

Graduation Requirements

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1. Purpose

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) has established criteria to ensure academic excellence.

2. Persons Affected

- 2.1. Students
- 2.2. Employees

3. Policy

This policy is to ensure the following:

- 3.1. Students will satisfy all graduation requirements before WETCC confers a degree upon them.
- 3.2. WETCC will ensure all graduation requirements are satisfied before conferring a degree.

4. Definitions

- 4.1. Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA). The overall GPA of all grades a student has earned in all WETCC courses attempted. The GPA does not include transfer credits, AP or CLEP credits, or credits from developmental courses.
- 4.2. General Education Requirements. A minimum of 40 credits that align with the MnTC except for Goal Area 2 Critical Thinking, which is embedded in the curriculum of Goal Areas 1A through 10 and satisfied by the completion of the other goal areas.

A 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA is required in courses used to fulfill the general education requirements, including transfer courses. The credits are only counted once but the course may fulfill multiple goal areas.

- 4.3. General Education Program Outcomes. These outcomes are the things a student should know or be able to do after completing a general education course. To promote credit transferability, WETCC aligns its general education courses with the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas used by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system and other Minnesota colleges.

- Goal 1A Oral Communication–Complete one course.
- Goal 1B Written Communication–Complete two courses.
- Goal 2 Critical Thinking–This goal is fulfilled when all the goal areas are completed.
- Goal 3 Natural Sciences–Complete two courses from two different rubrics. At least one course must include lab experience.
- Goal 4 Mathematics/Logical Reasoning–Complete one course.
- Goal 5 History and the Social and Behavioral Sciences–Complete two courses with different disciplinary rubrics.
- Goal 6 The Humanities and Fine Arts–Complete two courses with different disciplinary rubrics.
- Goal 7 Human Diversity–Complete one course.
- Goal 8 Global Perspective–Complete one course.
- Goal 9 Ethical and Civic Responsibility–Complete one course.
- Goal 10 People and the Environment–Complete one course.

4.4. Institutional Requirements. Courses that WETCC designate as requirements for graduation. Following are the institutional requirements for the Associate in Arts in Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences degree.

- 4.4.1. First Year Experience (1 credit)
- 4.4.2. Last Year Experience (1 credit)
- 4.4.3. Computer Literacy (2 credits)
- 4.4.4. History of White Earth (3 credits)
- 4.4.5. Anishinaabe Culture (3 credits)
- 4.4.6. Beginning Ojibwemowin I (3 credits)

4.5. Graduation Requirements. Following are the graduation requirements to earn an associate degree.

- 4.5.1. 60 semester credits at 100 level or higher, of which at least 25 credits must be WETCC courses.
- 4.5.2. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- 4.5.3. Completion of general education program outcomes requirements of 40 credits in the ten MnTC goal areas.
- 4.5.4. Completion of the institutional requirements
- 4.5.5. Payment of all outstanding bills and return of all equipment and library books.

5. Procedures

- 5.1. Students successfully complete courses to meet the minimum requirements to earn an AA degree.
- 5.2. Students submit applications for graduation to the Student Services Department on or before the deadline for graduation applications listed on the Academic Calendar.

- 5.3. The registrar receives graduation applications, confirms courses taken, verifies program completion, and sends them to the academic dean for authorization.
- 5.4. The academic dean authorizes the degree and returns the authorization form to the registrar.
- 5.5. The registrar prints the degrees and sends them to the president for signature.
- 5.6. The president signs the degree.

Revision History

| Rev. Date | Rev. No. | Revision |
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| 11-16-2021 | 600.20.01 | COT changed the minimum credits a student must take from WETCC to earn an AA degree from 20 to 25 credits. Students enrolled at WETCC before November 16, 2021, may earn an AA degree with a minimum of 20 credits earned from WETCC. |
| | 600.20.02 | Replaced SAP requirement with GPA requirement and added program outcomes. |