CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Provost Draft Policy Feedback Report Submit by Friday, May 3, 2024

Institution: Western Connecticut State University

Faculty Lead: Kelli Custer

Summary of method used to collect feedback:

Governance body or committee: Committee on General Education

Date: April 15, 2024

Attendance: Anna Malavisi, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, Vertna West, Lai Van Vo, Jennifer Ort, Xiaomei Gong, Julie Perrellii, Yaseen Hayajneh, AnnMarie Puleo

Summary of process used to collect feedback (Provide a brief description of how this was presented and discussed on your campus. Who was eligible to provide feedback and by what method?):

The Framework 30 map was provided to the Committee on General Education in November 2023 and discussed at a subsequent meeting; the full policy was presented to the Committee on General Education as an email attachment and discussed at an April meeting. Further feedback was exchanged via several emails. This committee consists of representatives from each school, a librarian, a dean, the First Year Coordinator, and a student. We also discussed the policy with members of the WCSU Transfer Council and the incoming representative for the Transfer Council. Responses have been compiled below.

Summary of Faculty feedback regarding:

If implemented, how will this policy impact the current general education requirements at your institution?

The proposed policy will likely have <u>minimal impact</u> on Western's GE requirements. The policy acknowledges the right of each institution's autonomy to design its general education curriculum while promoting overall alignment through a common framework. We have some concerns for our proposed framework regarding the transfer of the Continued Learning and Information Literacy (CLIL). Although it can transfer as the 1-credit First Year Experience requirement, we are planning a Transfer Year program. When this program is in place, our transfer students will be required to complete this experience. This may impact whether the 3 CLIL credits will transfer as general education.

If implemented, how will the proposed policy impact the risk of excess credit hours for CT State students earning a degree at your institution?

The proposed policy will likely <u>reduce</u> the risk of excess credit hours for CT State students by promoting a smoother transfer of general education credits. The policy offers a framework that will facilitate and make it easier to transfer GE credits within the CSCU system. Major requirements may differ.

If implemented, will this policy negatively impact the completion of a baccalaureate degree for a CT State transfer student at your institution? If so, please explain.

This proposed policy will likely **positively impact** transfer student completion rates, especially if the courses are equivalent enough to prepare students to succeed at the university level. Reduced time spent retaking GE courses will allow students to focus on major requirements and graduate sooner.

Please provide any additional feedback that can strengthen the language of the proposed policy:

We recommend adjusting the language so that the Framework 30 aligns to CSU General Education courses instead of asking the CSUs to comply with the CT State Framework. The goal is for students to be prepared by CT State to successfully transfer to the level of work required for a baccalaureate degree. With vertical transfer, the adjustments need to be made at base.

Please provide any feedback in support of this policy:

We agree that it is crucial to retain our CT State students within the system. This policy will increase access for students.

Please provide feedback in opposition to this policy:

Not an opposition but a couple of comments:

1. on the reporting structure that was brought up at Provost Council and the role of each institution's Provost to ensure coherent communication locally and collectively. At WCSU the Chair of the Gen Ed committee reports to the Provost.

2. Our transfer director does have some concerns about the Health/Wellness category that will need ongoing work in the future. We hope for our new Gen Ed framework to be passed by Senate in May, and next year will focus on operationalizing the framework for full implementation by Fall 2025. Thus it is timely to have a coherent transfer policy and our new WCSU Gen Ed framework in place.

CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Requirements and Timeline

- 1. Provost
 - a. Assign Faculty Lead for their institution
 - b. Determine best method for campus feedback
 - c. Submit campus feedback report by Friday, May 3, 2024
- 2. Faculty Lead
 - a. Responsible to inform appropriate Faculty group(s) on the draft policy
 - b. Collect feedback
 - c. Organize feedback and submit to Provost
 - i. Timeline will be determined by the institution to meet the deadline above
- 3. Suggested Feedback Plan
 - a. Assign Faculty Lead involved with your institution's General Education Committee
 - b. Introduce the draft policy to the General Education Committee
 - i. General Education Committee may solicit input from others, but must do so within allotted time period for feedback collection
 - c. Provide feedback based on the questions in the report related to student success.

CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Policy

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Policy Title:

CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Policy

Policy Owner:

CSCU Office of Academic and Student Affairs

Applies to:

CT State Community College students transferring to any CSCU Four-Year Institution, as well as faculty and staff involved in transfer processes, advisement, and curriculum development across all CSCU institutions.

Institution Applicability: All CSCU institutions

Contact(s): CSCU Director for the Office of Transfer and Articulation

Effective Date: TBD

I. Purpose

Connecticut State Colleges and Universities ("CSCU") is committed to facilitating a smooth and efficient academic transition for students transferring from CT State Community College to any CSCU four-year institution (collectively, "CSCU Institutions"). The CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Policy (hereinafter referred to as "the Policy") is designed to standardize the process of transferring general education credits. By establishing a clear framework based on broad competency categories, this Policy aims to enhance academic flexibility, minimize barriers to credit transfer and general education satisfaction, and support the overarching goal of student success within the CSCU System.

II. Definitions

- A. "CSCU Four-Year Institution(s)" refers collectively and individually to Central Connecticut State University, Eastern Connecticut State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Western Connecticut State University, and Charter Oak State College.
- B. "General Education" is defined by the New England Commission of Higher Education, is a program that is a fundamental component that reflects the institution's mission and values, embodying the institution's vision of an educated individual. This program is designed to be coherent and substantial, ensuring that students are well-prepared for the diverse world they will inhabit. The general education framework is crafted with the intent to provide a comprehensive educational experience, encompassing a balanced

integration of arts and humanities, sciences including mathematics, and social sciences. This integration fosters a holistic understanding of the primary domains of knowledge and their interconnections. The general education requirements mandate that undergraduate students complete a minimum of 40 semester credits in bachelor's degree programs, or 20 semester credits in associate degree programs, thereby ensuring an adequate breadth of knowledge across various disciplines.

- C. "General Education Core" is a curated collection of courses within each CSCU institution's general education program that represents the essential academic competencies every student is required to attain. It emphasizes foundational skills in critical thinking, effective communication, quantitative reasoning, and scientific and cultural literacy. This core is strategically designed to support students' personal and intellectual growth, laying the groundwork for specialized study in their chosen fields and preparing them for responsible, informed citizenship in a global society.
- D. "*Framework 30*" or "*FW30*" is a categorically structured General Education curriculum specifically developed for associate degree programs designed for transfer within the CSCU system. The FW30 encompasses the following categories:
 - Written Communications I
 - Written Communications II
 - Historical Knowledge
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - Arts and Humanities
 - Scientific Reasoning
 - Scientific Knowledge and Understanding
 - Oral Communication
 - Continued Learning and Information Literacy
 - Quantitative Reasoning

These categories are curated to ensure that students gain proficiency in critical thinking, effective communication, and a broad spectrum of knowledge areas that are crucial for academic success and personal growth.

III. Policy

- A. Credit Acceptance and Alignment
 - Each CSCU Four-Year Institution will accept and apply to its General Education Core requirements all courses that students have successfully completed within the General Education Core at CT State Community College, provided (i) these courses have been appropriately mapped to the corresponding categories in the Framework 30, as outlined in the CSCU General Education Category-to-Category Alignment Template (Exhibit A) and, (ii) any specific grade requirements for the acceptance of transfer credits set by the receiving institution are satisfied.
 - Courses categorized within the FW30 will be coded (e.g., through course-tocourse equivalency or assigned attributes) to fulfill the General Education Core requirements at the CSCU Four-Year Institution to which the student is transferring.
- B. Category Alignment

- 1. Each CSCU institution will align its General Education Core categories with the competency categories established in the Framework 30, utilizing the CSCU General Education Category-to-Category Alignment Template.
- The alignment will be based on comparable Student Learning Outcomes ("SLOs"), providing essential information to students, faculty, and staff for selecting courses that satisfy General Education requirements across the CSCU System.
- 3. The General Education Core categories covered in this Policy do not set aside specific major or programmatic requirements where coursework may be used to satisfy both a General Education requirement and another specific degree requirement (e.g., a course serves as satisfying both a General Education requirement and a supporting course requirement).

C. Institutional Autonomy

Nothing within this Policy shall be construed to limit the autonomy of CSCU institutions in developing its General Education Core courses and offering a diverse curriculum tailored to meet the specific SLOs of each General Education category.

IV. Appeal Process

Each CSCU Four-Year Institution will provide a process for students to appeal decisions related to the transfer of General Education credits from CT State Community College to the CSCU Four-Year Institution.

V. Implementation and Oversight

A. Implementation

This Policy shall be enacted with immediate effect across all CSCU institutions, with ongoing support and oversight provided by the CSCU System Office to ensure consistent application and adherence to the stipulated credit transfer guidelines.

B. Oversight and Compliance

To ensure sustained adherence to this Policy and to manage its ongoing evaluation, a dedicated Oversight Committee ("Committee") will be established as a standing subcommittee of the CSCU Transfer Council. The Committee will be comprised of faculty and staff representatives from CT State Community College and each CSCU Four-Year Institution. Appointed by and reporting directly to the CSCU Provost or other designee, the Committee will:

- Develop a comprehensive implementation guide that includes procedures for the continuous review and adjustment of General Education requirements across CSCU institutions, ensuring alignment with this Policy and adherence to relevant accreditation standards. This encompasses updates to General Education Core categories, SLOs, and the roster of approved courses.
- 2. Regularly report on Policy implementation progress to the CSCU Provost or other designee, CSCU Transfer Council, and the Board of Regents Academic and Student Affairs Committee, as appropriate.

- 3. Maintain records of current General Education categories and approved courses throughout all CSCU institutions, promoting transparency and accessibility, including, but not limited to, making any revisions to the CSCU General Education Category-to-Category Alignment Template (Exhibit A) as needed.
- 4. Convene routinely to deliberate on matters related to credit transfer in accordance with this Policy.
- 5. Promptly identify and report to the Transfer Council and the CSCU Provost or other designee any deviations from the Policy, ensuring swift resolution and compliance.

C. Related Documents and Forms

CSCU General Education Category-to-Category Alignment Template

D. Related Policies

BOR Policy 1-05 Transfer and Articulation Policy (TAP)

CSCU GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORY-TO-CATEGORY ALIGNMENT TEMPLATE Framework30 CATEGORY-TO-CATEGORY MAPPING

Framework30	Credits	[CSCU Institution]	Credits
Written Comm I	3		
Written Comm II	3		
Arts and Humanities ¹	3-4		
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3		
Historical Knowledge	3		
Scientific Reasoning ²	4		
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding ²	3-4		
Oral Communication	3		
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3		
Quantitative Reasoning ³	3		
		Remaining Courses/Categories:	

 Arts and Humanities: Most of the courses within Arts and Humanities category will be considered fall under the CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Policy, with the exception of Elementary I World Languages and ESL level 4 & 5 courses. While these courses remain in the category for the purposes of fulfilling a FW30 category, these courses will not suffice for credit in the general education of all CSCU institutions. Therefore, we recommend that each course be clearly indicated as such and GPAs advise students accordingly.

2. Scientific Reasoning / Scientific Knowledge and Understanding:

Unless specified by the receiving institution's academic program:

- a. Students who have completed **one four-credit lab science course and one three-credit non lab course** <u>or</u> **two four-credit lab science courses**, will have met the science general education requirements at the receiving institution
- b. Students who have completed one three credit science will be required to take **one fourcredit lab science course** at the receiving institution
- c. Students who have one four-credit lab science course will be required to take **one three**credit non lab course <u>or</u> one four-credit lab science course at the receiving institution
- d. It is strongly suggested and will be advised that students take courses from different academic disciplines, but a student will not be asked to take additional courses if they have not done so
- 3. **Quantitative Reasoning:** Math requirements are typically dictated by specific program requirements and would be difficult to guarantee without knowing a student's intended major. Therefore, we recommend that this category be completed with the guidance of a student's Guided Pathway Advisor or Faculty Advisor.

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Provost Signature
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Date

Safe Courses: CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment **Based on Category-to-Category Mapping**

Overview:

Work Group requested by:

Charged by the CSCU Interim Provost and Senior VP of Academic affairs Group Members:

> • Sarah Selke (TRCC, Co-Chair); Braxton Carrigan (SCSU, Co-Chair); Joseph Berenquel (ACC); Steve Mendes (NCC); Justine Gamache (CCSU); Kristina Kosnoff (MCC); Lindsay O'Grady (COSC); Edward Moore (CCSU); Mark Lynch (GCC); Amy Royal (NVCC); Christopher Paulin (MCC); Jeffery Buskey (ECSU); *Kelly Pittman (TXCC); Francine Rosselli-Navarra (CSCU); Steve Marcelynas* (CSCU)

Scope of work:

A. Alignment of Connecticut State Community College Framework30 (FW30) categories with general education requirements at the CSCU four-year institutions based on learning outcomes.

B. Documented verification of the completion of the Framework30 posted on students' transcripts.

C. Automatic Acceptance to any four-year CSCU institution with the completion of the Framework30 and an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher.

D. A sub-committee of the CSCU Transfer Council should be created to provide oversight of CSCU General Education alignment.

Estimated start and finish:

• Spring 2022 to Spring 2023

For the purposes of this recommendation, the CT State General Education requirements refers to the general education portion of the Associate Degree. In most cases, this will consist of seven categories of the Framework30 or 21 credits. The Framework30 (FW30), references the entire ten category package typically designated for degrees designed for transfer. What:

A. Category-to-Category alignment based on similar general education outcomes will provide students, faculty, and staff the information necessary to select courses that meet general education requirements throughout the CSCU System. Based on Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs), each Framework30 (FW30) Category will be evaluated to identify similarities and opportunity to be paired with a comparable category at the CSCU four-year institutions. For example, based on the SLOs for Social and Behavioral Sciences (Framework30) all courses vetted for that category will meet the requirement for SA II Social Science or SA III Behavioral Sciences (CCSU), T1 Social Sciences (ECSU), Social Structure, Conflict and Consensus (SCSU), Gen Ed Elective/Exploration (WCSU), Social/Behavioral Science (COSC). The "safe course" list will consist of all courses vetted for that particular FW30 category and will seamlessly transfer to its associated category at the receiving CSCU four-year institution. Mapping will also demonstrate how courses from the CSCU four-year institution may be applied in a reciprocal approach to the FW30.

B. Document the completion of the Framework30 on students' transcripts to verify the satisfactory completion of aligned (mapped) General Education categories at the receiving institution.

C. Grant guaranteed acceptance to CSCU four-year institutions for any student who completes the Framework30 and has a cumulative 2.5 or better overall GPA. D. Currently, the Framework Implementation and Review Committee (FIRC) has been charged with the oversight and assessment of the FW30. Starting in Fall 2023, CT State will adopt 21 to 31 credits of the FW30 as the general education requirement for all degrees. With that, assessment and oversight of general education will fall under CT State governance and nullify the need for FIRC.

A. Current practice for students completing general education requirements for the purpose of transfer is complicated and labor intensive for both students and advisors. Each institution has its own method of meeting NECHE's standard for General Education. This creates discrepancies that are difficult to navigate if a student is unsure of their transfer destination. Faculty and Staff who advise students do not have appropriate resources required to assist with guiding students toward courses that will be accepted and applied toward degree completion. This results in time lost in researching course equivalents rather than discussing student success.

B. Verification of the completion of the Framework30 has been a barrier toward documenting the completion of aligned (mapped) General Education categories and application of courses at the receiving institution. The current practice requests that a student submit a DegreeWorks evaluation for the purpose of course application toward general education requirements. This is an additional burden on the student, requires more time and attention on the part of the receiving institution, and allows for error. In addition, students who transfer prior to the completion of an Associate Degree have historically been excluded from the benefits provided by the FW30. This recommendation would extend the benefits that were originally intended for only graduating TAP students to all CT State students who complete the FW30.

C. Currently, students must complete an Associate Degree to be granted guaranteed acceptance to a four-year institution. This recommendation would allow another benchmark for students, faculty, and staff to aim for while working toward the overall completion of a baccalaureate degree.

D. A standing body of CT State and CSCU four-year institution faculty will need to be established to provide oversight of "Safe Courses" and overall general education alignment within the CSCU System. It is recommended that this group be established by the CSCU Transfer Council and be responsible to continue the work and intent of "Safe Courses."

Value Proposition:

A. Safe courses will provide transparency on how CT State General Education requirements will be applied to a CSCU four-year institutions degree. Each course that a student uses to complete a General Education requirement at CT State will be used to meet a General Education requirement at the receiving institution (or, in rare cases, progress a student toward completion). By mapping CT State General Education categories directly to General Education requirements at the CSCU four-year institutions will eliminate any guess work associated with course transferability and application toward a degree. Allowing any course in a particular FW30 category to meet the requirement of the reciprocal category at the receiving institution will simplify advising and reduce risk of lost credits. CT State Faculty and Staff can be assured while assisting students that they are not auiding them toward excess credit hours.

B. Students are required to submit official transcripts from CT State to any receiving institution. Verification of the completion of the FW30 on that academic record will no longer require students to send additional documents. This will also simplify the process by which the receiving institution verifies and marks as complete the aligned (mapped) general education categories.

C. Students would be incentivized to complete the entire Framework30 and have a better understanding of where they stand while applying to the CSCU four-year institutions. Completion of the FW30 with a cumulative 2.5 GPA or higher would allow for acceptance to any CSCU institution while also providing transparency on how courses will be applied toward potential degree options.

D. A standing body of faculty with the sole purpose of addressing issues related to transfer of general education requirements will not only ensure the success of Safe Courses, but it will also allow provide a method to address any other issues related to concerns regarding this area of curriculum.

A. Each CSU and COSC will verify the proposed mapping to the FW30 categories (see Appendix A). Institutions will have a timeframe, set by the CSCU Provost, to approve the mapping or suggest edits. Once FW30 mapping is submitted, all courses in the designated FW30 category will be coded (i.e. course-to-course equivalency or assigned attribute) to meet the requirement for the general education category at the CSU or COSC.

B. Due to changes in the FW30 starting in Fall 2023, all CSCU four-year institutions must update the TAP Composite Common Package sheet (Appendix B) by a deadline set by the CSCU Provost. Implementation of documentation of the completed FW30 on students' transcript will be determined by a Work Group of Registrars and other appropriate staff.

C. Guaranteed Acceptance will be granted with verification of completion of the FW30 and overall cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher. Students with courses in progress toward the completion of the FW30 will be granted acceptance with a 2.5 or higher. Students' acceptance may be impacted if final transcripts indicate that a course was not completed or if their overall GPA falls below a 2.5.

D. Upon recommendation approval, the CSCU Transfer Council will be notified of the request. The Transfer Council will discuss the matter and have a sub-committee convened no later than the end of the Fall 2023 semester.

When:

• Upon recommendation approval, the CSCU Provost should immediately distribute Appendix A and B to the CSCU Chief Academic Officers. Based on their governance or general education structure, each institution will determine the appropriate way to review the suggested mapping and align general education requirements by category.

- The CSCU Provost will need to determine deadlines for the following:
 - Submission of finalized FW30 mapping
 - Submission of finalized TAP Composite Common Package form

How:

CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Appendix A Framework30 (Fall 2023) CATEGORY-TO-CATEGORY MAPPING

Verify or edit mapping of the Framework30 category to the appropriate category of your Institution's General Education Requirements. Every category should be mapped. "Or" statements can be used (see SCSU). To avoid duplication of credit, a category can only be used once.

Framework30		CCSU		COSC	
Written Comm I	3	SK I College Writing	3	Written Comm 1	3
Written Comm II	3	SK I Communications	3	Written Comm 2	3
Arts and Humanities ¹	3-4	SA I Arts and Humanities	3-4	Arts & Humanities	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	SA II / III Social Sci or Behavioral Sci	3	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Historical Knowledge	3	SA II Social Sciences	3	Historical Knowledge	3
Scientific Reasoning ²	4	SA IV Natural Sci	4	Scientific Reasoning	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding ²	3-4	SA IV Natural Sci	3-4	Scientific Knowledge/Understanding	3-4
Oral Communication	3		3	Oral Communication	3
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3	SK IV	3	Information Literacy OR Digital Literacy	3
Quantitative Reasoning ³	3	SK II Mathematics	3		3

Framework30		ECSU*		SCSU	
Written Comm I	3	ENGL 100	3	Written Communication Prerequisite	3
Written Comm II	3	T1 College Writing, Lit, and Thought	3	Written Communication	3
Arts and Humanities ¹	3-4	Arts in Context	3-4	Creative Drive OR Cultural Expressions/Global Awareness OR Exploration Elective	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	T1 Social Sciences	3	Social Structure, CC / Mind & Body OR Exploration Elective	3
Historical Knowledge	3	T1 Historical Perspectives	3	American Experience OR Time and Place	3
Scientific Reasoning ²	4	T1 Natural Sciences	4	Natural World I	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding ²	3-4	T2 Natural Sciences	3-4	Natural World II	3-4
Oral Communication	3	Health and Wellness	3	First Year Experience	3
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3	FYI 100	3	Technical Fluency	3
Quantitative Reasoning ³	3		3		3

CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Appendix A (continued)

Framework30 (Fall 2023) CATEGORY-TO-CATEGORY MAPPING

Framework30		WCSU*	
Written Comm I	3	Writing I	3
Written Comm II	3	Writing II	3
Arts and Humanities ¹	3-4	Arts and Humanities	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Social and Behavioral Science	3
Historical Knowledge	3	Arts and Humanities	3
Scientific Reasoning ²	4	Natural Sciences, Mathematics and Computer Science	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding ²	3-4		3-4
Oral Communication	3	Oral Communication	3
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3	First Year Experience	3
Quantitative Reasoning ³	3		3

*ECSU and WCSU did not assign Faculty representation for this discussion. ECSU did assign a staff member to the task force. The proposed mapping is based on previous work for TAP degrees.

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TAP COMPOSITE COMMON PACKAGES APPENDIX B Framework30: 30-31 (Fall 2023) Block Transfer Fulfills these 30-31 credits of program requirements

Must be completed to account for the mapping of the Framework30 for all TAP degree completers and how the Framework30 will be applied to the CSCU four-year institution's general education requirements.

Framework30		Central Connecticut State University		Charter Oak State College	
Written Comm I	3		3	Written Communication 1	3
Written Comm II	3		3	Written Communication 2	3
Arts and Humanities	3-4		3-4	Arts and Humanities	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3		3	Social/Behavioral Science	3
Historical Knowledge	3		3	Historical Knowledge	3
Scientific Reasoning	4		4	Scientific Reasoning	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding	3-4		3-4	Scientific Knowledge & Understanding	3-4
Oral Communication	3		3	Oral Communication	3
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3		3	Information Literacy or Digital Literacy	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3		3		3

Remaining General Education Requirements	CCSU	COSC	
		Innovative Thinking	3
		Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	3
		Quantitative Reasoning (varies by program)	3
		Cornerstone Seminar	3

*Must be taken at 4yr institution

Framework30		Eastern Connecticut State University		Southern Connecticut State University	
Written Comm I	3		3	Written Communication Prerequisite	3
Written Comm II	3		3	Written Communication	3
Arts and Humanities	3-4		3-4	Creative Drive OR Cultural Expressions/Global Awareness OR Exploration Elective	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3		3	Social Structure, CC / Mind & Body OR Exploration Elective	3
Historical Knowledge	3		3	American Experience OR Time and Place	3
Scientific Reasoning	4		4	Natural World I	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding	3-4		3-4	Natural World II	3-4

Oral Communication	3	3	First Year Experience	3
Continued Learning and	3	3	Technical Fluency	3
Information Literacy				
Quantitative Reasoning	3	3	Quantitative Reasoning	3

Remaining General Education Requirements	ECSU	SCSU	

*Must be taken at 4yr institution

Framework30		Western Connecticut State University (Current Model)		WCSU (Anticipated)	
Written Comm I	3	Writing Tier 1	3	Writing Tier 1	3
Written Comm II	3	Writing Tier 2	3	Writing Tier 2	3
Arts and Humanities	3-4	Creative Process, Critical Thinking, or Breadth	3-4	Arts & Humanities	3-4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	Breadth	3	Social & Behavioral Sciences	3
Historical Knowledge	3	Critical Thinking	3	Arts & Humanities	3
Scientific Reasoning	4	Scientific Inquiry	4	Scientific & Technology (Lab Sci.)	4
Scientific Knowledge and Understanding	3-4	Scientific Inquiry	3-4	Science & Technology (Sci or CS)	3-4
Oral Communication	3	Oral Communication	3	Speech Communication	3
Continued Learning and Information Literacy	3	Information Literacy	3	First Year	3
Quantitative Reasoning	3	Quantitative Reasoning	3	Mathematical Reasoning	3

Remaining General Education Requirements	WCSU (Current Model)		WCSU (Anticipated)	
	Intercultural Competency	0-3	Global Diversity**	0-3
	Health & Wellness	2-3	Racial Justice**	0-3
	Writing Tier 3 (Major)*	0	Health & Wellness	2-3
	Culminating Gen-Ed Experience (Major)*	0	Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
	Creative Process	0-3	Arts & Humanities	2-3
	Repeat Competency	0-3		
	Breadth (Students must have 40 outside of major)	0-8		

*Must be taken at 4yr institution