LIBERAL ARTS CORE CURRICULUM (LAC) POLICIES

WHICH STUDENTS ARE SUBJECT TO THE LAC:

All new first-year students entering Eastern in or after Fall 2007 and all new transfer students entering Eastern in or Fall 2008 will be enrolled in the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum with the following caveats:

Some transfer students in fall 2008 were enrolled in the GER. You can determine whether a student is under the GER or LAC by accessing their Degree Evaluation in e-web online.

Students who matriculate at a Connecticut Community College through the Transfer Compact Program as of the spring 2008 semester will follow the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum upon enrolling/transferring to Eastern.

Students who transfer to Eastern before fall 2010 with 60 or more credits and whose progress toward graduation at Eastern will be significantly facilitated by completing the GER may appeal their placement in the LAC.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SOME LAC REQUIREMENTS FOR SOME TRANSFER STUDENTS:

*NEW* Students who transfer to Eastern with 60 or more credits, 27 credits minimum in liberal arts courses (not counting courses in progress), may be exempt from completing all Tier I requirements, with the exception of Tier I Mathematics (T1M) and Tier I College Writing (T1W).

Students who transfer to Eastern with 15 or more credits will be exempt from completing the Tier 1 First-Year Introduction (T1FY) requirement.

Students who transfer to Eastern with 60 or more credits will be exempt from completing the Tier I Health and Wellness (T1HW) requirement of the Liberal Arts Curriculum.

All students, regardless of the courses transferred to Eastern, must complete at least two LAC Tier II courses and the Tier III Liberal Arts Independent Inquiry. The Tier II courses must be in separate categories.

COURSES THAT MUST BE COMPLETED WITHIN THE FIRST 30 EARNED CREDITS:

These Tier 1 requirements must be fulfilled within the first 30 earned credits: 1) College Writing (T1W), 2) Mathematics (T1M), and 3) First-Year Introduction (T1FY)

The Tier 1 Health and Wellness (T1HW) requirement must be met within the first 60 attempted credits.

A student who fails any of these required courses must take the course again the following semester. If a student fails to complete the College Writing or Mathematics requirement within the first 30 credits and has completed 12 credits in residence, he/she will not be allowed to register for additional courses unless his/her registration includes the required Mathematics and/or first-year College Writing course. This policy applies to all full-time matriculated students.
TIER 1 AND TIER 2 NATURAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS (T1NS & T2NS):

At least one of the Tier 1 and Tier 2 Natural Science requirements – T1NS and T2NS – must include a lab class to meet the 7-credit requirement for LAC Natural Sciences. The one-credit lab may be automatically paired with the lecture as a 4-credit course or it may be a separate one-credit lab taken simultaneously with the 3-credit lecture, or after completing a 3-credit lecture that is a prerequisite. Labs that are not included as part of 4-credit courses are given their own Subject Codes. Students are encouraged to take the lecture and the lab sections simultaneously.

TIER 1 MATH REQUIREMENT (T1M) BY MAJOR:

The Math course that fulfills the Tier 1 Math requirement (T1M) correlates with a student’s major. Math or any science majors (or if a student is just considering majoring in math or any science) should take MAT 130 Pre-Calculus or MAT 243 Calculus I (if placed at this level). Early Childhood Education students (except Math majors) take the recommended MAT 139 Number Systems, which is required for all Elementary Certification students. Elementary Education students (except Math majors) take the recommended MAT 139 Number Systems, which is required for all Elementary Certification students. Secondary Education students should take the Math course required for their academic major. All other majors should take MAT 135 Math for Liberal Arts. Undeclared majors should take MAT 135 Math for Liberal Arts.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR TIER 2 COURSES:
Before taking a Tier 2 course, students must fulfill the Tier 1 category requirement indicated below:
Applied Information Technology (T2IT): Pre-requisite is T1M.
Arts and Humanities: Creative Expressions (T2CE): Pre-requisite is T1A or T1LT.
Cultural Perspectives (T2CP): Pre-requisite is T1A or T1LT or T1H or T1SS.
Individuals and Societies (T2IS): Pre-requisite is T1SS.
Natural Sciences (T2NS): Pre-requisite is T1NS.

PRE-REQUISITES FOR TIER 3 COURSES: Students must pass at least two Tier 2 courses before enrolling in a Tier 3 course.