

General Education Revision, 2017 -- Overview Guide

1. THE REQUIREMENTS

Effective for new students starting Fall 2017, the general education requirements for First Year Writing (FYW) and Liberal Studies (LBST) have changed. Students will meet their FYW requirement by taking **UWRT 1103 or UWRT 1104**; and there is a new **Critical Thinking and Communication (CTC)** requirement that most students must satisfy by taking the new LBST option, **LBST 2301**.

- **NOTE:** The general education requirements for Math/Logic, Natural Science, Social Science, and Writing Intensive & Oral Communication are **NOT CHANGING**.

A. Requirements as per Catalog Copy:

Simplified, the 2017 General Education requirements for FYW and LBST are as follows:

- **One FYW** course
- **Four LBST** courses
- **One** course designated as **CTC**

One FYW	Four LBST	One course designated CTC
<p>Students need ONE FYW course,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UWRT 1103 (3cr), or • UWRT 1104 (4cr) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ UWRT 1104 is open to all ○ UWRT 1103 only by placement, see the advising transcript ○ Can be met by transfer credit for UWRT 1101 or UWRT 1102 	<p>Students need FOUR LBST courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose ONE in the LBST 110x (Arts and Society) group • Choose THREE LBST courses at the 2000-level from the following groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ LBST 2101, ○ LBST 2102, ○ LBST 221x, or ○ LBST 2301 	<p>Students need ONE course that has the CTC designation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOST students will need to choose LBST 2301 as one of their 2000-level LBST classes to meet this requirement. • Some students will satisfy this requirement with transfer credit. (Check the degree audit or advising transcript.)

B. Requirements as applied to ...

However, when advising students, it is helpful to recognize that how these catalog copy rules apply in practice will depend upon the student's prior credit. The three most common examples are shown below.

1. A NEW FRESHMAN student with ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No transferrable credit for FYW (starting from scratch) 			
One FYW	Four LBST		One course designated CTC
UWRT 1103 (3 cr) or UWRT 1104 (4 cr)	LBST 110x		Must take LBST 2301
	Any TWO	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 221x	
	LBST 2301		

2. A NEW TRANSFER student with... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferrable credit for ONE AND ONLY ONE course designated as FYW. • For example: NC Community College ENG 111 OR NC Community College ENG 112 			
One FYW	Four LBST		One course designated CTC
Met if a student has transfer credit for a UWRT course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any of the following: UWRT 1101, 1102, 1103, or 1104. 	LBST 110x		Must take LBST 2301
	Any TWO	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 221x	
	LBST 2301		

3. A NEW TRANSFER student with... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transferrable credit for TWO courses designated as FYW. • For example: NC Community College ENG 111 & ENG 112 			
One FYW	Four LBST		One course designated CTC
Met if a student has transfer credit for a UWRT course. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually it will be UWRT 1101 	LBST 110x		Met if a student has transfer credit for a SECOND UWRT course WITH the CTC attribute. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Usually it will be UWRT 1102 • Should not take LBST 2301
	All THREE	LBST 2101, LBST 2102, & LBST 221x	

NOTES: These “Typical Student” scenarios depend on prior credit earned, not admit type. Thus

- The New Freshman scenario also applies to New Transfers w/o any FYW credit
- The New Transfer scenario for a student with one transferrable FYW course also applies to New Freshmen with AP or early college credit for a FYW course such as UWRT 1103
- Transfer and/or AP credit given for other LBST courses will not change.
- Transfer credit for LBST 2301 will be rare.

2. IMPLEMENTATION

The 2017 General Education requirements are effective for students admitted for Fall 2017. (That includes Fall admits who elect to enroll early in first and second summer sessions.)

- Because LBST 2301 has a sophomore standing pre-requisite, the course **will not** be offered in Fall 2017 and only a limited number of sections will be offered in Spring 2018. The course will be offered at scale beginning Fall 2018.
- Some adjustments will need to be made to transfer credit that has been awarded in 2016-17 prior to the official announcement of this curriculum change. Those adjustments should be completed by the time SOAR advising starts in June.
Advisors interacting with students admitted in First Summer 2017 should contact John Smail or Coral Wayland if there are questions.

3. CONTINUING STUDENTS:

Continuing students (admitted in Spring 2017 or before) are grandfathered under the 2003 Gen Ed catalog. The Degree Works audit uses the students admit term to determine which Gen Ed requirements apply and so the 2003 Gen Ed rules will continue to apply.

However, because the two-course FYW sequence of UWRT 1101 and UWRT 1102 will be discontinued, advisors working with continuing students need to be aware that...

- UWRT 1101 will be offered in 1st summer 2017 but will be **DISCONTINUED** thereafter. Continuing students who do not have any FYW credit must take UWRT 1104 to satisfy their first year writing requirement. LBST requirements are unchanged. 2003 Gen Ed students CANNOT count LBST 2301 as LBST.
- UWRT 1102 will be taught during the 2017-18 academic year but will be **DISCONTINUED** thereafter. Continuing students with credit for UWRT 1101 but not 1102 have until Spring 2018 to register for and pass UWRT 1102. Students who fail to complete the UWRT 1101+UWRT 1102 sequence will need to take UWRT 1103 to satisfy their first year writing requirement and will need a permit to register. LBST requirements are unchanged. 2003 Gen Ed students CANNOT count LBST 2301 as LBST.

4. TRANSFER CREDIT EQUIVALENCY GUIDE

Transfer credit	UNC Charlotte Equivalency
1 st course in a 2-course FYW sequence (eg ENG 111)	UWRT 1101*
2 nd course in a 2-course FYW sequence (eg ENG 112)	UWRT 1102*
One course FYW requirement (3 or 4 credits)	UWRT 1103 or UWRT 1104
TWO transferrable FYW writing courses: Typically courses that are equivalent to UWRT 1101 and UWRT 1102	UWRT 1101 & UWRT 1102 with CTC attribute
Sophomore level writing course	Some may be deemed as equivalent to LBST 2301
64 or more transferred credit hours	EXEMPT from UWRT 1103 0 credits, grade of P; must take LBST 2301
LBST Courses Credit given for LBST 110x, LBST 2101, LBST 2102, or LBST 221X as appropriate.	NO CHANGE to current practices.

* Admissions will continue to give transfer credit for UWRT 1101 and UWRT 1102 as equivalents to the 1st and 2nd semesters of a FYW sequence even though those two courses will not be offered at UNC Charlotte