

# Comparison of the Previous and New GE Core Curriculum

THE PREVIOUS GE CORE CURRICULUM	THE NEW GE CORE CURRICULUM	WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?	WHAT IF I WANT TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW CURRICULUM?
<b>40-52 Credits</b>	<b>39 Credits + 6 Credits</b> within the Major (Total of 45 credits)	We've streamlined the GE Core Curriculum, expanded the courses you can use to meet the requirements, and "nested" some of the requirements within the academic major. It'll be easier for you to fit the courses you need into your schedule, and you'll have more freedom to take the classes you want to take as you pursue your degree.	
<b>40-52 Credits</b> required for Transfer students.	As little as 13 Credits for Transfer students, 7 outside of the major and 6 within the major. Transfer students with limited credits may have to complete the full 45 Credit GE Core curriculum.	Transfer students have already worked hard in their classes before coming to Eastern. In the new GE Core Curriculum, we award these students more credits for the work you've already done.	Transfer students who entered in or before academic year 2019-2020 may transition into the new core but are not eligible to have their transcripts reevaluated under the new guidelines.
<b>9 credits:</b> BIBL 101, BIBL 102, and one of the following: MISS 100, PHIL 211, THEO 210, THEO 240.	<b>9 credits:</b> BIBL 100, THEO 210, and one of the following: MISS 100, PHIL 211, and any THEO 100 or higher. Transfer students may need as few as 3 credits from this list.	We still require 9 credits of Bible and Theology, but new curriculum emphasizes spiritual development. We've also expanded the menu of courses you can take to meet these requirements.	If you've already completed any of these credits in the current curriculum, all of them can be applied toward the new curriculum if you choose to make the transition.
<b>6 Credits</b> of Foreign Languages	Foreign Languages are not required but can be applied to the new "Cultural Perspectives" Category.	If you want to take a foreign language, we think that's a great idea, and it will count towards your GE Core Requirements. But if you'd prefer to study something else, we provide a long list of options for satisfying our new "Cultural Perspectives" category.	If you've already completed languages, these count towards your new core if you choose to make the transition.
<b>3 Credits:</b> Oral communication competency is demonstrated in INST 150/151 for Traditional Students and in COMM 120 for Non-Traditional Students	<b>3 Credits:</b> Oral communication competency is demonstrated in COMM 120	Success often depends on how well we can communicate. Eastern has decided to reduce your requirements in other areas in order to make room for a new GE Core requirement in oral communication.	If you've already completed INST 150/151 in the current curriculum, this will satisfy the Oral communication requirement in the new curriculum. To make up the credit count, you will need to take one additional 3.0 credit course from any listed in the GE Core.
<b>4 Credits:</b> Lab Science requirement	<b>3 or 4 Credits:</b> Lab Science not required	4 credit Lab Science classes can be difficult to fit into your schedule, and some of our Transfer students come into Eastern with a completed 3 credit science. To address these challenges, we've reduced the science requirement by 1 credit. We don't have many 3 credit science courses yet, but we will be developing some of these in the future.	If you've already completed a Lab science, no problem. You've completed the science requirement in both the current and new curriculum.
Limited menu of course options to satisfy requirements.	Large menu of course options to satisfy requirements	In general, we've expanded the list of courses that students can use to satisfy your GE Core requirements. This will make it easier for you to pursue or major and to take other courses that you find interesting.	