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- (A) This policy specifies the minimum requirements for each degree program offered at the College.
  
- (B) The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a technical education program that leads to the degree Associate of Applied Science:
  - (1) Thirty (30) semester credit hours of non-technical studies to include fifteen (15) semester credit hours in general education studies:
    - (a) Three (3) semester credit hours in English Composition.
    - (b) Three (3) semester credit hours in the Social and Behavioral Sciences
    - (c) Three (3) semester credit hours in the Arts and Humanities.
    - (d) Three (3) semester credit hours in the Biological and Physical Sciences.
    - (e) Three (3) semester credit hours in Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic.
    - (f) Remaining non-technical credit hours in basic studies.
  - (2) Thirty (30) semester credit hours in technical studies.
  - (3) A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours..
  - (4) A total of a minimum of ninety quarter credit hours.
  
- (C) The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a technical education program that leads to the degree Associate of Technical Studies:
  - (1) Thirty (30) semester credit hours in non-technical studies to include fifteen (15) semester credit hours in general education studies as described in paragraph (B) of this section.
  - (2) Remaining non-technical semester credit hours in basic studies.
  - (3) Thirty (30) combined semester credit hours in two or more (maximum four) areas of

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technical studies.

- (4) A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours.
- (D) The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a transfer program that leads to the degree Associate of Arts:
- (1) General Education Core (twenty-eight (28) semester credit hours)
    - (a) Six (6) semester credit hours in composition to include a first-year English composition course and a second-year writing course.
    - (b) Three (3) semester credit hours in mathematics, statistics, and logic at the level of college algebra or above.
    - (c) Six (6) semester credit hours in the arts and humanities to include two courses in different content areas.
    - (d) Six (6) semester credit hours in the social and behavioral sciences to include two courses in different content areas.
    - (e) Seven (7) semester credit hours in the biological and physical sciences to include two courses, one of which must contain a laboratory component.
  - (2) Additional Requirements (thirty-two (32) semester credit hours)
    - (a) To ensure the added breadth in the liberal arts that is characteristic of the Associate of Arts degree, as well as the completion of the Ohio Transfer Module, an additional nine (9) hours is required from a combination of course work in the arts and humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and biological and physical sciences, to include at least three (3) of these hours in the arts and humanities.
    - (b) An additional twenty-three (23) semester credit hours of course work in the arts, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, other general education, and professional disciplines that replicate the first two years of specific majors and programs at four year institutions as specified in the College Transfer Guides and the College Catalog. This work will be compatible with the Ohio Transfer Module and with Transfer Assurance Guides approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.
  - (3) A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours will be required.

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- (E) The following minimum number of semester credit hours is required for a transfer program that leads to the degree Associate of Science:
- (1) General Education Core (twenty-eight (28) semester credit hours)
    - (a) Six (6) semester credit hours in composition to include a first-year English composition course and a second-year writing course
    - (b) Three (3) semester credit hours in mathematics, statistics, and logic at the level of college algebra or above
    - (c) Six (6) semester credit hours in the arts and humanities to include two courses in different content areas
    - (d) Six (6) semester credit hours in the social and behavioral sciences to include two courses in different content areas
    - (e) Seven (7) semester credit hours in the biological and physical sciences to include two courses, one of which must contain a laboratory component
  - (2) Additional Requirements (thirty-two (32) semester credit hours)
    - (a) To ensure the added breadth in mathematics and the biological and physical sciences that is characteristic of the Associate of Science degree, as well as the completion of the Ohio Transfer Module, an additional nine (9) semester hours is required from a combination of course work in the areas of mathematics and the biological and physical sciences.
    - (b) An additional twenty-three (23) semester credit hours of course work in mathematics and the biological and physical sciences, other general education, and professional disciplines that replicate the first two years of specific majors and programs at four-year institutions as specified in the College Transfer Guides and the College Catalog. This work will be compatible with the Ohio Transfer Module and with Transfer Assurance Guides approved by the Ohio Board of Regents.
  - (3) A total of a minimum of sixty (60) semester credit hours will be required.

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- (F) Specific degree program requirements for each degree offered by the college, as approved by the Board of Trustees and Ohio Board of Regents, will be published in the college's catalog.
- (G) An associate degree curriculum may be of four (4) or five (5) full-time semesters of generally fifteen (15) through eighteen (18) credits each. A student may take as many academic semesters to complete an associate degree program as meets his/her goals and meets the requirements of the program and this section.
- (H) All degrees and degree programs offered will comply with requirements of outside agencies, such as the Ohio Board of Regents, accrediting bodies, etc.
- (I) The President of the college shall establish procedures to administer this policy.

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