 Human Anatomy and Physiology II \*
- 14 CHEM 1004 Chemistry I for General Education
- 15 CHEM 1214 Chemistry I for Health Related Professions
- 16 CHEM 1224 Chemistry II for Health Related Professions
- 17 CHEM 1414 Chemistry I for Science Majors
- 18 CHEM 1424 Chemistry II for Science Majors
- 19 CPSI 1003 Introduction to Computers
- 20 CRJU 1023 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- 21 DRAM 1003 Theatre Appreciation
- 22 ECON 2103 Principles of Macroeconomics

# Current Applicable Courses

23 ECON 2203 Principles of Microeconomics

24 ENGL 1013 Composition I

25 ENGL 1023 Composition II

26 ENGL 2013 Introduction to Creative Writing

27 ENGL 2023 Introduction to Technical Writing

28 ENGL 2113 World Literature I

29 ENGL 2123 World Literature II

30 ENGL 2213 Western Literature I

31 ENGL 2223 Western Literature II

32 ENGL 2653 American Literature I

33 ENGL 2663 American Literature II

34 ENGL 2673 British Literature I

35 ENGL 2683 British Literature II

36 FREN 1013 French I

37 FREN 1023 French II

38 FREN 2013 French III

39 FREN 2023 French IV

40 GEOG 1103 Introduction to Geography

41 GEOG 1113 Human Geography

42 GEOG 2103 World Regional Geography

43 GEOG 2113 Cultural Geography

44 GEOG 2223 Physical Geography

# Current Applicable Courses

45 GEOL 1114 Physical Geology

56 HIST 1223 Western Civilization II

46 GEOL 1124 Environmental Geology

57 HIST 2113 United States History I

47 GEOL 1134 Historical Geology

58 HIST 2123 United States History II

48 GERM 1013 German I

59 MATH 1003 College Math

49 GERM 1023 German II

60 MATH 1103 College Algebra

50 GERM 2013 German III

61 MATH 1203 Plane Trigonometry

51 GERM 2023 German IV

62 MATH 1305 Pre-Calculus

52 HEAL 1003 Personal Health

63 MATH 2103 Introduction to Statistics

53 HIST 1113 World Civilizations I

64 MATH 2203 Survey of Calculus

54 HIST 1123 World Civilizations II

65 MATH 2405 Calculus I

55 HIST 1213 Western Civilization I

66 MATH 2505 Calculus II

# Current Applicable Courses

67 MATH 2603 Calculus III

78 PLSC 2003 American National Government

68 MUSC 1003 Music Appreciation

79 PLSC 2103 State and Local Government

69 PHIL 1003 Introduction to Critical Thinking

80 PSYC 1103 General Psychology

70 PHIL 1103 Philosophy

81 PSYC 2103 Developmental Psychology

71 PHSC 1004 Physical Science

82 SOCI 1013 Introduction to Sociology

72 PHSC 1104 Earth Science

83 SOCI 2013 Social Problems

73 PHSC 1204 Introduction to Astronomy

84 SPAN 1013 Spanish I

74 PHYS 2014 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics I

85 SPAN 1023 Spanish II

75 PHYS 2024 Algebra/Trigonometry-Based Physics II

86 SPAN 2013 Spanish III

76 PHYS 2034 Calculus-Based Physics I

87 SPAN 2023 Spanish IV

77 PHYS 2044 Calculus-Based Physics II

88 SPCH 1003 Introduction to Oral Communication

# Questions?

- Questions
- Comments
- Concerns

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